



Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 5th March 2021

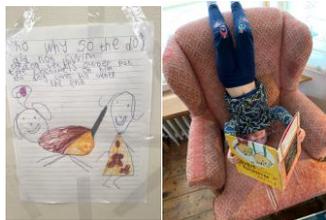
Message from Mrs Gardner

With just days to go before schools fully reopen, we hope you are as excited as we are to return. Although we are full of optimism for the future, we need to be cautious as schools reopen to everyone. We should all maintain the safety measures at school and within our community to reduce the spread of the virus. There are three and half weeks before we break up for Easter and we want to stay open to all children so please follow the government guidance strictly. If anyone in your household is unwell with Covid symptoms, then self-isolate and arrange for a Covid test.

Teachers have planned a range of activities for your children's return. School will focus on well-being whilst re-establishing routines and expectations. Teaching and learning will focus on key skills and knowledge and teachers will assess where children are at so next steps can be identified. Children will have lots of opportunities to learn outside and to exercise and interact with their peers who I am sure they have missed enormously. We have missed our community and are all looking forward to Monday.

Reception

In Reception, we have been celebrating book week. It has been fantastic to see all of the children so enthusiastic and eager to complete different reading challenges throughout the week. We have been writing and illustrating our own stories, making front covers, extreme reading and of course dressing up as our favourite book characters.



Year 1

This week, Year 1 have completed several different activities for book week. They have designed book tokens, decorated items at home to represent a character in a book and even dressed up themselves! They were all able to show off and discuss their costumes with each other during our weekly show and tell session.



Stars of the week



1Sapphire

English - Tamarah
Effort - Arham
Effort - Rose

1Ruby

English - Ridwan
Effort - Mahmoud
Effort - Gassim

Year 2

This week, the children have engaged in many book week activities. They were challenged to make book characters, props, reading dens and complete reading challenges. On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day by getting dressed up in our favourite costumes! We are all looking forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday and we'd like to thank parents and carers for their resilience and for supporting the children with online learning as we know many parents have been juggling many jobs during this time! Just to remind parents that the children have PE on Monday 8th so could the children please come dressed in their PE kits. Thank you.



2 Opal

English-Louis
Maths- Sam
Effort- Mckenzie

2 Emerald

English-Romilly
Maths-Hannah
Effort-Batool

2 Jet

English - Juno
Maths - Amber
Effort - Frankie



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Year 3

In Year 3, we have been creative and having fun with our Book Week activities. Take a look at some of the amazing creations and costumes we have made:



We are also very excited to be back in school next week; in fact, we dressed up in our school uniforms on Friday to help prepare ourselves!

Year 4

Year 4 have been taking advantage of the warm, sunny weather and getting outside for PE. We've been developing our running, jumping and throwing skills by improving precision and accuracy! We used lots of household objects, like cups and bowls, as targets for throwing, and boxes and water bottles, as obstacles to jump over and run around. It's been refreshing to get some fresh air and physical activity after so many weeks indoors. A friendly reminder to wear your PE kit and trainers to school on Monday for your PE lesson.



Year 5

This week, we are writing instruction texts on how to keep a pet dragon. They are not the easiest pet to train and need strict bedtime and feeding routines! But they can be adorable and loyal pets as these pictures show you.



As part of Book Week, we have created our own book characters.



Year 6

It was lovely to see the enthusiasm for reading this week and the engagement with our online reading activities. As children prepare to return to school next week, we would like to remind them to wear their PE kits to school on Monday. We want to say a huge well done to you all for the hard work you have put in over the last few weeks at home:



submitting work, registering, attending video calls and using Google Classroom so sensibly. We enjoyed seeing all the great work you submitted including some videos.

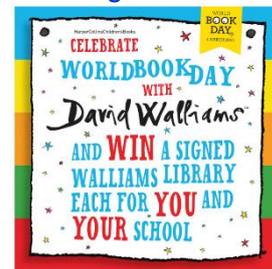
Reading Buddy

Please continue to encourage your child to log on to Reading Buddy and engage with the range of books and quizzes that they can complete at home. As we return to school, Reading Buddy will be set for homework and we would like to see children complete one book and quiz at least once a week.



