



Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 28th May 2021

Message from Mrs Nicholas

I hope that you all have a safe and restful half term.

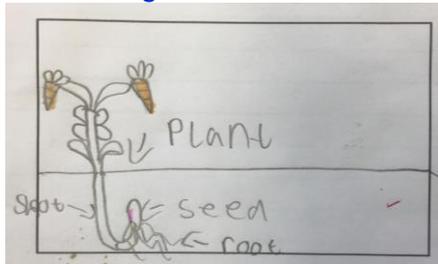
I would like to thank my staff for all the hard work they have put into their teaching over the last half term. It is clear that the children are enjoying their learning and making good progress while they catch up on all their missed learning.

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we went to have a look to see how our plants were getting on. With all the rain we have been having the seedlings have grown a bit bigger, with larger leaves and thicker stems, than when we planted them. We made some observational drawings of what they look like now, six weeks after we first planted them as tiny seeds.



Then we made predictions about what they may look like in six week's time. Looking forward to eating the carrots.



Year 2

This week the children have been learning about the importance of water in different faiths. The children learnt that water is used by Hindus' to cleanse themselves of their sins in the river Ganges. Here is a photo of Arya who showed the children how to wear a



sari. They also recognised the importance of water as a ritual in preparation of prayer in the Islamic faith. They then wrote instructions on how Muslims perform Wudu- which is the act of cleansing.

Year 3

This week, Year 3 has been learning about the body and bones. The children have learnt about the function of skeletons, the different joints in our bodies, and have even had their own questions based on bodies answered by doctors! They also became Bone Detectives and searched the hall for the scientific names of bones - it was humerus!



Year 4

4 Holly are now official "worm wranglers" after taking part in an exciting workshop in the Edible Garden. They will be collecting food to feed worms and their goal is to have the worms create compost for our garden. In 4 Maple's workshop they explored the smell, taste and texture of herbs. They then planted their own herbs in the Edible Garden which they will be responsible for taking care of.



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Year 5

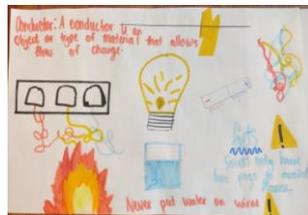
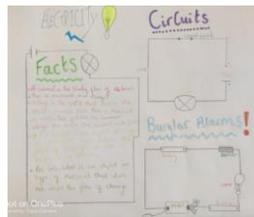
In PE this week with Mr McLellan and Mr Resson, the two year 5 classes got to compete against each other in a game of rounders. Students worked as a class to field and bowl, and then cheered each other on as they batted and ran through the bases. In the end the scores were tied as both teams scored 16 runs!



In Science, we have been researching life cycles of different living things in order to write a non-chronological report on a living thing of our choice. The axolotl and platypus are proving to be a very popular choice!

Year 6

Well done to all the boys and girls who are completing their work on Google Classroom this week. You are all doing a fantastic job and have shown great resilience and independence. Keep up the good work! As we approach the end of term, we are finishing up our unit on electricity. Children have learnt all about circuits and put their expert knowledge to the test to plan and create their own burglar alarms. To showcase their knowledge on this topic of electricity, some children have created amazing posters. Well done! We wish everyone a very happy half-term and look forward to next term!



Prefects have enjoyed another week of taking on their roles and responsibilities. This week, they did a great job keeping our Edible Playground up to date by watering flowers daily, opening and closing the cold frames and even doing some weeding!

Reading Buddy

A reminder that 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

Library Reading Recommendations:

Sofia (6Saturn) and Moumina (6Mercury) are two of our school librarians. This week they have shared some great book recommendations with us:

- Murder Most Unlady Like by Robin Stevens
- Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J.K Rowling
- Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle
- Percy Jackson by Rick Roiden

Phonics

www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources

Parents have access to free phonics programs such as the popular Buried Treasure, Dragons den and Tumbling Tumbleweeds. Here, children can practise blending, listening, applying and reading sounds they have learned in their daily phonics lessons at school. There is a new resource called 'Phonics Play Comics' where you can find decodable comics featuring familiar Phonics Play characters. They are short, silly comics that can be viewed on **screen or printed out and aim to provide opportunities to rehearse the skills they learn in school. We hope you enjoy reading them!**

Maths

This year, one of our school aims was to introduce the Maths Mastery approach across the school. Due to covid, this has not been the easiest introduction but teachers have persevered and introduced many of the principles of mastery into their maths lesson. One of the key principles that we focused on this year, is the regular use of concrete materials and pictorial representations to help

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develop and build student's understanding of mathematical concepts. Here you can see some students from year 2 learning the concept of adding through the use of base 10 materials and numerlines.



Thank you to all students that logged on to TTRS or Numbots this week. Being fluent in your times tables will assist students in other areas of maths such as: fractions, area, volume, ratio and decimals. Congratulations to all of year 2, especially 2 Emerald, who improved their engagement levels from last week. Well done to 6 Saturn for the highest engagement across the school. A special congratulations to Ghadeer Al-Zamily in 4 Holly for the highest engagement in the school this week.

Assembly

Story: The Pop-It sensory fidget toy is the latest new craze for relieving stress in schools and offices.



Question: Is there a place for sensory toys in the classroom?

VirtualAssembly:

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

This week's British Value

British Values
24th – 30th May 2021
Mutual Respect and Tolerance
Everyone's sensory needs are different.
Some people may need sensory toys to help them when they are anxious, but other people may not. Every person needs to be treated as an individual.

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

SAFE - Supportive Action for Families in Ealing

Family life is not always easy. When difficulties and problems come up and you need someone to understand your situation and offer you help and support - get in touch with SAFE.

SAFE can give you information and advice and help you to access the appropriate services and support to help before a manageable problem becomes bigger and more difficult to resolve.

<https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201023/children-and-families-social-care/1187/safe-supportive-action-for-families-in-ealing>

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SAFEGUARDING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE:

If you need to get hold of the Designated Safeguarding Officer, please contact Mrs Nicholas 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.

Conversation Club



The School was very excited to welcome back the Conversation Club to the Edible Garden last week for their twice weekly sessions. Parents were very appreciative to be back in the swing of practising their English and the experience was made even better by the lovely surroundings of the school's new garden!

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