



Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 16th October 2020

Message from Mrs Gardner

We hope that the phone consultations were useful this week. School recognises the importance of working in partnership with parents to support children with their learning and well being. The child version of the school priorities was shared on the target sheets sent out last week. The detailed school development plan will be accessible on the website next week so you can see the measures we are putting in place to further improve the school and children's outcomes. Reading, Maths Mastery and well being are some of the school's priorities this year.



We are pleased that school remained open for another week and that learning continued. We appreciate how well the community is working together to prevent the spread of the virus. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Attendance and punctuality is excellent this term. The soft start has been a huge success. The school gates close at 9 o'clock so please arrive before this time. Soft start begins at 8.40.

Black History Month activities continue to inspire, enthuse and educate our pupils. It has been a pleasure to see displays, pupil work as well as hear from pupils about who they view as inspirational.

Year 1

This week, in Year 1 we have been thinking about exercise and the effects it has on our heart and lungs. We found out that exercise makes our hearts beat faster and our lungs work harder. We used a small machine that clipped onto a finger to measure our heartbeat. We found that the number of times our heart beats goes up when we exercise.



We found out that exercise is good for you.

Year 2

Well done to those of you that have begun to share your projects on Google classroom! It's been great to see a variety of different ideas. You can take a picture of your work or record a quick video and post it to your google classroom in the class stream. To do this, you click on the Share something with your Class tab in the middle of your screen. An "Add" button will be at the bottom of your post, clicking that will allow you to add what you would like.

Year 3

Year 3 has enjoyed learning all about babies and toddlers and how they grow in Science this week, with special guest 'appearances' from a real life baby and toddler (and their mums) to answer our questions.

Year 4

It has been great to have the opportunity to speak to so many of you this week. If we have missed each other, please feel free to email school and we will try to get back to you.

We would still like to see more of you accessing our online resources at home. All of the children have logged in at school so we are hoping to see a huge jump in their engagement at home. They really are fun and educational too.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Y4 will start their swimming lessons after half-term. A letter will be sent out with all the details next week.

Year 5

It has been lovely to talk to so many of you on the phone this week about your child's progress, targets and well being in school.

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In PSHE this week, we have been learning about The SS Empire Windrush, which carried some 500 settlers from Jamaica to Britain in 1948. We are also displaying some of the glorious Black History Month Hall of Fame posters you have created around the school.

SWIMMING LESSONS

As Y5 missed out on lessons last year, there is an opportunity to do them this year starting after half-term. A letter will be sent out with all the details next week.



Year 6

We have enjoyed speaking to you on the phone this week about your child and their learning this year so far. Year 6 has been learning all about Earth and Space this term. They have learnt all about the planets, the order of the planets, how they move and that we live in a Heliocentric Universe! Thank you to Nasser who created a rocket at home and shared it in school. Please upload any extra learning that you are doing at home to our Google Classroom account.



Reading Buddy

Students are encouraged to use Oxford Reading Buddy at home. We encourage you to support your child when they are logged into their account at home, however, please encourage your child to complete the quizzes independently. If you don't have an internet connection or a computer at home, it can be accessed from any mobile device.



Congratulations to **5Earth** for their excellent engagement in Reading Buddy this week.

Oxford Reading Books

Children have brought home their books to read at home and improve their comprehension. We encourage children to focus on their reading expression



and tone whilst reading. Well done to everyone who is returning their books in excellent condition on a weekly basis. These books must be returned weekly to the class teacher.

For children in KS1, Oxford Owl suggests a fun and easy phonics game to help your child practise blending CVC words (like mat, cap, and man). Find more phonics help here is the website:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/...>

In addition to this, you can watch Julia Donaldson, author of *The Gruffalo*, read stories from her *Read with Oxford* Songbirds collections. Take ten minutes out and let their professional storytellers take you on an adventure with **Biff, Chip & Kipper** on the same website.

