



# Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

## Message from Mrs Gardner

Well done to all of the children who are working so hard at home; the level of engagement and positive feedback shows that children are trying their best to maintain motivation and concentration. We know remote learning is more difficult than being in school so thank you to our families who have been very supportive; we appreciate all you are doing to manage this situation.

Unfortunately, we have had to close the year 3/4 bubble at school this week due to a positive Covid case. We are hearing of more Covid cases in our school community and we wish everyone well in their recovery.

We hope that schools will reopen after the half term if it is safe to do so. Schools have to wait until the government reviews the situation based on the rate of infection and pressure on the NHS. The government decides when schools will reopen. Schools do not get told ahead of parents but we will keep families up to date with any changes in guidance and new return dates.

## Nursery

So lovely to see your work on Google classroom. It is great to see that you are joining in and keeping yourself busy.

We were so pleased to see the children that joined our Singing session on Wednesday.

And what exciting news that the nursery will reopen on Monday the 25th of January. We can't wait to see you all!

Kani's pet budgie! Next week the theme will be "My favourite Book".

## Star of the Week

<b>1Ruby</b>	<b>1Sapphire</b>
English - Benji	English - Oscar
Maths - Nihal	Maths - Melody
Effort - Ethan	Effort - Harrison



## Reception

Well done to everyone who has been on Google Classroom and sharing their amazing work! Well done to Taqi for writing a lovely card to a neighbour. All the Reception teachers love seeing everyone on our Google Meets. This week we have had some fun reading stories, doing scavenger hunts and having our assembly with Mrs Hankin.



## Stars of the week:

Turtle - Lina  
Dolphin - Matheson



## Year 1

A fantastic, well done to all those children attending our Google Meets. It is great to see everyone's smiley faces and prepare everyone for the day's learning. On Friday we also have a Show and Tell. I especially enjoyed meeting

## Year 2

We wanted to start by saying thanks to all the children and parents for all the work that you have been doing with your on-line learning. We understand how tricky this can be with the ongoing circumstances. We will continue to work on our multiplication and division skills over the next few weeks in maths. Try as much as possible to register with your during the morning session and join your classes scheduled Google Meet. Here is an example of some great home learning: good job using adjectives, expanded noun phrases and similes!

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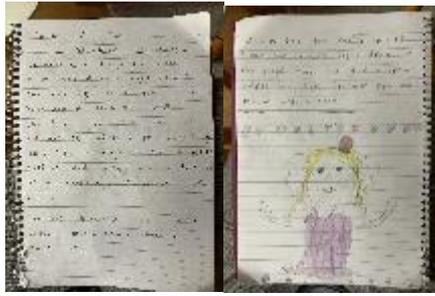


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**Star of the Week**



**2Opal**

English-Anik  
Maths- Suhaila  
Effort- Zack

**2Emerald**

English-Daphne  
Maths-Edie  
Effort-Ibrahim

**2Jet**

English - Jacob  
Maths - Juno  
Effort - Mikaeel

**Year 3**

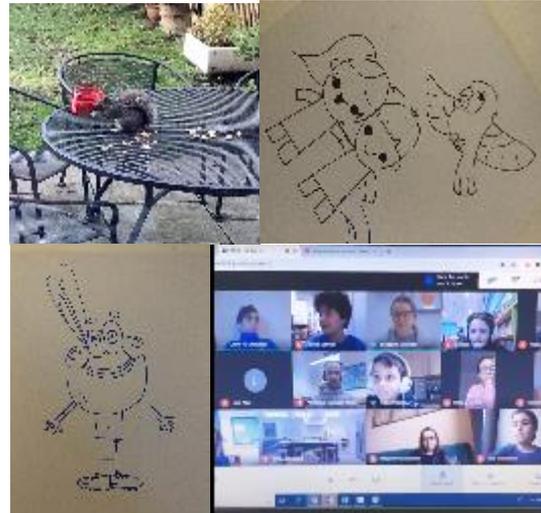
Well done to all of Year 3 for doing your best with the remote learning, we are so proud of all your hard work! We miss you very much but are happy we can still see you in our virtual meetings! We have been learning about volcanoes, earthquakes and the Earth in geography - well done to all of you who managed to make your own volcanoes at home! We have also been learning how to draw and we have had many wonderful art submissions.



**Year 4**

We miss you all but are really impressed with how you are making such an effort to be independent learners. Year 4 have had some great fun on our daily virtual chats. We've done so many exciting activities! Drawing, exercising, interactive quizzes. Some even "brought their pet to school!" We had a snake,

hamster, cat, guinea pigs, rabbit and a dog. We've really enjoyed sharing together! Please try to log into Oxford Reading Buddies and Times Table Rockstars. We need you to keep practising all those amazing skills you have.



**Year 5**

Well done to all the boys and girls in Year 5 who are showing resilience, independence and determination during remote learning. Students have been studying the Highwayman poem and started planning and writing their own versions Ms Collinson and Miss Ashton are so impressed with the vocabulary and figurative language that students are including. In art, students have been creating winter scenes. Here are two amazing examples:



We are also impressed with the efforts to keep exercising whilst in lockdown. Joe Wicks would be very impressed.



