



## January Newsletter 2021

### Early Years and Key Stage 1

### News

A huge thank you to all the staff, children and parents for the huge amount of effort and commitment to remote learning this half term. On average over 92% of the children are engaged on a regular basis on Seesaw and joining the Teams sessions during the day.

I know it is not easy and it has been a very difficult time for everyone. All we ever ask is that you just do your best at home and if you're having a bad day, please do not worry. We are all here to support and help you so please pick up the phone at any time if you need any advice or help or contact your child's class teacher via Dojo. If you need to go out for a walk, go out for a walk, or bake a cake or play a game! Please do not put yourself under any pressure to complete all the work your child has been set if it is not possible. We will understand.

I really do miss all the children and I love seeing their photos and videos on Seesaw - every one of them makes me smile. The most important thing at the moment is to continue to take care of each other, keep safe and please keep smiling. Mrs Clayton

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AW8Shhue66U>

### EYFS

This January, we have been so delighted with how our youngest children have adapted to online learning. Our topic is currently traditional and fairy tales. It has been fantastic to see so many children joining us for live lessons every day. Highlights have been making gingerbread men, planting seeds and some exciting creative projects. It has been great to see such enthusiastic learning going on at home. Thank you to all our families for all your hard work and dedication.

Alice would like to make parents aware of a package that has been put together by BT in conjunction with the Department of Work and Pensions.

They have created a low-cost basic telephone package for people on specific means-tested benefits.

If you feel you would benefit from this, please click on the link below.

The link to the offer is:

<https://www.bt.com/help/landline/getting-set-up/help-people-with-impairments-or-with-particular-needs/how-do-i-find-out-more-about-bt-basic->

### Year 2

In Year 2 the children have fully embraced the challenges of home learning. We have all really enjoyed our daily meetings and seeing each other. Our topic has been The Great Fire of London and we have found out lots about the events. We have also been using The Great Fire in our English work, we have been reading lots of stories, and a real highlight has been 'virtually' meeting an author who has written all about The Great Fire. Year 2 asked lots of intelligent questions and some of the class

have definitely been inspired to become authors themselves. In Maths we have been learning about fractions, we have learned all about a  $\frac{1}{2}$ , a  $\frac{1}{3}$  and a  $\frac{1}{4}$ . In Science we have been started a new topic; 'Animals including Humans' and we will be learning lots about how animals survive and grow.

### Year 1

All the children in Year 1 have made a tremendous effort with their learning and I am so very proud of each and every one of them!

This term has marked the start of our music sessions with Ms Jones from the music service and our virtual music sessions have been amazing and together, we are creating our own version of 'London's Burning' as part of our topic of 'The Great Fire of London'.

We also welcomed popular children's author Kate Cunningham (writer of 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London') into our virtual classroom. She gave us amazing top tips for writing, editing, and improving our work.

The children have adapted extremely well to our remote learning and continue to make me proud every day.

## Year 3

The start of this month has been quite challenging as we went into lockdown yet again! However, we have completed some amazing work and enjoyed meeting each day over Teams. As we looked at the book 'Vlad and the First World War' last half term, we were invited to meet the author (Kate Cunningham) virtually. The children really enjoyed this and asked lots of interesting questions about the book and why she became an author.

This half term we are continuing our war theme and looking at WW2. We have looked at evacuation, rationing and the Blitz. Our art and DT will follow this theme either making an Anderson shelter or a Woolton pie (which also links into our science topic about eating a healthy balanced meal). In maths we have looked at fractions and are now looking at money. In writing we have started our new adventure book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' which the children are really enjoying.

## Year 4

I just want to say a massive well done to all the children in year 4, they have completed some amazing work and they are working really hard with all of their home learning.

In year 4, we have been learning about World War 2 and the children have been learning about rationing and what food was available in the 1940s. Over the next few weeks, they will be designing and creating their own pie inspired by the Woolton Pie- I can't wait to see them!

The children have found our RE unit very interesting as we are looking at Sikhism and the children have learned lots of facts about the religion. This week they have created some fantastic storyboards of the story of Guru Nanak and have shown their creative sides with brilliant pictures and sculpture work.

## Year 5

After our one and only day in school, for most year 5 children, we have made a great start to home learning. I want to say a big thank you to everyone who is working so hard - I am very proud of you! In English, we have continued our work linked to the novel 'Boy in The Tower'. The children have been reading a chapter a day and predicting where the story is leading.

In maths, we have persevered well with long multiplication and I am so proud how many children have cracked these tricky calculations - well done and keep up the hard work.

We have been working on our DT project looking at the history of Woolton with the aim to create our own version. It has been lovely to see so many children completing the task at home as well as in school.

In Science we are continuing our topic of Space and Earth and the children have been creating some fantastic models to explain how the Earth orbits the sun and to explain the planets in the solar system.

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### Key Stage 2 News



## YEAR 6

It has been a great start to our remote learning in Year 6. We have started our new topic of World War 2 by learning about the Treaty of Versailles and what impact that had on Germany. We have been looking at where evacuees would have been sent in the UK during Operation Pied Piper and looked at the countries involved in the conflict. Together we have listened to some 1940's music including Run Rabbit, Run Rabbit and White Cliffs of Dover. During the week, we are reading our class novel Good Night Mr Tom, which we are enjoying together during our Teams meetings.

We have had some excellent aerobic work outs using Go Noodle and had some great fun out in the snow earlier in the month.