



Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 23rd April 2021

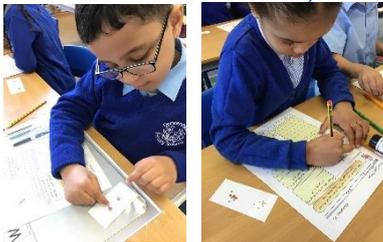
Message from Mrs Gardner

The children have had a successful first week of the summer term and have continued to show enthusiasm and commitment towards their education. It is wonderful to have Mrs Nicholas back who has been very impressed by the children and their attitude to learning. Please come and say hello at the gate if you have not managed to see her yet.

Unfortunately, Reception had to close this week due to a positive Covid case. This is a reminder to us all that we are still in a pandemic and have to continue to follow the government guidance strictly. Measures are still in place at school to minimise the spread of the virus. Google Classroom is ready to access if an individual child or whole class needs to self-isolate. If a child is unwell at home, they are not expected to work. Thank you for your support, we are working hard to remain open to everyone and are always saddened to inform parents of the need to self-isolate and not come to school.

Year 1

It was great to see so many happy, smiley faces when we returned from our Easter break. Everyone was ready for the start of the new term. Linked to new beginnings, we have carried out some planting this week. We have begun with seeds and are carefully looking after them. At the moment they are in cups in the classroom. When it gets warmer, we will plant them outside. We can't wait to see what will happen next and have a look every day (sometimes more than one look!).



Year 2

Welcome back year 2! We are delighted to see you all looking happy and healthy- ready to learn and meet our friends again! This week, the children started to learn fractions in maths. Could parents support the children in finding fractions in everyday life? Cooking,

sharing, shapes and amounts of money. In Science, we started our new topic on healthy eating. We will be sending home a healthy eating diary for the children to complete at home. Could parents and carers talk to their children about making healthy food choices?

Year 3

Everyone has been very excited to be back in Year 3. This week we have been focusing on our new English unit of The Pied Piper of Hamelin, and in maths we have been studying time! Why not try practising with your child at home on an analogue clock? We also had a great time in the Edible Garden learning how to use tools properly. The children can't wait to get planting!



Year 4

Year 4 are having great fun learning all about the world around them. At the end of last term, we took a (virtual!) trip to the Arctic and Antarctica. This term, we are learning all about rivers and the students will be creating an information poster. This week, we have been exploring aerial images, maps and photographs of the different physical features found along the course of a river.



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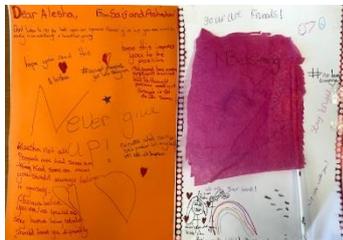
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Year 5

This week, Year 5 had a virtual Workshop with '52 Lives', a charity that aims to change someone's life every week of the year and spread kindness. We thought of ways we can spread kindness easily and the impact that can have on people.



As part of the workshop we created some posters, pictures and



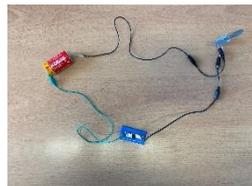
cards to support a young girl who is having a tough time at school and at home and to show her some kindness.

Year 6



This week, Year 6 started their learning all about circuits and electricity. They experimented with a range of different materials to create their own circuits as well as learning about the different symbols for drawing correct circuit diagrams.

They will continue the unit in the upcoming weeks, working towards wiring their own burglar alarms.



Reading Buddy

Reading Buddy is set for homework every week and we would like you to encourage your child to login, read books and complete the quizzes. These online books are linked to the Oxford Reading Books that your child takes home once a week and they can make progress from level to level as they improve their reading comprehension. If you have any questions on Reading Buddy or would



like to know how to further support your child, please email parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk

Reading Books

The children completed their reading assessments last term and teachers have been able to assess their reading progress. Teachers will have adjusted the children's Oxford Reading book levels. Parents and carers are reminded that they need to listen to their child read at least 20 minutes each day. Could parents also record any comments about their child's reading in the comment box and sign it so the teacher knows if the child has read to an adult or older sibling.

Reading recommendations



McKenzie from 2 Opal chose 'Astro Girl' by Ken Wilson Max because the setting was space and because the characters looked exciting. He thought the dog was there because he wanted to go to space with the girl! Diana, also from 2 Opal, chose 'Look up' by Nathan Bryon because she too liked the setting and when she gazes up at the stars she wonders what the girl would do when she got up there!

Maths

Welcome back to Summer term. Maths lessons have started and teachers are working hard to fill any gaps that arose as a result of remote learning. At the beginning of the year, the government released a ready to progress criteria which outlined the skills/topics that need to be prioritised. As a result of our second (and hopefully last) school closure, teachers are now planning lessons based on these criteria so that students are well prepared for next year.

This week teachers completed a lesson study of a mastery addition lesson. Staff have worked very hard to introduce and now embed the principles of 'Teaching for Mastery' into their daily lessons. It is amazing to see how far we have come in such a short and disrupted time.

Well done to all students who completed their homework this week on Times Table Rock



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Star/Numbots. Just a reminder that students should be logging on a few times a week to practise and embed their fluency skills. This week 6 Saturn had the highest engagement in the school.



Assembly

Story: The Union Jack will be flown on UK Government buildings every day of the year under plans to celebrate the United Kingdom's heritage and pride.

Question: Should we be allowed to fly flags anywhere?

VirtualAssembly:

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

This week's British Value:



Ramadan

This week, teachers have been sharing videos and information about Ramadan with the children. There have been many discussions and sharing of information about this special occasion for our Muslim families. One of the things that the children were asked to look at was how they could take on a good deed challenge for 30 days. Here is a photo of a completed good deed tree.



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

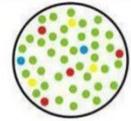


child, or any other worries, she is available on Tuesdays 9 - 10am.

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.

Inclusion: Parents' evenings

If you have concerns about your child's learning or behaviour and that it is hindering his/her educational progress then please contact the SENCO, Allan Butcher, via email Parentcomms and an appointment can be made during parents' evening week.



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

Half term: 31st May-4th June
Last day of term Friday
23rd July at 2pm



Remote Parent's Evening

Phone calls will be made during the week of 4th May - targets and appointment times will be shared prior to the phone call to give parents an opportunity to change times if they

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are not convenient and to read targets. This will be an opportunity for teachers to discuss how your children have settled back into school and share their progress and next steps.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is back!

This is a great way for children to start the day. At the breakfast club, breakfast is provided as well as opportunities for children to relax, play and socialise. Please get in touch with the office to find out more and express your interest.



Sports' Day

This year, spectators will not be allowed for sports day unless further measures are lifted. We will plan sports day for the end of term and ensure children are kept in their classes and year bubbles. We will make the event an enjoyable and successful day for all children as usual. The details and date will be confirmed in further communication and we will keep you informed of any guidance changes closer to the time.

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