



Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 24th September 2021

Message from Mrs Gardner

After three weeks at school, we are incredibly proud of how hard the children are working and behaving. This week, leadership completed learning walks to monitor engagement, learning and behaviour across the school. We saw quality interactions in the classroom with excellent questions to challenge the children and encourage them to explain their thinking further. Routines and high expectations are well established and children are engaged and excited about their learning.

Parents evening will take place during the week beginning 11th October when you can speak to the class teacher about how your child has settled in and how they are learning and socialising. Further details about the specific days and times and how to book will be shared in communication early next week.

We are all pleased to hear Ms Nicholas's good news and we look forward to her return later in the term. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Year 1

It has been another busy and fun week in year 1. Our new project 'Childhood' started this week and we have really enjoyed learning about the different stages of life and talking about our own unique childhood. The highlight of course was seeing pictures of the teachers as babies!

Having the music specialist in for our music lessons has also been something that we have really valued this week and we are looking forward to music even more now!

Year 2



During our PSHE lesson this week, the children watched some presentations created by the London Fire Brigade. One prevention video explained how fires happened, and how we can all take steps to prevent them - whether that's by cooking safely and never playing with lighters or matches. Another, an 'Escape video', explained all about the importance of discussing an escape route in advance with the family, how to check if a door is hot, how to avoid smoke, and how to call for help. The children enjoyed completing word searches, crosswords and role play scenarios to embed their learning. Kaival, a fireman, then joined the children for a virtual question and answer session with the children.

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Year 3

This week in year 3, we have been diving in deep into the Stone Age. We have been learning about different time periods and how people in the Stone Age used to live. Did you know that people in the Stone Age used to make tools out of stone? We didn't! We have been loving learning about this and have even made out very own timelines to help us remember important dates such as when Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic was.



We have come to the end of our maths topic which was Place Value which we really enjoyed and are sad to be moving on from. However, we are super excited to be learning about Addition and Subtraction next week. To make sure that we are on track, we will do a few recap lessons from year 2 before we move onto year 3 work where we will be adding and subtracting numbers from 1-3 digits. Bring on next week!

Year 4

Music has been a great success this week! In year 4 we have been learning about different pitches. We used our bodies as instruments to tap on rhythms and sequences. Great teamwork year 4!



Reading Records are a great way of sharing communication between home and school. Please sign your child's book on a daily basis. We really appreciate your comments. We will be exploring the art of weaving later this term and would really appreciate any donations of different types of yarn e.g., merino wool, angora or manmade nylon etc

Year 5

Year five have continued to work really hard preparing their play on the Shang Dynasty. Well done to all the talented actresses or actors we have in year 5. Many students have learnt all of their lines off by heart and are starting to remember all the stage directions. We will be inviting parents to come and watch the play in the last week of Autumn 1, dates are TBC.



Year 6

It has been a busy and exciting week in Year 6 as we continue our project learning about Frozen Kingdoms and also begin writing our 'Holes' letters in English. Alongside this, students have been busily applying for the coveted titles of prefect, librarian and sports leaders. Congratulations to all of the successful students and we look forward to their hard work in their new roles!



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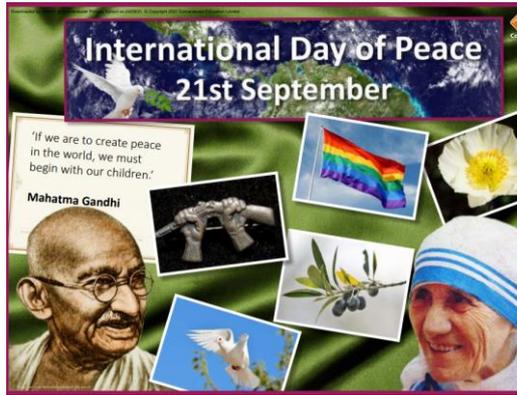


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Assembly

This week in assemblies' students have explored the British Values and Peace Day which was celebrated on 21st September, 2021. As you know, British values underpin what it is to be a British citizen in our modern and diverse society. In assemblies, students are taught how to recognise examples of the values in society and also how they can demonstrate them in their own lives.

For Peace Day, students looked at past Nobel Peace Prize winners and discussed people that encourage peace in our community. Students have been asked to look for opportunities where through their actions they can create a more peaceful school.

