



Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 29th January 2021

Message from Mrs Gardner

This week, children have continued to impress us with their learning and engagement. However, we understand that after 4 weeks, remote learning might be proving more difficult than at the start. Or perhaps a well-established routine is working well but your child is missing their teacher and friends. We want to reassure you that we know that there may be some days that are more successful than others and times when you have to make changes to the day to focus on the wellbeing of the whole household.

Mental Health week next week is a reminder that this is something we must all look after. The uncertainty around when schools are to reopen is perhaps adding to the anxiety amongst families. We will update parents as soon as we know the government's plans for schools. The Prime Minister announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the reopening of schools from Monday 8th March. School will keep you informed.

For now, we must remember all we have achieved and how far we have come. Please respond to the parent/carer questionnaire to share your views so we can continue to work together and ensure our school offer reflects the needs of the children and community.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TH5XNCS>

The remote learning policy is also available to view on the school website. We miss our community and hope everyone is well.

Nursery

This week, the Nursery children were very creative. They explored how to mix different colours and investigated various textures that can be used for art and craft. They made a lovely cardboard dollhouse and built some furniture to play with. They also practised letters and sounds and made an impressive salt dough alphabet. On Wednesday the children helped to plant some flower bulbs in the garden and painted the garden clay pots.



Stars of the week:

Turtle - Fraser
Dolphin - Cosmo

Year 1

This week Year 1 have been looking at the story Mr Wolf's Pancakes. Throughout the week they have written a set of instructions on 'How to wash your hands' along with ordering a set of jumbled instructions on how to make a jam sandwich. Some children even got to make and eat their sandwich too!



Reception

This week in Reception we have all been learning about firefighters. We have learnt what a firefighter does and how they can help to keep us safe. The children have enjoyed creating their very own fire engines and then labelling their work. Well done to everyone uploading their work onto Google Classroom!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Year 1 have been asked to draw some pictures to help brighten up an NHS waiting area. There is no set theme for these pictures, it could be a thank you to the NHS or anything that makes you smile! Please make it as bright and colourful as possible. Once completed please email your pictures to year1@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk. Please save your paper copies and bring them to school once we return after lockdown.

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Stars of the week

1 Ruby
English - Jake
English - Kani
General - Ibrahim -

1 Sapphire
English - Josephine
English - Sam
General - Noraldeen



Year 2

Well done Year 2 for all your hard work this week, parents included. We have been working on the idea of sharing and grouping to get us ready for division next week. In science, we started our new theme of Space and next week there will be some art tasks around that theme. In English, we have been working on writing instructions about trapping dragons and having them as pets. Next week, we will be doing some work with poetry.

Star of the week:

2 Opal
English- Mohamad
Maths-Mariam
Effort-Musa

2 Emerald
English-Sabah
Maths-Romilly
Effort-Hanna

2 Jet

English - Frankie
Maths - Luca
Effort - Snezhina



Year 3

Year 3 has been busy this week, learning and creating. The children made volcanoes and dioramas, while learning about light in Science and money in Maths.



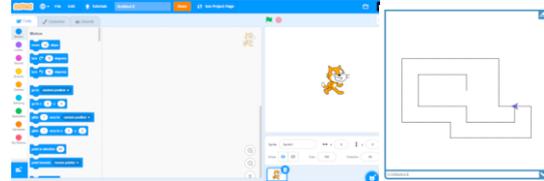
They also really enjoyed watching Winter Watch's live lesson on Thursday, and being inspired to keep their eyes open when they do their daily exercise. Well done on another busy week Year 3! Please keep engaging with Oxford Reading Buddy, TT Rock Stars and your music lessons on Charanga.

Year 4

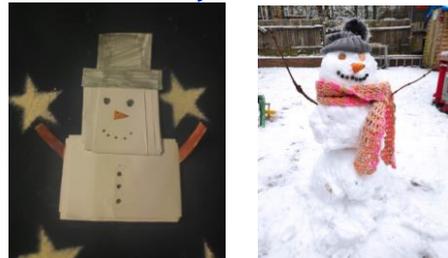
The Year 4 teachers have really enjoyed reading the final 'Robin's Journey' stories this week. The students used fantastic descriptive vocabulary to paint a picture in their reader's mind of their wintery setting. Year 4 have also been working hard this week learning formal written methods for multiplication and division. It helps to have quick recall of your times tables so we'd encourage all of Year 4 to continue practising their times tables on TT Rock Stars.

Year 5

Year 5 continue to work hard on their remote learning. It is great to see so many students at our daily Google Meets and showing kindness and respect by making positive comments on each other's work. Some children have used this time to work on their coding skills. Hamdi and Abdul-R in 5 Earth have shared different games that they have created.



The children enjoyed sharing their Snowy Sunday activities with our class in our Google Classroom on Monday.



