



Weekly Newsletter:
12th March 2021

School-wide News

Welcome back!

We have really enjoyed welcoming you back to school this week. It has been wonderful to see all the children back on site, seeing their friends and eager to get back into their learning. We have been working with them to settle back into the routines and to support their well-being as we all readjust to life after remote learning. We know that this can be particularly challenging for some children, so please do speak to your child's class teacher if you are concerned about how your child is managing the change.

Headteacher recruitment

We are pleased to announce that the rigorous head teacher recruitment process was successfully undertaken. More information will follow in the coming weeks. We would like to thank our Governing Body for their time and commitment throughout this process.

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Mr Sawkins temporarily to the Southville staff. He will be helping children in Year 3 and 4 as part of a 6 week government approved reading intervention called "The Lightning Squad".

Social Distancing

It has been fantastic to see parents and carers in person. In order to keep safe, can you please ensure you arrive at the school site at your allotted time and avoid staying for any time afterwards. Thank you for continuing to wear your face coverings.

Loaned IT equipment

Please remember to return any loaned Chromebook and laptop devices to the school office.

Lateral flow testing

Primary school children are not being asked to take lateral flow tests. However, adults in families with school age children are encouraged to carry out lateral flow tests twice a week. Please follow these links for the rationale and guidance, including how to find your nearest collection site:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid19-tests-per-person-per-week>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupilsand-staff>

Gallery

Here is a selection of some of the wonderful work our children have done this week.

Reception have settled back into their usual routines very well this week. They have loved being reunited with friends and enjoyed social time. We have continued to explore our dinosaur topic which involved decorating our classrooms and lots of imaginative dino-roleplay and fossil hunting.



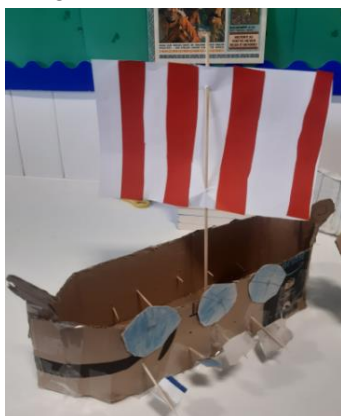
Year 1 have been excited to be back and see all of our friends. We've spent a lot of time discussing our feelings this week, and we made a wall of happiness thinking about all of the things we are happy about, and how we will spread the happiness around our class and the school. We also decorated our role play areas with our fantastic sea creatures and underwater art!



Year 2 have settled back into school well this week and we have enjoyed seeing our friends. We have immersed ourselves in our topic and begun to turn our classroom into the Amazon Rainforest!

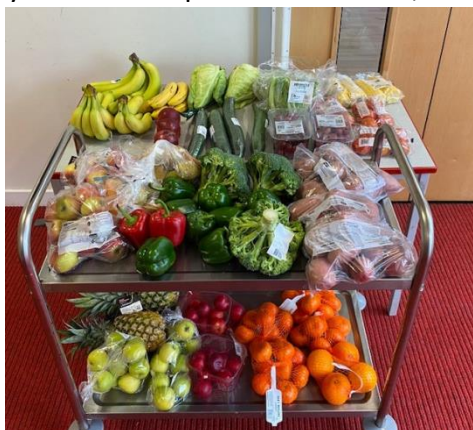


Year 5 have enjoyed working in teams with our friends and making some fantastic Viking longships this week!



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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Free school meal provision over the Easter holiday

Schools and further education providers do not need to provide lunch parcels or vouchers during the Easter holidays. The COVID Winter Grant Scheme is in place to support individuals, families and children with food and other essentials outside of term-time and will operate through the Easter holidays. This scheme, run by local authorities, operated successfully in the Christmas and February half-term holidays and ensures that families and children who require it, including those eligible for free school meals, can receive the support they need.

Further information on the provision of free school meals and the COVID Winter Grant Scheme can be found in our guidance on [providing school meals during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#).

Reception News

It has been a joy to see everyone at school this week and the children have settled back in really well. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all of your hard work and support during the national lockdown and it was a pleasure to see all of the work you showed us during the live zooms and the wonderful entries you posted to Tapestry during this time.

Next week at school our theme will be exploring 'Flying Dinosaurs'. The Characteristics of Effective Learning focus will continue to be 'Demonstrating a sense of belonging to their environment' from the Emotional Well-being strand: Being Connected.

Here is a rough outline of some of the teacher led activities that we will be covering but please note they may be completed on different days in each class.

<u>Monday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonics – Assessment and Revisiting phase 3 sounds and tricky words• Maths – Number Bonds to 10• Jellyfish P.E (Ball skills - throwing and catching)• Researching facts about flying dinosaurs• Reading Books and Reading Records will be collected to be quarantined.
<u>Tuesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSHE: We like to move it move it!• R.E: Spring• Phonics – Assessment and Revisiting phase 3 sounds and tricky words• Maths – Number Bonds to 10• Dinosaur Art

<u>Wednesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading - New reading books will be issued and sent out. • Phonics – Assessment and Revisiting phase 3 sounds and tricky words. • Maths – Number Bonds to 10 • Octopus PE (Ball Skills - throwing and catching) • Gardening Club - Octopus Class
<u>Thursday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonics – Assessment and Revisiting phase 3 sounds and tricky words • Maths – Number Bonds to 10 • Circle time/ philosophy question – What is a dinosaur? • Writing - Dinosaur Fact File - Flying Dinosaurs
<u>Friday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonics - Assessment and Revisiting Phase 3 phonics sounds • Maths – Number Bonds to 10 • Starfish PE (Ball Skills - Throwing and Catching) • Celebration Assembly

Reading books

It has been wonderful to hear the children read this week. Just a reminder that we will be collecting in all reading books and reading records on Monday so we can quarantine them and reissue them on Wednesday. Please ensure children bring their books and reading records every day so we have access to them when we want to hear them read.

PE

This term we would like children to come to school wearing a PE kit suitable to wear for outdoor P.E. This would include black jogging bottoms, a white t shirt, a warm jumper and trainers. Please note we will not be getting changed due to the current restrictions and the children will remain in their PE kit for the entire day. Jellyfish will wear their kit on Monday, Octopus on Tuesday and Starfish on Friday.

Coats

Please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat every day. Unless it is raining heavily, the children will go outside in all weather.