



Derwentwater Primary School Friday 26th February 2021

Message from Mrs Gardner

We are very excited that school will be open to everyone on Monday 8th March. Although we only have a few weeks left of term, we know that being back at school will make a huge difference to our children’s well-being and motivation to learn. Thank you once more for your hard work, patience and support during what we hope is the final lockdown. Now that the end is in sight, we want to remind our community of the importance of following the government guidance so school can remain open.



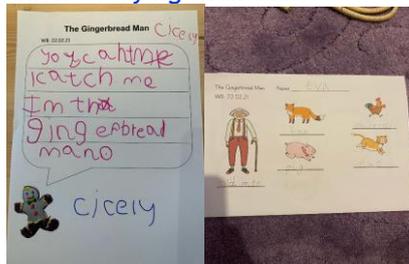
Next week there will be a range of exciting activities to celebrate Book Week and World Book Day. This is a good opportunity to remind ourselves why reading is a school priority. We all know that reading helps broaden vocabulary and understanding which is why we want our children to love reading. Reading for pleasure and regularly will accelerate learning which in turn enhances confidence.

Barack Obama:

“Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible.”

Reception:

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing half term break. Next week is Book Week. In Reception we will be setting daily reading challenges. We can’t wait to see your photos in completing the challenges! This week we have been reading the story ‘The Gingerbread Man’. The children have been writing about the story. It is great to see so many children trying their best!



Stars of the week:

Turtle - Cicely
Dolphin - Caleb



Year 1

Welcome back after the half term break. It was great to see the photos that were sent in showing how you completed the reading challenge. We had photos with children standing on one leg, reading with a mask on and even reading whilst eating a snack!

Stars of the week

1Ruby
General - Anaya
Effort - Malachi
English - Brooklyn

1Sapphire
General - Maryam
General - Muad
English - Hugo



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Year 2

Welcome back everyone! We've missed you and we're so looking forward to seeing everyone very soon!!! Before the start of the half term break, the children were set 12 reading challenges. One



of which was to create a reading den or tent using chairs, tables and blankets. Here, Mariam is showing us her reading den that she made using a couple of chairs! In English, we have been collecting information for a non-chronological report about witches. The children had to create their own witch, collect adventurous adjectives to describe it and use the present tense.

Stars of the week

2 Opal

English- Seef
Maths- Nimo
Effort- Huda

2 Emerald

English- Amir
Maths- Daphne
Effort- Sabah



2 Jet

English - Snezhina
Maths - Sulaiman
Effort - Wilfred

Year 3

Welcome back! We are happy to have you all back at Virtual School. Well done to all the children who have read and participated in the Reading Challenge over the half term! Next week we will be celebrating Book Week so keep an eye out on Google Classroom for daily activities!

Starts of the week

3 Birch

Maths - Janiyah
English - Houda
Effort - Benjamin



3 Oak

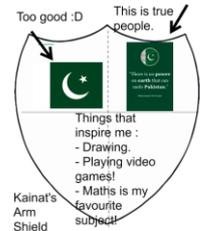
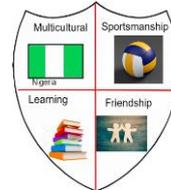
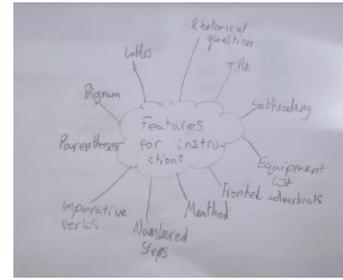
Maths - Almir
English - Rosa
Effort - Zaki

Year 4

Welcome back Year 4 and well done on another brilliant week on Google Classroom. This week Year 4 have been working hard in maths exploring fractions and learning how to count in tenths. In Science, we have been learning about sound waves and how to protect our ears from very loud sounds.

Year 5

Year 5 have started to plan instruction texts on 'Caring for a pet dragon'. We've been brainstorming the features, before we start drafting our text.



In PSHE, we have been designing a coat of arms to represent ourselves and our community.

