



## Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Message from Mrs Gardner

It was wonderful to see so many parents back at school again for parents evening. We hope that meeting the teacher in person to discuss your child's progress was useful. We value working in partnership with parents to support the children and appreciate your input and feedback.

Staff absence has been higher than normal as of late for a variety of reasons such as pregnancy, surgery and illness. We wish our staff well and look forward to them returning. We want to reassure you that high standards of learning and expectations are maintained and that supply teachers are supported well. On the first day of absence we may split a class across the school and then book supply from the 2nd day of absence. Thank you for your patience at this time.

A gentle reminder that children should not ride scooters through the playground or climb on the climbing frame at the end of the day. Please encourage children to push scooters and bikes and to stay off the climbing frame to avoid accidents. Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Encourage your child to participate in the Black History Month Competition. Who inspires you and why? They can create a poster or if they wish to share their ideas in a different way then please encourage them to get creative. Maybe a speech, a poem or a PowerPoint. The deadline is next Friday. Good Luck!

We have continued to enjoy a variety of Black History Month activities at school. Ealing libraries are celebrating with an exciting line-up of events to inspire and entertain. See below for details.

[https://www.ealing.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/16807/whats\\_on\\_ealing\\_libraries\\_october\\_2021.pdf](https://www.ealing.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/16807/whats_on_ealing_libraries_october_2021.pdf)

### Year 1

In year 1, we have been celebrating Black History Month by learning about an inspirational figure every day. We've learnt about Rosa Parks, Mae Jemison, Marcus Rashford and Martin Luther King, Jr. We've been dancing to Stevie Wonder and have also made some Jean-Michel Basquiat inspired graffiti art, using the Sgraffito technique. Our book of the week has been The Rainbow Fish, and we have been discussing the importance of kindness. Being kind not only makes our friends happy, but us too, just like the Rainbow fish!

### Year 2

It was lovely meeting parents and carers this week at our Autumn parents' evening. We were delighted to share the children's achievements and reassure parents that the children have settled in well. The children have all received log ins for Oxford Reading Buddy and Times Tables Rockstars. The children will find these stuck on the cover of their reading logs. Could children please log on at least once a week to read a book, complete a quiz and practice their times tables by logging onto TT Rockstars. In our History lessons, the children have been exploring the life of Christopher Columbus. They sequenced events in his life and role played what it was like to be a sailor on the Santa Maria. They had fun pretending to be seasick and scoop bilge water from below the deck! We have also uploaded children reciting their poems on our respective Google Classroom pages.

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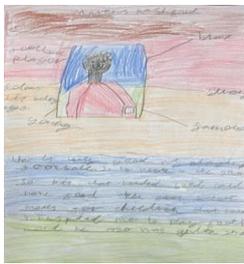
### Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have been writing our very own adventure stories, some of us have been basing them off of the book Flat Stanley and others have been coming up with their own ideas. For example, colossal squids, living in a different world and adventures up tall mountains. All of our stories are coming together and we are looking forward to eventually publishing these adventure stories into our orange books.

As well as this, we have been doing lots of work for Black History Month. We have been watching lots of black poets, speaking about influential black people and creating posters explaining which black people are inspirations to us. Here are some of our finished posters that we created.

Mary Seacole

Marcus Rashford



### Year 4

This week our Year 4 students have impressed us with their final non-chronological reports about the Anglo-Saxons. The students wrote about why the Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain, all about the discoveries found at Sutton Hoo and what life was like for the Anglo-Saxons. Year 4 pupils have then been working hard to publish their writing as a pop-up book.

This week we also really enjoyed meeting all of the Year 4 parents and carers at parents evening this week.



### Year 5

Students in year 5 have been so enthusiastic about Black History Month. Some children have already given us projects about influential black people.



Last Friday, year 5 enjoyed gardening in the global garden. They enjoyed digging, weeding and searching for creepy, crawly creatures.



### Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have started our new writing unit. We will be writing historical recounts linked to the story of the Titanic. This links in with our frozen kingdoms project work and to support their understanding children have been reading "I Survived the Sinking of The Titanic" by Lauren Tarshis.



This week we also have been looking for some new books for the book corner that have more diverse main characters.

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## Assembly

This week, assemblies have been themed around Black History Month. In Year 5 and 6 we looked at the difference that Raheem Sterling has been making in recent years speaking up about racial inequality in sport and the media. In Years 3 and 4, we learned about the Bristol Bus Boycott, an important moment in British history for the fight for racial equality.

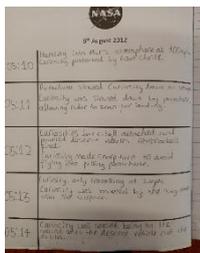
## Writing



### KS1 Writer of the Week

Our star writer this week is Oscar from 1 Ruby. Oscar's teacher, Ms Cornford, was proud of his writing because he challenged himself to write independently using amazing handwriting. Well done Oscar!

