



Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 12th February 2021

Message from Mrs Gardner

This half term has been very different to the one we expected; the changes have led to us having to adapt and manage life and learning in ways that we would never have imagined this time last year. We understand that after 6 weeks at home, families are finding remote learning and the lack of interaction more challenging. When we return as a community, we are confident that children will come back to us with an eagerness to learn alongside their peers and a determination to engage and do their best. School is ready to support your child so they can continue to flourish at Derwentwater.

We will share school expectations and opening dates following further government guidance. Have an enjoyable half term and we hope that all of our community stay well and have an opportunity to relax over the school break. Thank you for all of your feedback and continued support.

Nursery

We had such an exciting week in Nursery. The weather allowed us to explore ice and play in the snow outside. The children were so lucky to get a few guppies from Ms Kostova. Thank you so much! We love to look after the fish and watch the baby fish grow.



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Stars of the week:
Turtle: Eliona
Dolphin: Ifrah



The children were busy preparing a special Valentine gift for their loved ones. We hope that you will like it.



Have a lovely holiday and hopefully we will see you all after half term.



Year 1

This week for English, Year 1 have been looking at the book Chicken Clicking to help support their learning for staying safe online. On Friday, Year 1 created a poster to help keep people safe online.

To support their learning for Safer Internet Day, the children were asked to write two facts about an animal. One true and one false. Their teacher had to guess the fake fact.

Facts about snakes



Snakes can eat animals as big as a goat



Snakes use their ears to hear their prey approaching

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Facts about blue bird



Blue birds live 6-10 years	Blue birds favourite food is sausages.
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In Maths this week, Year 1 were consolidating their number knowledge to 50. During our class calls we practised counting backwards from 50 using online resources to support us!



Stars of the week

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| 1Ruby
English - Harry
English - Manal
Effort - Leth | 1Sapphire
English - Joshua
English - Nina
Effort - Yaqoot |
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Year 2

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the mums, dads, parents and carers who have helped the children with their learning this half term. You are all amazing! This week, the children have been watching, reading and performing plays. They watched a virtual play performance of 'The Little Fish', created puppet characters and performed their own plays. Here's Edie with her puppet fish! In our Science topic, the children have been learning about space, planets, the constellations and how we know about the



Universe. Zack created his own solar visor and Louis created this amazing Lego Space Shuttle! We have also been looking into how to use the internet safely. We learned that you have to be careful and can't believe everything you read on the internet. Jacob, has given us two facts about tigers. Can you spot what fact is true and what fact is false about tigers?



Facts about tigers



All tigers have different stripes.	All tigers live in cold places.
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Stars of the week

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| 2 Opal
English-Diana
Maths- Hanin
Effort-Louis | 2 Emerald
English- Edie
Maths- Hafid
Effort- Christian |
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2 Jet

- English - Mikaeel
Maths - Freddie
Effort - Jacob

Year 3

Year 3 have had a very productive week learning all about the hazards around us and how to keep safe in the home. We also studied the history and tradition of Valentine's Day in Guided Reading, and hopefully the children will attempt to make lebkuchen gingerbread cookies this weekend! We are ending the half term with a Golden Time disco and hope that everyone will be able to attend. Well done to everyone and their families for completing this half term and we hope that everyone has a much needed and enjoyable break.

Year 4

Year 4 have been moving and grooving this week in their music lessons. We've been exploring improvisation and Samba. Samba music is a South American music style that focuses on heavy percussion and layering different rhythms over each other. If you're lucky maybe they'll treat you to a free performance over the holidays!

Maple Class really enjoyed their virtual visit to the Houses of Parliament. Not to worry Holly our virtual trip is scheduled for March, the next available date! Lots of time to get excited.



It was great to learn about who and how our laws are made. They are also having to adapt to lockdown with lots of the MPs working from home. "I found it interesting how they all work together to make laws. :)" Alizah <https://learning.parliament.uk/en/resources/360-tour/> Check out this link for a 360* tour.



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Year 5

It is really important that even during remote learning you have a break from your device and screens. So, this week, Year 5 turned our devices off for an afternoon and completed some screen-free activities linked to English, Science and PSHE. Here are some of the results!



Year 6

Year 6 have been super busy and active this week with a real focus on PE at Home lessons. We've had everything from indoor basketball lessons to socially distanced running clubs to press ups out in the snow! It's been fantastic to see so many children keeping themselves active and doing so with a great big smile on their faces too.

In other activities this week, 6 Mercury completed an escape room on Wednesday morning - working together to solve a succession of puzzles and 6 Saturn took part in an interactive parliament trip on Thursday afternoon.



Reading Buddy

We encourage all children to log on to Reading Buddy as often as they can. This resource helps improve children's fluency and improve their reading comprehension. Children can earn badges as they make progress through books and their levels.



Half-term KS1 and KS2 Reading Challenge

This half-term we are running a competition where children



can take on some reading challenges whilst at home.

What does this involve?

- Find a book
- Pick a challenge or create your own
- Get someone to take a photograph

Challenges can be created by children and families or find some ideas on the poster attached. Please send entries to parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk Winners will be announced on World Book Day (Thursday 4th March) and will appear on our website.

Phonics

Parents will find a new section in the KS1 2020 phonics folder that has a range of **Set 1, 2 and 3 Green words** for you to practice reading with the children at home. Green words are words that the children need to be able to read using Fred talk. Fred is our frog who cannot read words so he needs the children's help. Encourage the children to say the sounds and push them together to read the whole word.



Online resources

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/> Virtual school library which features Konnie Huq author of the month
<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/> Words for life where parents can find useful resources and activities to support their child with reading from ages 0-12 years.

Maths

Students will continue to have access to Times Tables Rock Stars or Numbots during half term. Well done to: Ruby, Sapphire, Opal, Earth and Neptune that have improved their engagement levels this week.

The classes with the highest engagement were:

EYFS - Turtle, KS1 - Sapphire, LKS2 - Maple, UKS2 - Neptune.

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Assembly

Story: Scientists say that ten rules for tree planting must be top priority for all nations this decade.

Question: How important is it to plant more trees?

VirtualAssembly: Found on the Picture News or vimeo website

This week's British Value: Rule of Law



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. Helen has also recorded a message and offer of support on the following link: <https://youtu.be/M5Ritbi1H3E>

Inclusion



- Talk to your child in your strongest language(s) - this will provide a solid foundation upon which additional languages can be learnt.

- Learning more than one language is good for general learning.
- Enjoy your language, it is important for social and cultural identity.

SAFEGUARDING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE:

If you need to get hold of the Designated Safeguarding Officer, please contact Mrs Karen Hankin via email Parentcomms. If you are concerned about a child, please call Social Care on 0208 825 8000

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.

Date for your diary

Break up for Easter on
Wednesday 31st March 2021

Summer 1

Monday 19th April 2021- Friday
28th May 2021 (Monday 3rd May school
closed)

Half term

Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th June 2021

Summer 2

Monday 7th June 2021- Friday 23rd July 2021



Borough Newsletters

These letters share useful information, activities and support for the half term and will be shared with families with the school newsletter:

- Support for Families during Coronavirus
- Holiday Activity Newsletter

Happy New Year to those that celebrate the New Lunar Year!



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