Year 6

Well done to all of Year 6 for another fantastic week on Google Classroom. Teachers have been left feeling very hungry and wanting lots of cake and pasta as Year 6 children have been busy cooking and baking at home! Well done to those of you for sharing the delicious pictures of your very tasty looking cupcakes and cakes. Some of Year 6 enjoyed a virtual lunch this week where we met on Google Meet and enjoyed lunch together!



Reading Buddy

Please continue to encourage your child to login to Reading Buddy. If you are experiencing issues at home accessing the website, please email parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk and we can resolve this.



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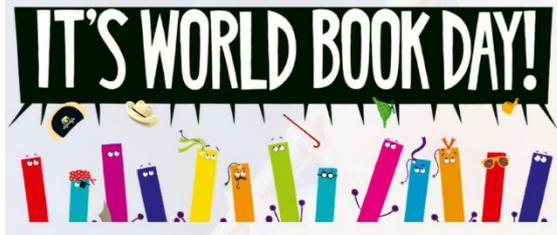
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World Book Day 4th March



World Book Day is almost upon us! This day aims to promote a love of reading which we strive to do at Derwentwater. Organisers say, "having access to books and developing a love of reading for pleasure is vital for a child's future." To celebrate this event, we ask your child to join their video call with their class teacher and classmates on Thursday 4th March dressed up as their favourite book character. We cannot wait to see all the great costumes and discuss their favourite books! Please click the link below to find more resources for your child at home: <https://www.worldbookday.com>

Book Tokens

Use your token to get ONE of the £1 range of books for FREE or £1 OFF a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more, at your nearest participating bookseller.



Click this link below to get your token and more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/us7p6uhe>

Book week at Derwentwater

Our priority is reading! To celebrate World Book Day, we are running **Book Week** next week from Monday 1st March - Friday 5th March, 2021. Each day on Google Classroom, your child will be set a fun, creative task around reading. Please encourage your child to engage in these fun activities and login to the virtual events that will be running throughout the week.

We would also like to encourage you to explore our website which has a range of reading strategies, book recommendations, tips on hearing your child read and questions to ask whilst reading together.

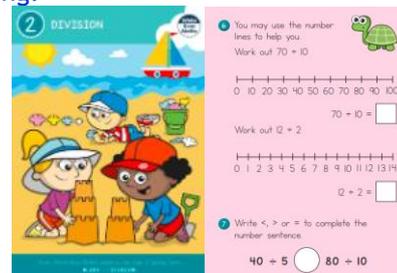
<https://www.derwentwaterschool.com/school-info/our-first-priority-is-reading>

Reading challenge: Please remember to send pictures or videos of your child's reading challenge. Winners will be announced on Thursday 4th March.

Maths

Welcome back to Spring 2! Thank you to everyone that logged on to Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots this week. Ruby, Emerald and Saturn all managed to improve on their engagement levels. The classes with the highest engagement for the week are: EYFS - Turtle, KS1 - Emerald, LKS2 - Oak, UKS2 - Neptune.

At Derwentwater, we use White Rose Hub maths resources when planning lessons. Just a reminder that there are free parent workbooks that can be downloaded from their website. These are organised into topics for every year group. These books can be really helpful when helping your child consolidate and review their learning.



Assembly

Lent assembly

This week, Revd Nick Jones -Rector of St Mary's church in Acton - delivered a remote assembly which the teachers shared with the children in their classes. In it, he talked about the meaning of Lent. Lent is the period of 6 weeks leading up to Easter, the most important festival in the Christian calendar. It started on Wednesday during our half term break. We all enjoyed watching him make pancakes- they looked delicious!



Story: The Egyptian authorities have built a 22-mile long wall around the resort of Sharm El-Sheikh to encourage more tourists to visit.

Question: Do walls divide us or protect us?

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Virtual Assembly: Found on the Picture News website and on this link:
<https://vimeo.com/channels/picturenews>

This week's British Value



Counselling support The Space

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.



Inclusion



In Derwentwater, some of our children have speech and language therapy to support them with the following:

- Speech and articulation problems
- Delayed language development
- Selective mutism
- Social and language difficulties arising from Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Stammering/stuttering

If you think your child has any of these issues, then please discuss with your child's teacher or the SENCO (Allan Butcher).

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

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