### KS2 Writer of the Week



The star writer of the week for KS 2 is Matylida from 5 Neptune. Matylida impressed everyone while writing a formal log of Curiosity's landing on Mars. She was exploring using a passive voice to enhance the formal tone of the log, well done!

## Reading

All children should now have their logon details for Oxford Reading Buddy. Oxford Reading Buddy is a great online resource for supporting your child to develop their reading skills at home. We encourage all children to read at least one book a week on Oxford Reading Buddy and to complete one of the quizzes!



## Parent Reading Volunteers



We are looking for volunteers to support children in school with their reading. We have sent an email out with further details on how you can volunteer. If you'd like to volunteer or

have any questions please contact [parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk) or speak to Ms Papior or Ms Bennett.

## Maths

Well done to all the boys and girls that have logged on to Times Table Rockstars or Numbots this week. The class with the highest engagement this week is 6 Jupiter.

One of the things teachers are really encouraging in lessons, is more mathematical talk and reasoning. One website that is great for activities such as these is: <https://stevevyborne.com/>. This website has so many amazing resources and they are all differentiated to suit different ages and abilities.

Below is one example, students need to make an estimation and then after the reveal of each clue students need to improve their estimation.



<b>Clue #1</b> The answer is less than 41.
<b>Clue #2</b> Cross off the numbers in this pattern: 2, 4, 6 ...
<b>Clue #3</b> Find a yellow 1 above the rim. The answer does not include the digit 1.
Look at the red die on the top that shows 1, 3, and 5. If you add those numbers the sum is _____. Cross out any number that has that digit.
<b>Clue #5</b> The answer does not include the digits 5 or 7.

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## Harvest Food collection for Acton Homeless

A huge thank you to all parents, carers and children for their generosity during the past week. As you can see, we have filled two baskets and a large crate with tins and packets of food. We welcome more donations in the coming week and we shall be delivering the donated food to Acton Homeless Shelter during the half term break.



## **Counselling support The Space**



Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet with Helen for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, she is available on Tuesdays 9 - 10am.



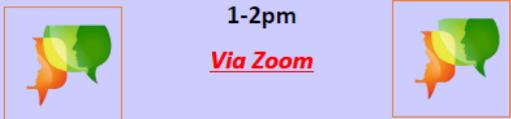
All meetings with adults will currently take place online or over the phone due to COVID19. Call, text or email Helen on 07429 654584 or email [hthorp4.307@lgflmail.org.uk](mailto:hthorp4.307@lgflmail.org.uk)

## **INCLUSION**

### **Ealing Speech and Language Therapy Over 5's Parent Workshops:**

**The Pronunciation of Speech Sounds**  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**1-2pm**  
***Via Zoom***



Parents to book a free place by email:  
[wlm-tr.sltuniversalservices@nhs.net](mailto:wlm-tr.sltuniversalservices@nhs.net)  
Please give your name and the name of the workshop.

## **Childline**



<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Childline are there for you all day and all night. You can talk to them about anything. No problem is too big or too small.

## **Covid Test Site**

Michael Flanders  
Church Lane  
Acton, W3 8PP  
7 days a week  
8am-8pm  
Call 119 to book a test if you have symptoms.

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## Dates for your diary

2021 to 2022

### AUTUMN 1

Monday 6th September to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

### HALF TERM

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October

### AUTUMN 2

Tuesday 2nd November to Thursday 16th December  
(school closes at 2pm)

### SPRING 1

Wednesday 5th January to Friday 11th February

### HALF TERM

Monday 14th February to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

### SPRING 2

Monday 21st February to Friday 1st April  
(school closes at 2pm)

### SUMMER 1

Tuesday 19th April to Friday 27th MAY

### HALF TERM

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

### SUMMER 2

Monday 6th June to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
(school closes at 2pm)

## Important Safeguarding Updates

### Walking home Alone

Can year 5 and 6 parents please talk to your child about behaviour when walking to and from school alone. We expect children to be model students in our community and to feel safe when walking independently. Please let school know if you see any inappropriate behaviour or if you have concerns so we can address it at school. The nights are also drawing in now so please discuss this with your child to ensure they feel safe, particularly when walking at a later time after the clubs finish. We will also discuss this at school. Thank you for your support.

### Netflix and Inappropriate Content

Online safety experts have received several questions from concerned parents, carers, and teachers about the popular Netflix's show, Squid Game. A Safeguarding update has been released that highlights the main risks and concerns about the content of the show.

[Safeguarding Update: Squid Game](#)

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