

Newsletter Friday 12th February 2021



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Please keep the school informed if your child tests positive for Covid 19, ***even if they are not attending school***, thank you.



Communication Team News

This week, the sign of the week is BIN. Please follow the link to watch the video.



<https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Sign+of+the+Week&pid=333>

If your child has been in school this week you must inform school immediately if they develop COVID symptoms on ***Saturday 13th, Sunday 14th or Monday 15th February.*** You must get them tested and please let me know the results of the test on head@wfs.worcs.sch.uk I will then take the necessary measures of informing people that will need to self-isolate and Public Health. Let's hope that this doesn't happen and everyone can enjoy half term, as best we can, in a lockdown.



We are setting up a 'toy based' room where pupils can go to access some play based low level therapy activities for those pupils that need this. We would really appreciate it if anyone has any real world toys that could be donated to this space. They can be anything from lego to barbies, superheroes to toy farms, basically anything that can engage our young people with an adult and peers...Anything you bring in will be appreciated and obviously will need to be quarantined before being stored ready to be used. Please let Brian know by email if you have anything to donate and we can then sort a safe collection/handover

Ready Steady Worcestershire

Ready Steady Worcestershire provides information about food, activities and support available to families during the school holidays.

We recognise some families find it difficult to feed their children during the school holidays. By clicking the interactive map link, you can find organisations in your local area that can provide families with either food items to cook a meal at home or prepared meals for children during the school holiday period.

We also recognise that when children do not have the structure and routine provided by being in school, keeping children active and entertained can prove difficult. The interactive map shows activities taking place in local communities during the school holidays. The webpage also contains lots of activity ideas which can be done at home, particularly useful if the family is self-isolating.

School holidays can be a demanding time for parents financially, as well as in terms of managing household stress, relationships and mental wellbeing. Included on the website there are lots of help, ideas and support available for families to make the most of the extra time together and to ensure children are ready to go back to school.

For more information visit: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/readysteadyworcs



Here2Help

A reminder that Here2Help is here for families self-isolating and unable to get

support from friends, family or neighbours. We are recommending that in the event of families needing to self-isolate that settings and schools provide these contact details for any additional support a family may benefit from.

On the Here2Help website families can find resources to help with staying at home during Coronavirus as well as an online form they can fill out to request the support they need. If the family does not have internet access, they can call 01905 768053 which is open Monday to Thursday, 9am-5pm and Friday 9am-4.30pm.

Here2Help will signpost callers to up to date advice and arrange volunteer support where required to help those who are unable to leave their homes as a result of needing to self-isolate.

The types of support available include:

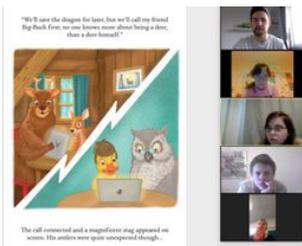
- Collecting and delivering food and supplies
- Arranging emergency food support
- Help collecting prescriptions
- Help with other commitments such as pet needs
- Support for those who are feeling isolated
- Advice around money, benefits and debt

For more information visit: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help

Safer Internet Day 2021 - Tuesday 9th February 2021

On Tuesday and throughout the week, pupils around the school and at home have been learning about online safety. Many Zoom's and assemblies were held celebrating internet safety with pupils also completing a range of tasks. Pupils also read Detective Digiduck and Smartie the Penguin! The theme this year was "Together for a better internet" with a focus on reliability. Even for adults, sometimes it is very hard to figure out what information is true and what is false, especially about COVID. Therefore, teaching pupils about reliable websites, checking facts, and seeking adult support is very important when growing up with technology. Check out some of the photos below!

CHERRY Class held an assembly and had to decide which facts were true or false!



9H found information online and compared results with a lot of different answers. They also read Detective Digiduck which taught them about checking information.

ASH Class held an assembly and decided which facts were true or false.



In **Bubble 1**, pupils made their own digital footprint and added symbols of how they access the internet and what devices they use

In **Bubble 6**, pupils decided what could be shared privately or public. They also created some fantastic posters full of tips for staying safe online.



In **13K** and the **Sixth Form Bubble**, Mr Hallington and Mr Mayall acted out an assembly and pupils enjoyed picking out fake news!

In **HAZEL** Class, Maddi made a SMART poster to help her to know when the websites she was on had true facts or not.

