



**Weekly Newsletter:
26th February 2021**

School-wide News

A warm welcome to Term 4 – we hope you had a lovely half term and enjoyed some time away from the computer screens. Spring is finally in the air and we are really excited about the changes that the new term is set to bring.

School reopening to all pupils

We are looking forward to welcoming you back on Monday 8th March. We are reviewing daily procedures and risk assessments ensuring they are in line with current guidance and will send out further communication around the routines and expectations early next week.

Staffing changes

We have welcomed Miss Mohammad into our year 3 bubble and when the children come back to school she will take over the on-site teaching from Miss Thomas working with the Hedgehog class. Miss Thomas will continue to work remotely supporting the children through organised interventions. Miss Loughran will also not return to site for face-to-face teaching; she will continue to work remotely with identified children across the school.

Mr Suanes will take over and teach the Puffin class until the end of Term 6. He has worked with the children on a weekly basis and has a great knowledge of each individual and their learning needs. He is a qualified teacher and is extremely excited and enthusiastic to be taking on this role. We know the children will make progress through his supportive and nurturing teaching style. Mrs Fossard will continue to support the children through a number of remote interventions. She will also continue to meet with the Year 6 team on a weekly basis to discuss the children and plan for their needs.

We would like to thank Miss Thomas, Miss Loughran and Mrs Fossard for their continued hard work and wish them all safe arrivals in the future!

Reading books

We are requesting that all school reading books are brought in to be put back into circulation, so please have a good hunt around at home and send in any that you find. Teachers will be setting children up with new reading books over the first week back – it would be really helpful if you could update your child's reading record with a summary of what they have read during the latest lockdown (school books and others) and how they have got on with their reading. Many thanks.

PE challenge

Apologies from Mr Goddard that there has not been a new challenge this week; he is working on a new challenge that will be posted to Google Classrooms next week.

Grant

We have been awarded a grant to assist low-income households, especially to support the costs associated with food, energy (heating, cooking, lighting), water bills (including sewerage) and other essentials, as well as any particular store voucher that may be helpful.

We understand covid has made this a very difficult time for many families. If you feel you may qualify for this grant, please email southville.p@bristol-schools.uk

World Book Day

We are very excited to be celebrating **World Book Day** next week, on **Thursday 4th March!** Though it may look a little different this year, there are so many things to help us celebrate our love for books.

We shall be inviting all children (and adults!) to either dress up as a favourite story book character or to get comfy and spend the day in a onesie or favourite pair of pyjamas. Children will enjoy some book related activities with their teacher and can take part in our whole school extreme lockdown reading challenge (see more information below). We can't wait to see your entries!

Your **World Book Day token** is attached; this can be used to buy one of the specially chosen £1 books, or put towards another purchase. Follow the link below to find out more about the wonderful £1 books that will be available to buy, as well as a chance to meet illustrators and authors in the [Author & Illustrator Academy](#). There you can find videos with lots of exciting challenges and activities to make reading even more fun and interactive.

[World Book Day 2021 Announcements - World Book Day](#)

Extreme Lockdown Reading challenge:

We would love to see you take your reading to the extreme, by photographing yourself reading in the strangest and most inventive place or position you can think of! It does of course need to be done safely, so ask an adult for help and as it's a lockdown challenge, it needs to take place in your house or garden. We would like to use the photos in our next newsletter so please make sure it's a photo that you're happy for us to share. Your teacher will set an assignment with all the details next week but here are some ideas to get you inspired!



Resources

Drama Challenge

Each week, Mrs. Thwaites is suggesting a fun, optional drama challenge for you to enjoy with your family. This week's challenge is all about hot seating linked to World Book Day. All the details can be found on the Google Classroom assignment. Don't forget to share your video with your teacher on Google Classroom!

Times Tables Rock Stars!

We've seen an increase in the number of logins during the week – well done those of you who have improved your speed and accuracy. We will provide an updated leader board in the coming weeks to

allow those of you who are putting in the extra effort to catch up. Also, it is having a positive impact on Southville Primary School's standing in the school leader board so thank you and keep logging on!