**Year 6**

Well done to Year 6 for logging in and assessing their learning every day. It is wonderful to see how eager and motivated the children are to

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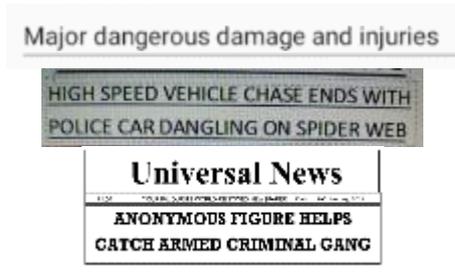
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learn, by registering daily and submitting their work. Mrs Kirby and Mr Clayton have enjoyed reading the journalistic reports that have been submitted this week. Here are some great examples below:



Some excellent, short and catchy headlines were also created:



### Reading Buddy

Oxford Reading Buddy are experiencing a high level of users at the moment, and some children are experiencing issues accessing their profile as a result. Oxford Reading Buddy are working hard to resolve these issues. If your child needs a reminder of their login details, please email [parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk) <https://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk>



### Reading book recommendations You Are Awesome by Matthew Syed

This is an amazing book all about growth mindset. Matthew Syed provides examples of successful people from Michael Jordan, Jay-Z, Steve Jobs, Mozart, Serena Williams and many more. Throughout this book Matthew is sending a positive message to children where he helps them build resilience and confidence and to understand that making mistakes is ok!



**Mahdi: Year 5-** "It's a diary and it's about a boy. He goes to a camp and his mum suggested that they should have some time together. The boy went to every campsite with his family and came across a paradise camp site so he decided to try and go into the camp but things were going really bad." *Diary of a Wimpy Kid - The Deep End*



### Phonics in KS1

Parents and carers will find daily Set 1, 2 and 3 phonics material for the children to practice in their class pages. Each day, parents will find two videos: the first where children will be introduced to the phoneme and the second where children can practice applying the phoneme in spelling words. There are also many fun, interactive reading and spelling websites that children can access as part of their distance learning. Here are two of them for you to try:

[www.tvokids.com](http://www.tvokids.com)

[www.familylearning.org.uk](http://www.familylearning.org.uk)

Please be aware that the phonemes are organised into phases not sets.

### Maths

Well done to everyone that has engaged in Times Table Rockstars or Numbots during this time of remote learning. Mastering basic arithmetic skills lay strong foundations for students and enable them to work through more challenging concepts in maths with a reduced cognitive load and more confidence. The classes with the highest engagement this week are: EYFS - Turtle, KS1 - Sapphire, LKS2 - Oak, UKS2 - Neptune.

At Derwentwater, we use the White Rose Hub scheme of learning in Mathematics. They have additional resources that can be accessed for free and can be used during remote learning. <https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-workbooks/> <https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/classroom-resources/problems/>



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## Assembly

**Story:** 'Clap for Carers' has returned in 2021 as 'Clap for Heroes'.

**Question:** How can we show our thanks to those who help us?

**VirtualAssembly:**

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



## This week's British Value



## #partofthepuzzle

Children can access a puzzle template on Google Classroom. This will symbolise that we all have a part to play during this difficult time and we are all part of the big picture. When you have completed your piece take a photo of it and email to [help@picture-news.co.uk](mailto:help@picture-news.co.uk) and to your Google Classroom account, then display it in your window and see who else has shared their part of the puzzle in their window! To be part of the gallery (available to view on Picture News Facebook and Twitter) please email photos by **Friday 5th February** to the picture news email above. (We look forward to seeing all of the entries!)



## 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.

## Counselling support



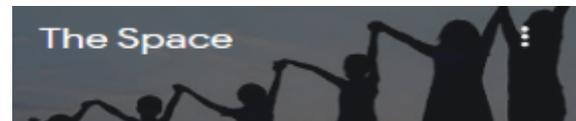
Coffee morning: Tues 2nd February 9.30 (by zoom, of course)



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all keeping safe and well during these challenging times. I wanted to offer a space for you to come and share how things are going at home and offer some support with the challenges of all being at home and supporting your child's online learning. The meeting will be held by zoom. If you would like the link then please email me and I will send it to you. I am always available to support you or your child any time so please do reach out 07429 654584 or email [hthorp4.307@lgflmail.org](mailto:hthorp4.307@lgflmail.org).

## Inclusion



The Space is a class that is available to all children on Google Classroom. There are two elements to it: one as a source of information and activities to support well-being; the other is a place where the children can contact Helen and Morag - the school counsellors - if they are worried about anything. The children are familiar with this second element in school, and so this is an online version of our important - and successful - school service.

## SAFEGUARDING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE:

If you need to get hold of the Designated Safeguarding Officer, please contact Mrs Karen Hankin via email [Parentcomms](mailto: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.



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