Will created a table of internet safe and not safe involving things it would be good to say and things that would not.



Please read the letter at the end of the newsletter as to why online safety is so important.

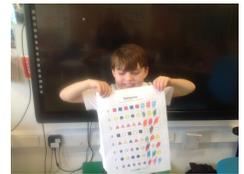
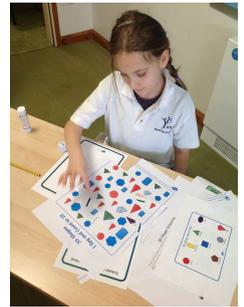
BEECH Class

BEECH Class have been busy both at home and at school this week, from splashing in puddles to counting to three! We hope you have a lovely well deserved half term next week, you sure have worked hard!



Bubble 4

Bubble 4 have had another good week working hard. They have made some Greek crowns in art, they have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes in maths. In phonics they have been able to identify stretchy and bouncy sounds, also in English they have been looking at capital letters.



CHERRY Class

Last week CHERRY Class had a Pupil Pampers Day as part of wellbeing week. The children chose from a Happy Hamper, the things that they wanted to do to make them feel good and we all met up for a zoom yoga session. Everyone joined in and even mastered the telephone pose!



12S

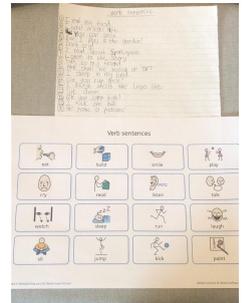
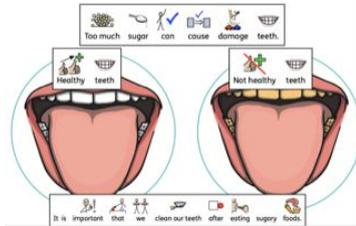
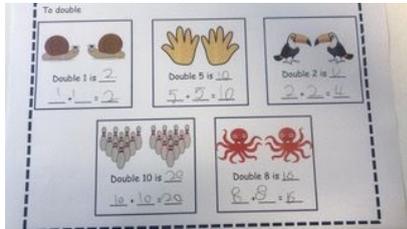
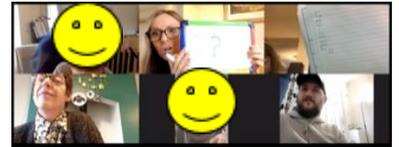
Stevie has been doing work experience in school this week. Stevie has fulfilled the role of Admin by making Bingo games for her fellow 6th Formers to play. Stevie carefully cut out game cards and boards, laminated them, cut these out again, and created a marvellous resource, which is proving very popular!



ASH

ASH class have been doing lots of hard work recently. Our English Zooms have focussed on verbs, question words & when to use a question mark. Our RWInc sounds were 'ai & ay'.

During our maths Zooms we've new maths skills relating to early division and used objects and sweets to practise sharing into equal groups. Our science focus this half term is the human body. This week we focussed on our teeth. The children learnt all about milk & adult teeth and labelled teeth using science words.



The children also made cards to celebrate Nick's birthday! We all sang 'Happy Birthday' whilst Rowan played the piano.

Finally, everyone had a great 'end of term' Zoom and played games, shared jokes & enjoyed each other's company! Ash class have worked really hard this term and should be very proud of themselves!



13K

The desert island



Close your eyes, be very still and imagine you're on a desert island. You can see the palm trees swinging left and right. There is no one on the desert island but only you. You are calm and relaxed, you can hear the lovely blue water. You decide to jump in and have a swim in it. When you look with your eyes, you can see birds flying across the sky. You decide that you want to live on it for the rest of your life. It is very hot and the sun is shining and glowing on your skin. There is no rain on your desert island. After you no longer on the desert island. I am still, I am still. When you are ready, wiggle your fingers and toes. Have a big stretch and open your eyes.

13K have been asked to either create a relaxing piece of music or write a meditation as part of Children's Mental Health Week. Chloe wrote this wonderful desert island meditation. We're going to read it out at our next Yoga and Meditation session on Zoom!

They've also made cakes to eat at our Virtual Café on Fridays. They looked amazing. It's good to know they are still continuing with their Independent Living Skills. They were all off to carry out Fridge checks in their home as part of a Hospitality task.