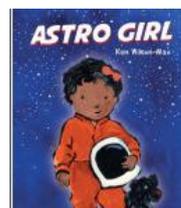
Ms Papior's book recommendation: *Lubna and the pebble* by Wendy Meddour.

In an unforgettable story that subtly addresses the refugee crisis, a young girl must decide if friendship means giving up the one item that gives her comfort during a time of utter uncertainty.



Mrs. Kirby's book recommendation: *Astro Girl*

The stars are the limit for a little girl who acts out her wish to be an astronaut- inspired by a very special person. Astrid has loved the stars and space for as long as she can remember. "I want to be an astronaut!" she says to everyone who will listen.



Maths

There were lots of students working hard on Times Tables Rockstars this week. The classes with the highest engagement levels this week were:

KS1 - Jet, LKS2 - Oak, UKS2 - Saturn.



After trialling during lockdown, Derwentwater have purchased an online subscription to Numbots



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for the younger learners in the school. The focus of Numbots is to improve adding and subtraction skills. Both Ruby and Sapphire class had 100% engagement on Numbots this week! If you need your child's log in details, please email parentcomms to ask the class teacher.

<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/19723>

Assembly

Story: Sir David Attenborough has praised the young and declared he believes the responsibility of the protection of our world lies in their hands.

Question: Is it the responsibility of the young to protect the planet?

Assembly:

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

This week's British Value



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.

Every Tuesday, Helen will offer a lunchtime drop-in for children who want to talk about any feelings or worries they may be struggling with. This is a safe, confidential space where children can feel listened to, in order to feel better or to better understand their emotions. When visiting the Space, children will be asked

to wash/sanitise their hands beforehand and Helen will be wearing a visor.

Inclusion

Key Messages

- Talk to your child in your most fluent language(s)
- Learning more than one language has lots of advantages
- Enjoy your language; it is important for your social and cultural identity
- Mixing words from different languages is not unusual in bilingual language learners



Advice for Parents

- Try to let your child have times when he/she can play with other children who speak your language.
- Don't be frightened to use your language in public
- Make sure your child knows the different names of languages he/she speaks
- If your child prefers to use English words, you can still respond and repeat back what they have said in your own language

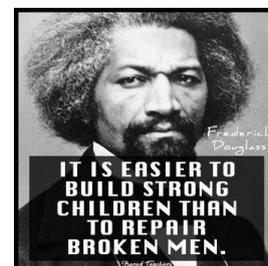
SAFEGUARDING:

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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Year 1



This week we found out about Ruby Bridges. She is most remembered for what she did when she was six years old. We learnt that Ruby had passed a very difficult test to allow her to go to a school that was only for white children. Many people were angry at Ruby and did not want her to go to that school. But Ruby did go and was taught by a very kind teacher called Mrs Henry. When Ruby was older she wrote a book about her experiences of school and she still visits schools to talk to children. We discussed how we would welcome Ruby if she had come to our school because, at Derwentwater, we are a school that welcomes everyone.

Year 2

October is Black History month and so far we have learned about Harriet Tubman and Astronaut Mae C. Jemison and discussed why it is important to treat people equally and what impact they had on equality for people around the world.

Year 3

Year 3 continues to learn about black women in history and leadership and how they have changed the world.

Year 4

This week we looked at an amazing sportsman called Derek Anthony Redmond. A great example of resilience and the mind set of never giving up. Watching his appearance at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona was mesmerizing to us all.

Year 5 & 6

Well done to all the children in Year 5 & 6 who have created excellent projects on people who they feel have made an impact on the world. Children have worked hard creating amazing projects with great artwork and facts about Black History Month, Rosa Parks, Mary Seacole and many more.



Black history month is on Thursday, 1st October and it ends on Saturday, 31st October. It is a thing because black people get treated differently and get treated with respect. They also celebrate black history month by going on a flight to see their family.



Also, they have a barbecue with their family. Some countries have holidays but England does not have a holiday. The guy that made black history month his name is Woodson.

And all black people should get treated the same as white people because everybody is the same.

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