



Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 18th September 2020

Message from Mrs Gardner

School welcomed more of our reception and nursery children this week and it was wonderful to see the children settle in so well and engage in learning both indoors and outdoors. We hope that the new families have sensed the inclusive and welcoming ethos at our school even with Covid measures in place.

We are continuing in our efforts to improve communication. On the 'School Info' tab on the website, you will see the heading 'School Organisation'; here you will find key information, including assistant head teacher for your phase, PE days and homework.

<https://derwentwater.fluencycms.co.uk/School-Organisation>

Please see a separate email, sent on Thursday, explaining important Covid updates. A reminder that the school's updated Risk Assessment is also on the school website under the tab 'Returning to School'.

It was a pleasure to welcome the artist Joel Artista to our school this week who worked with 20 pupils from Year 5. Their creative ideas and art will contribute to the creation of a mural on the Newburgh Road entrance wall. We are looking forward to seeing Joel again next week and how the artwork will develop and become part of our school building.

Google Classroom

Please note that Google Classroom is now back after the summer holidays. Children have been moved into their new classrooms.



Usernames and passwords have been given to children in case they have forgotten them. They should be stuck inside the front cover of their reading records.

This is where you will find work if your child is needing to isolate.

<http://www.derwentwaterschool.com/Google-Classroom>

Year 1

This week in Science we have been identifying different parts on the body and what we use them for. As part of our Outdoor Learning we drew round our partner and labelled the body parts! Some of the markings are still on the playground floor. See if you can spot yours!



This term we will be working hard to continue to build up our outdoor learning area. We are asking for donations of old wellies we can use to plant flowers. If you have any that could be of use, please drop them off to either Year 1 class.

Year 2



Firefighters in action! This week Year 2 continued their learning of the Great Fire of London by role-playing the chaotic scene.

Many of us are doing a great job of using our reading records. Please make sure you try and listen to your child read every night and sign their record.

We have had a few missing jumpers and cardigans this week. Just a gentle reminder to

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put your child's name on the tag of their clothing so it is easier to return lost clothing.

Year 3

This week Year 3 has been learning how to write letters and all about the character Flat Stanley. It's been great to see so many signed Reading Records every day- don't forget to be reading and practicing your times tables every day!

Year 4

Thank you for the great response to our Reading Records. It's great to see so many of our classes reading at home and to an adult. We love to see your comments. This week we have been focusing on our science curriculum. We have learnt some new vocabulary when labelling our plants and discussed ways of planning an investigation to show what they need to grow. We are looking forward to our new global garden so we can practically apply our knowledge with our green fingers.

Year 5

Earth and Neptune have started their learning in science about sound; how sound is made, how it travels and noise pollution.

In PSHE we have been focussing on kindness and how to give meaningful compliments "to brighten someone's day". We made Kindness Stones to put in the Global Garden.

We have sent home Reading Records. Please ensure your children are reading every day.



Year 6

Mercury and Saturn have had a great week and children are settling into their new routines very well. We have started our science unit on space where we discussed two key questions:



What are the arguments for a flat earth and what are the arguments for a spherical earth?
Children enjoyed

reading the different shapes of the earth evidence cards and exploring this concept. We would like to remind children that they can wear their PE kit to school on their PE day.

Reading Buddy

Children can now login to their online account using their username and password to Reading Buddy. Their logins are glued inside their yellow reading logs. Children's levels may be changed over the next few days to ensure the level set is at the correct age expectation. Please encourage your child to complete all the quizzes online to improve their reading comprehension. If you have any queries on this please email parentcomms. Please note that your child's login details may have changed from last year.



Reading Books

Reminder: Please return all books from the previous school year to the class teachers. Thank you to the children who have already returned their books in excellent condition.

Reading

Book quote of the week

This week's book quote comes from a Year 3 text called Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown.

"People should think twice before making rude remarks," said Mrs Lambchop. "And not make them at all."

KS1 Phonics

Oxford Owl (home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading) have a helpful homepage for parents and carers where you can find lots of free Read Write Inc resources to help your child continue learning, including eBooks, practice sheets, Ditty sheets, slideshows and parent films. All these activities will help you to support your child with their phonics.

Prepare for Poetry Day!

National Poetry Day causes an explosion of activity nationwide. Events take place across the country -in schools, libraries, bookshops and hospitals, on buses, trains and boats - all celebrating poetry's power to bring people together. This year's theme is: vision

Please log onto the website and expose your child to a range of poetry. This will help build their confidence when it comes to poetry day and perhaps your child would like to enter the competition?

Website:



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<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/>

Events that will take place on Poetry Day will include:

- Poetry competition: write a poem with the theme 'Vision'. Children will bring their poem to school and share with their teacher.
- Share a poem with your class
- Complete some activities on the National Poetry Day website

Assembly

Story: A homeless charity is campaigning for rules to be changed so that empty offices can be changed to shelters for those without homes over winter.

Question: How can we help those without a home?

Virtual Assembly: picture-news.co.uk/discuss

This week's British Value



Counselling support

If you feel that you or your child need any support during these difficult times and particularly now the school has had to shut, please do get in touch with me.

Please contact me on the following:

email: hthorp4.307@lgflmail.org

phone: 07429 654584

Helen Thorp Schools Counselling Manager



Inclusion

WHAT IS THE LOCAL OFFER?

The name 'Local Offer' is used to describe all the services and provisions available to children, young people and families 'locally' who are living with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

The Local Offer website is a resource to help you understand what is available and how to access services and support.

<https://tinyurl.com/y4f6rnjj>

You can also access it via Inclusion on Google Classroom.

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.



The Felix Project

The Felix Project is back!

Every Tuesday at 3.15pm a limited number of food bags will be available to parents at the main school gate. The



Felix Project collects good quality surplus food from supermarkets and delivers it to schools for free distribution to parents. The Felix Project's mission is to cut food waste and also to help parents with their shopping bills! Please feel free to come and take a bag every Tuesday.

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