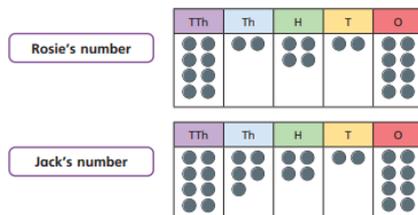


Maths

This week, Miss Prosser and I completed professional development on sustaining the Mastery Approach at our school. Again, the importance of reasoning was highlighted. One of the ways we enable our students to use their reasoning skills is through the use of sentence stems. Sentence stems can either be specific to the content taught or generic stems that can be applied to more reasoning problems. For example:

Content specific sentence stem:

Rosie and Jack have each made a number.



a) Who has made the greater number? How do you know?

_____ number is greater because it has the most _____.

Generic sentence stem:

Jack says,



When I add two numbers together I will only ever make up to one exchange in each column.

Do you agree?

Explain your reasoning.

I agree because _____

I disagree because _____

Reading

When writing in your child's reading record, consider commenting on the following so that we can support or build on your child's skills back in school. Perhaps record one thing your child did well and one thing they need to improve. Book of the month-Monday into the cave of thieves by Ralph Lazar

For children aged 7 and over is Total Mayhem: Monday - Into the Cave of Thieves by Ralph Lazar. Dash Candoo can't help but get into situations of total mayhem every single school day! And today - Monday - the forces of chaos are already in action before breakfast - and he's still in his pyjamas! With a bottomless backpack of gadgets, it is up to Dash to defeat extraordinary foes and save the planet! From New York Times bestselling author Lazar, comes this hilarious action packed comedy. The easy-to-read chapters, accessible artwork and hilarity on every page make it perfect for reluctant readers



Uniform



You can order uniform online to be delivered to the school office free of charge or delivered to your home for a standard postage fee.

www.schoolbellsuniforms.co.uk

Contact Number: 0208 577 6656

A reminder to please put your child's name and class on jumpers and cardigans as children take them off around the building and we can get them back to the right person if they are labelled.

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Office Communication

Please continue to use parentcomms or to call the school with queries. We will be setting up a postbox system so parents can deliver correspondence such as slips without needing to come into the office. We hope this will save parents time and avoid congestion in the foyer. Details will be shared in next week's newsletter about the location of the postbox.

School Dinners



ISS Education has replaced Harrison's Catering. If you think your child might be eligible for free school

meals, please get in touch.

Please see previous emails for:

Lunch menu

How to pay guide (Years 3-6)

Website: Feeding Hungry Minds: Home

Contact number: 01924 792334

Support

email:

feedinghungryminds@ukissworld.com

Clubs



Great news, everyone who applied for a club got a place. We still have a few spaces left so apply soon to avoid disappointment.

Please see the link below for information about after school clubs. Here you will find out what is on offer and how to book: [https://www.derwentwaterschool.com/cfinder/userfiles/files/After%20School%20Clubs%20-%20Autumn%202021\(1\).pdf](https://www.derwentwaterschool.com/cfinder/userfiles/files/After%20School%20Clubs%20-%20Autumn%202021(1).pdf)

Laptop Return



Most laptops have been returned. If you still have a school laptop at home, can you please return it as soon as possible. The laptops will be put to good use

at school and will be available for remote learning when necessary.

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 07429654584 or email hthorp4.307@lgflmail.org.uk

INCLUSION

A message from Ealing's Speech and Language Therapy Department on the importance of communication:

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1. Keep Your Language Alive



Key Messages

- Talk to your child in your most fluent language(s)
- Learning more than one language has lots of advantages
- Enjoy your language; it is important for your social and cultural identity
- Mixing words from different languages is not unusual in bilingual language learners

Advice for Parents

- Try to let your child have times when he/she can play with other children who speak your language.
- Don't be frightened to use your language in public
- Make sure your child knows the different names of languages he/she speaks
- If your child prefers to use English words, you can still respond and repeat back what they have said in your own language

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WHAT IS THE LOCAL OFFER?

The name 'Local Offer' is used to describe all the services and provisions available to children, young people and families 'locally' who are living with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

The Local Offer website is a resource to help you understand what is available and how to access services and support.

<https://tinyurl.com/y4f6rnjj>

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.



Dates for your diary

2021 to 2022

AUTUMN 1

Monday 6th September to Friday 22nd October

HALF TERM Monday 25th to Friday 29th October

AUTUMN 2

Tuesday 2nd November to Friday 17th December (school closes at 2pm)

SPRING 1

Wednesday 5th January to Friday 11th February

HALF TERM Monday 14th February to Friday 18th 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 22nd July (school closes at 2pm)

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