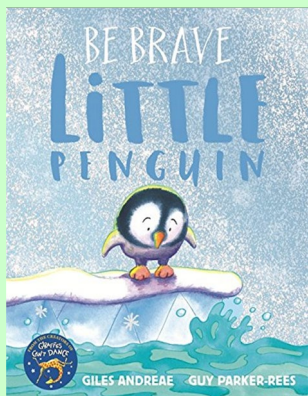


# Welcome to SPOKES!

Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parent,

Welcome to our SPOKES (Supporting Parents on Kids Education in Schools) newsletter. If your child is in Foundation/Key Stage 1 at school and you would like to learn some skills and activities to support them in their development, please ask your class teacher if your school is one of the Plymouth schools taking part in the free SPOKES Ready for School 9 week programme.



This term's featured book is "Be Brave Little Penguin". You and your child can have lots of fun learning about his adventures, some of them can be found in the word search opposite. This is just one of the free books parents and carers receive on the course.

**UPDATE:** Due to Covid, our Parenting Programme Facilitators are currently running the SPOKES programme online. We have received fantastic feedback to our online courses. If you are a primary school or parent/carer and would like to find out more about how online SPOKES courses run, please contact Jo Best (SPOKES Coordinator), Tel: 258933 or email [jo.best@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:jo.best@plymouth.gov.uk)

## Coffee Time Puzzler

Try our "Be Brave, Little Penguin" related word search, how long will it take you to find all 12 words?

P E R E A D I N G G R P  
E I K B D Y G G B H T V  
N P K M S P O K E S E K  
G A N T A R C T I C W D  
U L I S T E N I N G R T  
I T Q Z B C N U S Y I N  
N A K S R R G Q R I T A  
V L T C T K A A J B I H  
S K A H O H R V W S N E  
A I L O A B A X E W G E  
T N E E I U K N R I E R  
X G S L M J B H D M C F

SPOKES  
FREE  
READING  
LISTENING  
SEA  
BRAVE

SWIM  
ANTARCTIC  
TALKING  
HAND  
WRITING  
PENGUIN

*"We ran the SPOKES course for the first time this year and it was a huge success. The parents that completed the course were keen to share how their child's willingness to read and share stories had changed for the better. These children are also still regularly reading at home and are making fantastic progress with their literacy skills. We would highly recommend this for any primary school."*

Lisa Saffill, Woodfield Primary School

# COMPETITION WINNERS

## Calling all artists!

**Congratulations Imogen Hunt and Max Williams for your brilliant pictures.** Is your child feeling inspired by the fabulous “Be Brave Little Penguin” or a favourite book? Send us a picture they have drawn based on a favourite story and enter our prize draw. Please put their name and school on the back of their artwork. The first two pictures chosen will be printed, along with the children’s names and schools, on our next newsletter. You’ll also receive a free book for you and your child to read together. Please pass your entries to your school office or send them to Jo Best, PIAS, Jan Cutting Centre, Scott Business Park, Plymouth PL2 2PQ by 15 December and we will ensure they are entered in the competition.



Imogen Hunt – The Virtual School



Max Williams - Montpelier Primary