



## Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Message from Mrs Gardner

School reopening to all children this week ran very smoothly and was a huge success. Children have shown their resilience once more by settling back into the routines of school life with ease. They have shown kindness and consideration to one another and the atmosphere across the school has been one of happiness and calm. Staff focused on well being and activities that involved reconnecting with peers and being active which has been of huge benefit to the children. Although children have felt a little tired and hungry at times, they continue to amaze us with their positive and determined attitudes.

Thank you for the many kind comments at the gate and for adhering to the school's Covid guidance. I have shared your praise with the teachers and staff. Like you, we are all very happy that school is now open to everyone so we can carry on supporting children and helping them reach their potential. However, please be mindful that we need to continue to follow the government guidance so schools can remain open and we can gradually return to normality.

### Year 1

It's great to be back together, seeing all our old friends and even being able to make new ones.

We had a lot of fun this week, thinking about describing words. We picked out all sorts of materials from the Art box. We had to think of different words to describe what we could see or feel. We found some shiny, pointy stars and bendy, stripy straws.



check into your child's Google Classroom to watch the special event just for all our mums!

### Year 3

What a wonderful first week back! We have had a lot of fun this week, starting our new topic in Art on Vincent Van Gogh, and getting back into our school routines. In English, we have started our instruction writing based around teeth and the importance of looking after them! The children made thank you cards for someone who helped them at home with remote learning and Mother's Day cards for this weekend.



### Year 2

Isn't it great to be back? We were looking forward to this day so much and we were so pleased to see the children getting back into the swing of their usual routines, catching up with each other and sharing our lockdown experiences. The children made special thank you cards for someone who helped them with their online work. We also have a special surprise for all mothers this Sunday! Please



### Year 4

Welcome back. It has been wonderful to see all of your smiling faces back in class. World Book Day was a great success. We loved sharing your favourite books and characters. Well done to those who made the effort to dress up. It was great to see you all over our Google Meet.



### Year 5

We're back! We have spent this week getting back into school routines, taking time to talk about how we are feeling and making the most

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of our outside space. We discussed our favourite memories from lockdown and put these in a memory jar. Students recorded lovely memories about spending extra time with their parents, learning new skills and hobbies and enjoying going for walks in the park. In English, we have started writing a fantasy story about wizards and goblins.



### Year 6

We are delighted to welcome all the children back to Year 6. It has been a very exciting week settling back into our routines and finding out about our new writing unit has created many discussions and generated amazing ideas. This term, we are writing an adventure story. Children have been set a mission to write a story from the point that they open this door. We look forward to sharing the finished pieces with you.



### Reading Buddy

Please continue to encourage your child to log on to Reading Buddy and engage with the range of books and quizzes that they can complete at home. As we return to school, Reading Buddy will be set for homework and we would like to see children complete one book and quiz at least once a week.



### Reading

If your child has an Oxford Reading Tree book at home, please return it to their class teacher. We will be sending home a book every week with your child now that we have returned to school. Please use the discussion points inside the book covers to discuss the book with your child and to listen to your child read. Could parents and carers also sign off their child's reading to indicate to us that their child has read to them? A further, short comment about how the child read to let the class teacher know how they got on would be beneficial to the teachers.



**Book Recommendations:**  
Romily in 2 Emerald chose 'The Smeds and Smoods' by Julia Donaldson. She chose it because she liked it when the Smed and Smood got married and all the families got together at the end. They had a purple baby and they made musical instruments for him!  
Nina from 1 Sapphire chose 'The wonderful things you will be' by Emily Wilfield Martin. She chose this because she thought that it was exciting to grow up, find exciting new things and make new friends.



### Maths

Please continue to encourage your child to log on to Times Table Rockstars and numbots. Students having quick recall of basic calculations lays a strong foundation for all other concepts in maths. Well done to Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald, Maple, Earth and Saturn who all improved their engagement levels from last week. The classes with the highest engagement levels this week are:

EYFS - Turtle KS1 - Sapphire  
LKS2- Maple, UK2 - Earth



### Assembly

**Story:** NASA rover robot Perseverance has successfully landed on Mars to search for signs of ancient life forms.

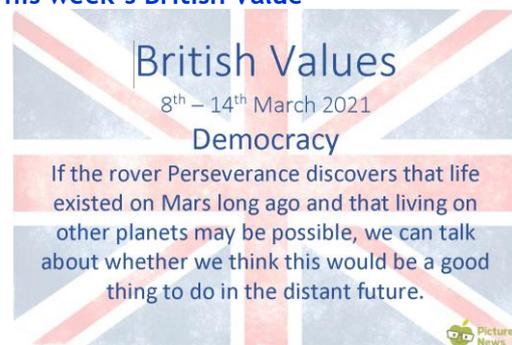
**Question:** Could you imagine living on another planet?

**Virtual**

**Assembly:**

<https://vimeo.com/channels/picturenews>

### This week's British Value



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### Counselling support



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](mailto:hthorp4.307@lgflmail.org)

### Inclusion

What is DYSPRAXIA?

Dyspraxia refers to trouble with movement. That includes difficulty in four key skills: Gross motor skills; fine motor skills; motor planning and coordination. Occupational Therapists (OTs) can help with these difficulties. Look here for more information:

<https://dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/about-dyspraxia/>

### 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

Red Nose Day Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March - dress up like a superhero.

The last day of term is **Wednesday 31st March and we close at 2pm.**



Children return on Monday 19th April

### Laptop Return

School loaned out almost 70 laptops and Chrome books. This enabled our school community to access online learning. We kindly request that these are now returned before the May half term. We will use the devices to set up workstations in classrooms and across the school. If necessary, we will loan out the devices again. Thank you for your support.



### Red Nose Day

“Red Nose Day is back on Friday 19th March and this year it’s never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. We need the power of funny to turn laughs into lasting change.”



At Derwentwater, we will have a dress up as a superhero on this day. We will collect a suggested donation of £1 that we will send to Comic Relief.

Share a Smile by recording yourself telling a joke and uploading it to Google Classroom.  
<https://classroom.google.com/c/OTg40TAxOTc0NTFa/a/Mjk4MTI3ODM1MzQx/details>

We will also post a Red Nose Day quiz in Google Classroom for some fun.

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# SHARE A SMILE

**RED  
NOSE  
DAY**

## Share a smile

Share a joke and  
spread some  
happiness.



**FRIDAY 19 MARCH**

**Spread a little happiness at  
Derwentwater.**

**Record yourself telling your favourite  
joke.**

**Upload it to the whole school Google  
Classroom for us all to enjoy!**

<https://classroom.google.com/c/OTg40TAx0TcONTFa/a/Mjk4MTI30DM1MzQx/details>

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