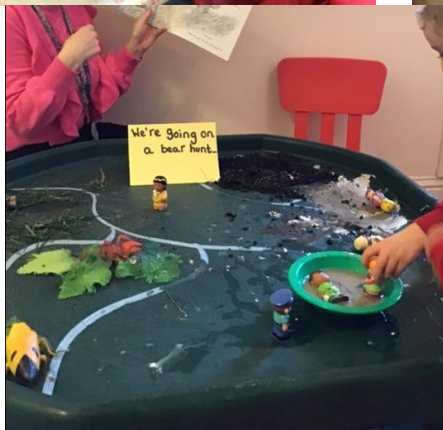
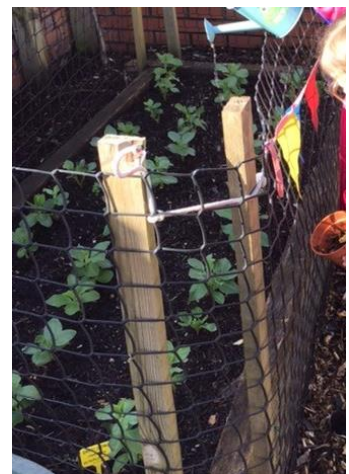
Webinar: Keeping children safe online during COVID-19

Please see the attached flyer for the link to sign up for this free webinar from Digital Awareness UK. It is most relevant for parents of older children, so we recommend having a look if you have a child in year 5 or 6.

Gallery

Here are some of the wonderful things that our children have done this week.

Preschool – Painting our own gingerbread men and gardening, plus Going on a Bear Hunt story telling and sensory fun. Squelch!



Reception - This week we have been brilliant dinosaur hunters and begun our new topic 'Dinosaur Discovery'. We have learnt about Mary Anning and we have designed and made our own fossils.



Year 1 – This week we started our new topic 'Life Below Water'. The children have created their own aquarium dioramas, researched their favourite sea creatures and become wildlife presenters to teach their classes all about their favourite sea creatures – we also had an inspiring message from Andy Day!



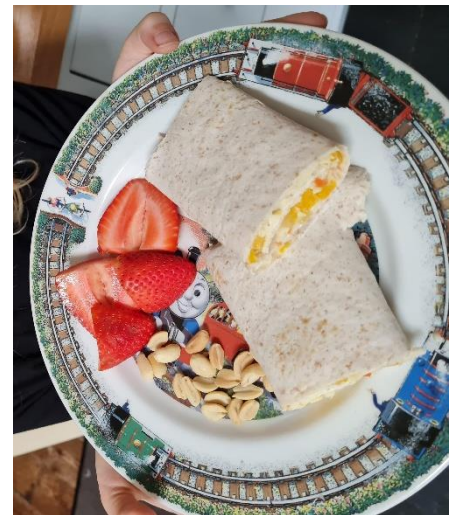


Year 2 – This week we have started our ‘Amazon Adventures’ topic. We have been busy learning about the rainforest, as well as creating 2D/3D rainforests and artwork.

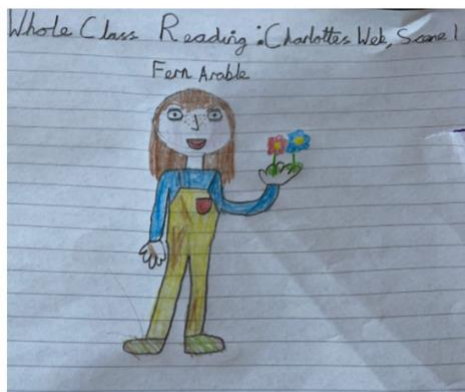




Year 3 – Our Heathy Balanced Lunches:

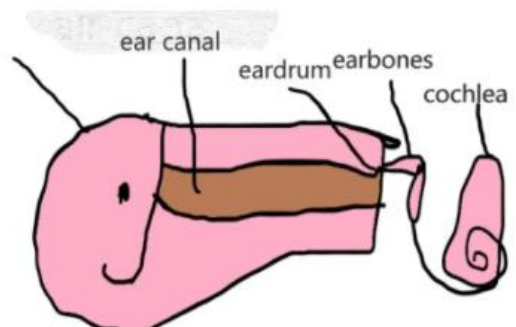


Year 4 - Charlotte's Web and the ear

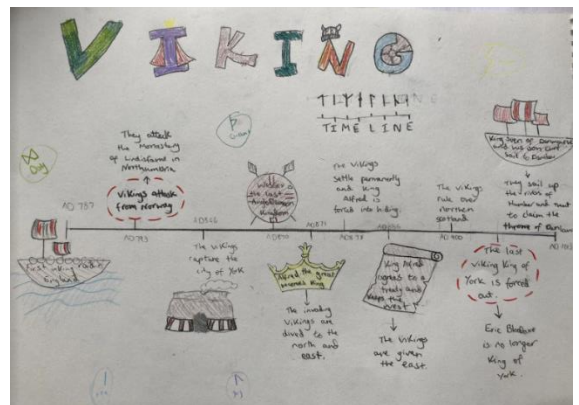
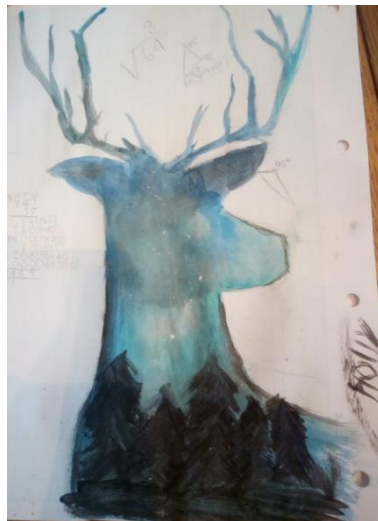


I think that Fern looks like how I drew her because as she lives on a farm, she probably would wear clothes that no one would mind getting messy, so I drew her a little muddy. I imagine that she would have straight, long, brown hair, because I think that she would probably be very pretty. I also added a little pink to her cheeks, because she must be very healthy, as she is outside a lot.

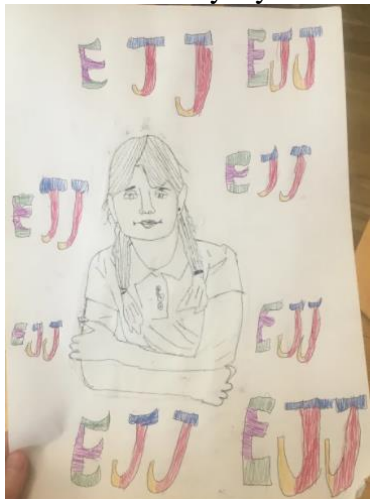
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Year 5 - Art competition entries & Viking timeline posters



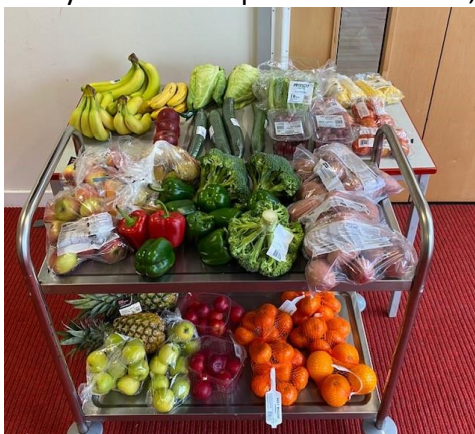
Year 6 – Banksy style street art tags





Food Bank Update

Thanks to your ongoing generous donations, we have been able to provide a substantial weekly parcel for families in need, containing not only the store cupboard essentials, but a good variety of fresh food.



If you wish to make a financial donation, I am happy to shop for the items we need.

If you would like to donate items, my shopping list for this week is shampoo, shower gel, washing liquid (clothes), fabric softener, toilet roll, breakfast cereal, tomato sauce, tinned veg and tea bags.

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8qInltXQg>

Please contact me if you need a food parcel.

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