WOODLANDS

In school, and at home, Woodlands pupils have been working hard. Dalcie and Owen have been sharing toys and attention together, and Cristiano has been practicing using his communication skills to identify different verbs. Riley has been looking at 'Time'



Woodlands sensory Zoom session: under the sea theme - lots of lovely smiling and watching our friends. Everyone loved moving to the music, especially to 'Under the Sea' from The Little Mermaid.



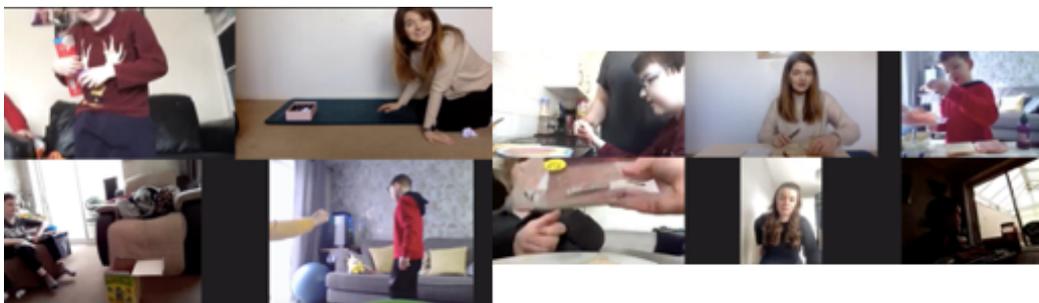
MAPLE Class

Maple class have been very busy expressing themselves and doing what makes them happy as part of their work for Mental health week. Here is just a selection of some of the lovely things we made. From cakes to puppets, and cars to zebras we are all different, we all like different things and we know that that is Fantastic!



BIRCH Class

BIRCH Class have been very busy on zoom again! We had a great time practising counting and adding 2 numbers together using objects in our home, we also practised spelling words in a phonics game too! We then played a target game in PE where Callum, Kyle and Riley were superstars at aiming! They were a bit too good and beat Emily! As all that PE was hungry work, we made a sandwich together, practicing following instructions and making choices for which fillings we liked best! Great work Birch class!



ACORNS Reception & Bubble 1

This week's book is 'The Blue Balloon'. The children at school used balloons to create some pictures. In Forest school they went on a bug hunt and looked at the different colours and animals. We also enjoyed having some relaxing time in the foot spa!



YEW Class

YEW Class have been celebrating Chinese new year with dragon themed maths, making lanterns and fun with playdough fortune cookies.

Harry and his sister joined in with the activities at home making their own party poppers too!

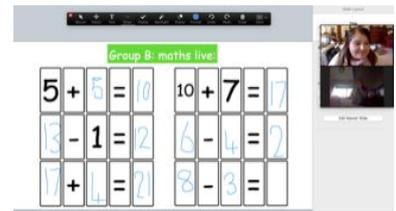
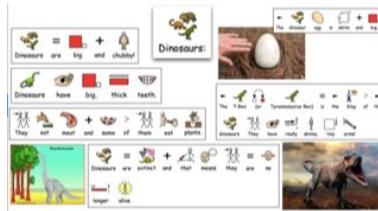


HAZEL Class

Josh is always working really hard! He has been attending Zooms with Natalie completing his home learning tasks, including multiplication number challenges and creating his own magazine article and front cover! He named his magazine Numberland and it is all about the number blocks. He found the pictures himself and these are all of his own ideas. Well done Josh!

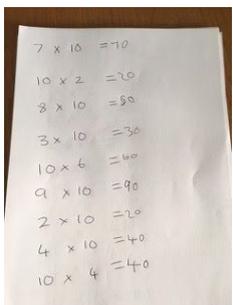
Kayla Marie attended her weekly 1:1 Zoom session and as well as doing some phonics and maths games together, she also created a magazine article all about Dinosaurs! Kayla thought of some fantastic sentences and chose the pictures together from Google Images. Lovely work Kayla!

Riley made a volcano this week! He used a special science kit and created a tutorial video with help from Mummy like a true scientist! That's very clever Riley, well done you.



Class 8C

In Class 8C as part of our home learning we are making an effort to have a 'Screen Free afternoon' every other week. This week Tate chose to create a journey stick from the suggestions given. You get a stick and wrap tape (sticky side up) and then on your walk or in your garden you collect things that interest you, to then create your journey stick!