Book Week

We hope you all had a great Book Week this week. Children enjoyed a range of activities including virtual events with various illustrators and authors including David Walliams.



WIN with David Walliams and celebrate World Book Day! Please click this link to find out more details and enter the competition: <https://tinyurl.com/39z724ch> or design a book token. Here are the details:



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<https://tinyurl.com/kujfsfa97> The closing date for this competition is FRIDAY 2nd April.

Well done to all the children who entered the Reading Challenge. We loved seeing all the challenges come in and the creative ideas you came up with.



Here is the winning entry for the KS1 reading challenge! It's Ethan Amphlet.

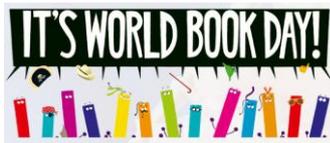


World Book Day

We really enjoyed seeing everyone dress up in their favourite book

characters. It was so lovely to see all the children make the effort from home and share their costumes with us online. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! We will be adding a range of pictures to our school website so please look out for these.

We'd like to thank the parents, carers and all other adults who have supported their children in the past months with reading. We hope that the children have benefited reading regularly with their teacher or TA. We certainly enjoyed hearing the children read and we hope that you all did too!



The children will be returning to school next week and we would like the children to return their reading books with their reading logs on **MONDAY**. Thereafter, the returned books will be kept in a separate box for 3 days until they have been 'quarantined'. Teachers will hand out new books on **FRIDAYS**. These books need to be returned after the weekend on Monday again.

Masked Reader Challenge

Can you identify our Masked Readers? Please click the link below to watch the videos and identify who our readers are...



<https://www.derwentwaterschool.com/highlights/world-book-day>

Clue: They all work at Derwentwater!

Maths

Teachers have been busy preparing for numeracy lessons for when students return to school. At Derwentwater, teachers will be using the Ready to Progress government guidance as well as the White Rose Hub Resources to prioritise the appropriate maths content for the remainder of the year.

Thank you to everyone that logged on to Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots this week. Ruby, Sapphire, Jet, Oak and Earth all improve on their engagement levels from last week. The classes with the highest engagement for the week are:

EYFS - Turtle, KS1 - Opal and Emerald, LKS2 - Oak, UKS2 - Neptune.

Assembly

Story: The Coca-Cola drinks company are testing a new paper bottle as part of a strategy to remove plastic from its packaging.

Question: Should we choose products based on their packaging?

Virtual Assembly:

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



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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



What is ADHD?

ADHD is a condition where you have lots of energy and have difficulty concentrating. You might also find it hard to control what you say and do. For example, you might speak without thinking first, or find that you do things on impulse.

Symptoms usually start very early in life, before the age of six. We don't know exactly what causes ADHD but experts think it might run in families, or it could be to do with the way the chemicals in your brain work. But you might start to experience ADHD-like symptoms if you've had a difficult experience.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/conditions/adhd-and-mental-health/>

If you think your child may have ADHD, then talk to your child's teacher, the SENCO or your GP.

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.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club costs £15 per week and £5 per day for ad hoc bookings. Please message the school to show your interest. Breakfast Club will start after the Easter break if there is enough interest to make it viable. We will keep parents informed over the coming weeks.

After School Club - Aktiva

Aktiva will reopen its provision from **Monday 8th March** when all children return. Further information was shared earlier in the week.

Nursery Admissions

The admissions form for nursery children to start in September is on the school website. Apply as soon as possible. For further information or to request a paper copy of the form then please contact the school office.

<https://www.derwentwaterschool.com/school-info/admissions>

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Date for your diary
Spring 2

Monday 8th March to
Wednesday 31st March



Easter Holiday

Thursday 1st April to Friday 16th April

Summer 1

Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May

Half Term

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Summer 2

Monday 7th June to Friday 23rd July

Online Safety

A request to parents to explain to children that they should not share logins and passwords with other people. We have had some inappropriate language being used on Google Classroom during assemblies. We are currently investigating the location of the people logging in. We are concerned that older siblings, an adult or another child has logged in using one of our children's account details. Please let school know if you have any information about this.

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