Year 6

Whilst Year 6 continue to work extremely hard from home and keep producing excellent pieces of work, some children remain in school. These children are also working really hard and the teachers supporting them have been really impressed with their efforts. This week, Mr Baillie and Mr Abdullahi from Featherstone did some New Age Kurling, which the children really enjoyed. Alongside this, both have been provided PE @ Home activities on the Featherstone SSP YouTube channel.



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Reading Buddy

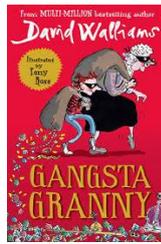
Some children in KS2 will be receiving calls next week to read their books on Google Meet to a member of staff. This will give children an opportunity to read aloud, discuss their reading and answer comprehension questions along the way. It will also allow for the children to make progress through their levels on Reading Buddy. We look forward to hearing all of the great reading and engage in the discussions.



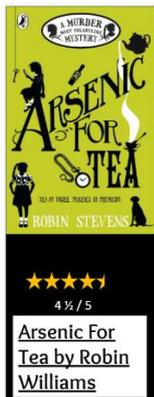
Reading Recommendations

Gangsta Granny by David Walliams- Ahmad (5 Earth)

"I enjoyed reading this book because it was amusing throughout the whole story. My favourite character was Ben, because he is such a cheeky boy. I recommend this book to all my classmates, because they will find it funny just like I did!"



Arsenic for Tea- Merle (Year 6)



Arsenic For Tea is a mix of mystery, adventure and murder. Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong are at Daisy's home, Fallingford House, and this case begins on 13th April, 1935. It is Daisy's 14th birthday soon, but when everyone is arriving, a strange man who Daisy has never seen before arrives...

I recommend this book to people you like mysteries and twists because this one is full of them. This is also like an adventure book and I couldn't put it down. There were always big surprises in the book and I found it extremely interesting.

by Merle

KS1 Reading Reading Clubs

This week, children in Y2 have been joining their class teachers for a reading club. The children read and answer texts chosen by the teacher and offer book recommendations. Zack in 2 Opal chose 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl and Diana read 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear. Next week, some children in Y1 and Y2 will be reading and sharing texts with a teacher or TA. Children will have a dedicated time to read their book on Google Meet. The children will read aloud, apply their phonics and answer comprehension questions. Parents and carers in Y2 will also note that we have added words to read and spell from SET Grey/Blue in order to challenge our Year 2 spellers! To help parents with reading, we have also posted a helpful booklet on Google Class pages to support you with hearing your child read. We hope you find it's useful. The teachers would also like to thank parents, carers and older siblings for supporting children with their reading!

Maths

It is wonderful to see students engaging on either TTRS or Numbots. Even just 5 minutes a day can make a really big difference to a student's progress. These classes have improved their engagement levels since last week: Turtle, Dolphin, Emerald, Jet, Maple, Earth and Mercury. The classes with the highest engagement this week are: EYFS - Turtle KS1 - Sapphire LKS2 - Maple UKS2 - Earth

We appreciate that during this time of remote learning, it can be difficult to fit all learning and some families may be looking to minimise any additional screen time. For that reason, I would like to recommend some books that have a maths element that you may wish to read with your child:

[365 Penguins](#) by Jean-Lu Fromental and Joelle Jolivet

[Just a Second](#) by Steven Jenkins

[How Many Legs](#) by Kes Gray and Jim Field

[A Remainder of One](#) by Elinor Pinczes

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Assembly

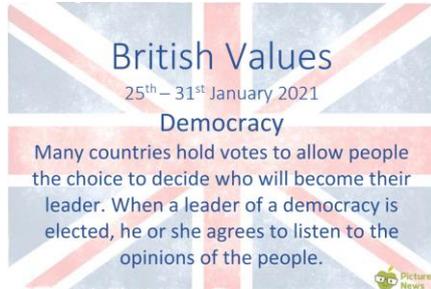
Story: Joe Biden has taken over from Donald Trump as 46th President of United States of America

Question: What makes a good leader?

VirtualAssembly:

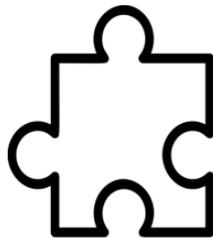
<https://vimeo.com/channels/picturenews>

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 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!)



National Handwriting Day

Handwriting Day was celebrated on Saturday 23rd January and to mark this event, we encouraged children to take part in some handwriting activities. Here are some excellent examples from Year 5 & 6:



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



Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and to promote this, we will have assemblies and activities linked to it and the theme of *Express Yourself*.

Below is a link to a website that gives tips (and free resources) to parents on how to support their children's well-being.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

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.



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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

15th-19th February



School is closed for half term to everyone; including children of key workers, vulnerable groups and nursery.

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