Taylor has been focusing on his times tables this week and he has worked really hard on his maths questions! He was also set the challenge to create some fantastic sentences using this tent image - which he did!



I woke up feeling really tired then I remembered I'm in a tent, a fabulous tent I can see it's early morning and I can smell the fresh sea air from the beach just down the road I can hear seagulls and birds singing I can hear the waves and it makes me want to get up and explore

OAK & PINE

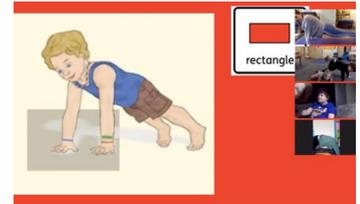
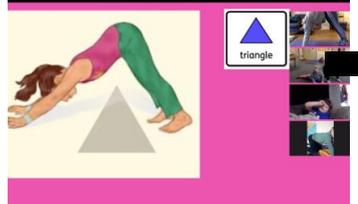
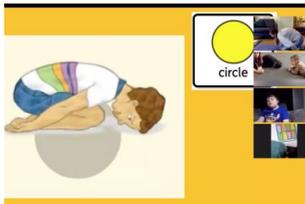
Children in OAK & PINE have been joining in Zoom Yoga Shape lessons from school and at home!

Charley's phonics group are working really hard to remember the picture cards, and to master their skills in using 'my turn your turn' to make a story. We have also been practising our 'Fred Talk' (oral blending).

Charley's final yoga session - we made shapes with our bodies, and practised weather movements.

OAK & PINE Have finished this half term to end their topic on Weather with a Beach Party Zoom!

The children were invited to turn up the heating, dress up in their beachwear, eat ice lollies and join us on the 'beach' for games and songs.



9 pupils from **12S** have passed their Arts Award Explore qualification!
Pupils took part in various activities to gain their award, meeting local arts organisations, contacting local arts, creating and performing two dances and sharing what they had learnt with others. We are so proud of them!!!



Learning with Wyre Forest School

Lots of different types of learning going on again this week with all of our pupils, both in school and at home!



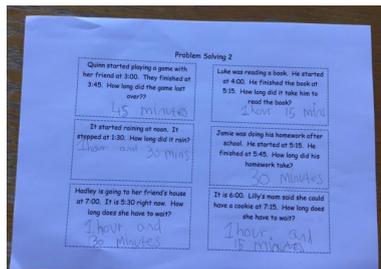
ELM Class had a Friendship Friday Zoom!



Splashing in muddy puddles and making snowy foot prints!



Mia has made the funkiest fish in town!



Cookery with Wyre Forest Pupils!

It's been a chocolate type of week this week (some with fruit – just to balance it out!), chocolate dipping sauce, chocolate truffles and sixth formers have been making jelly! During half term, it will be pancake day, so we've attached a pancake recipe if you would like to try it! Jo Jo from ACORNS Reception has already had a go making them and they were a great success!



This week, some of the Hazel children have been busy in the kitchen! Maddi has made yummy pizza with mummy and Ethan made edible jelly bubbles to go on top of his homemade cupcakes, combining science with cookery!



Are you online



Why online safety matters...

Children access the internet in more ways than ever before. Therefore it is important to give children the opportunity to learn about online safety from an early age. At Wyre Forest School, we support all our pupils to develop the knowledge and understanding to practise online safety. This is both embedded within our daily curriculum and specific skills are taught explicitly to respond to need and developmental understanding.

The internet is a fantastic tool for children to connect to friends, learn and play, unfortunately it also can contain many threats and challenges. These threats could be anything from illegal content, cyberbullying, grooming, stealing of personal information and much more.

We as parents and school staff have a duty to protect our children, as we should never underestimate the seriousness of threats online. Risks will always be present but teaching young people how to manage harmful situations will ensure they benefit from their time online.

Tips for parents and carers

- Disable “in app” purchases on app stores or in games
- Only download games and apps that are age appropriate and you have checked first
- Use screen time for apple devices or google family link for android devices to set up controls
- Set screen time to limit the amount of time spent online
- No phones/tablets/games before bedtime
- Set time limits and parental controls on your Wi-Fi
- Enable children to feel safe to report online dangers
- Read about any social media that children use such as facebook, Instagram, snapchat, and tiktok

Useful websites

<https://parentzone.org.uk>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.childnet.com>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

If you would like any further support or resources, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher.