



Newsletter

Monday 8th February 2021

A Message from The Senior Leadership Team

Happy Monday everyone.

We hope you had a great weekend and are looking forward to this week.

We are offering a home reading book exchange opportunity this week. If you would like to change your child's reading book, please come to the school site on your allocated day bringing their current reading books to return. The timetable is below. Please wear a mask and in the event that we are busy, please form a socially distanced queue. You will be asked to sanitise your hands before selecting new books and those you return will be quarantined and cleaned. It is really important that your children continue to read on a daily basis, whether that is real books or those you access online through Big Cat books.

Children, keep reading, keep moving, keep playing, keep learning and make sure your teacher hears from you in your lessons - virtual hands up, via the chat or just by sending in your work. We miss you and it's good to hear what you have to say.

As it is half term next week and there is no remote learning, try and have fun doing some creative activities at home. Like following this live cook-a-long every Wednesday at 4pm. <https://www.hackneyschooloffood.com/live-cook-along-with-chef-tom/>

Stay safe and we'll see you when we return on Tuesday 23rd February. Monday is an INSET day so school will not be open and there will be no remote learning.

Have a lovely week and half term.

Laura Talbot-Ponsonby, Deputy Headteacher.

What's happening in school?

EYFS

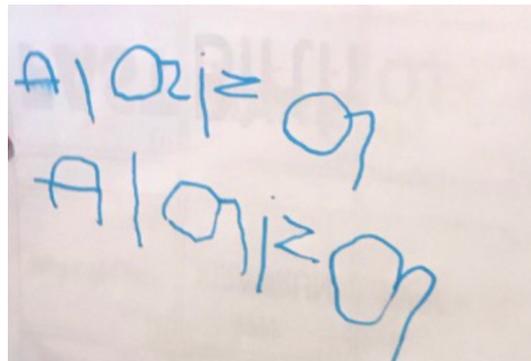
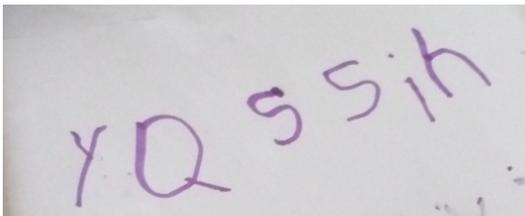
Swallow class has been enjoying the story of The Gingerbread Man. We have been learning a new sound and had fun with learning to use positional language.



Isabella made her Gingerbread man out of playdough.



Yassin made stuffed Gingerbread man.

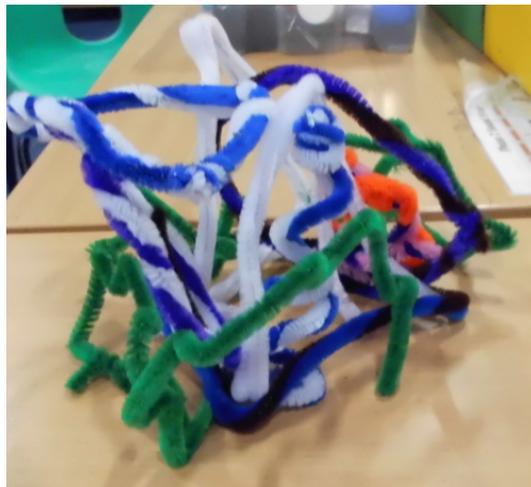


The children are also practising writing their names, how amazing!



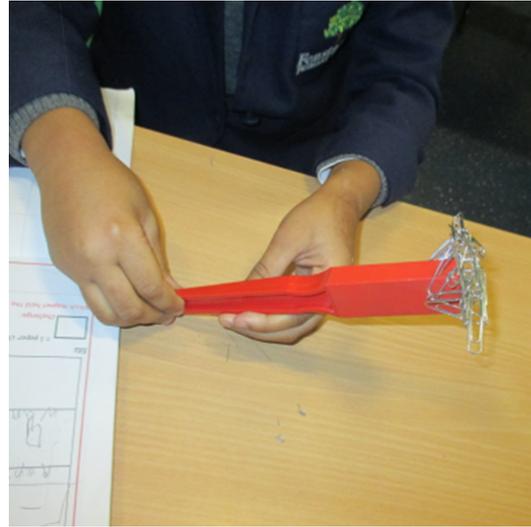
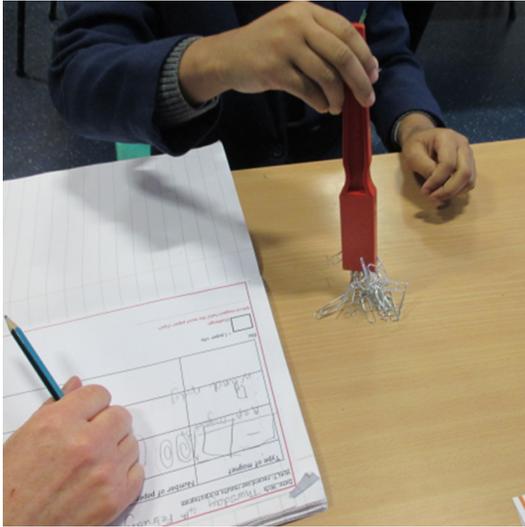
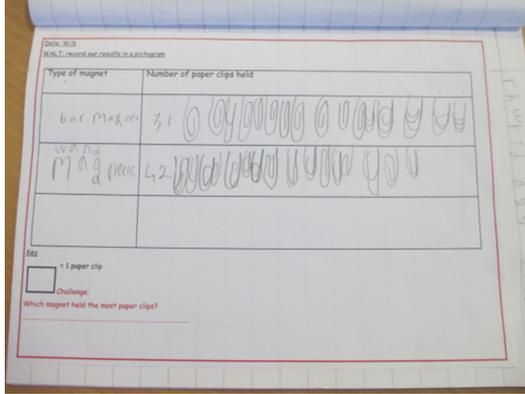
Year 2

In Year 2, we designed and tested our own science experiment based on what material was best suited to build a house. We used plastic, wood and metal to create houses and tested their strength by trying to blow them down!



Year 3

Amazing scientist! We conducted an experiment to find out which magnet is the strongest.



The year 3 bubble have been learning how to use resources to solve multiplication questions.

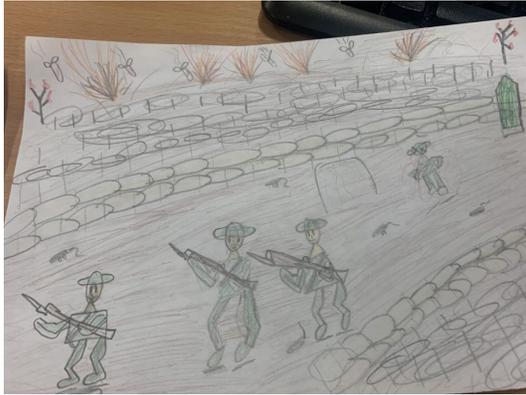


Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about WW1. In preparation for the poems we are writing, we drew pictures of what we imagined it to be like in the trenches. We

then used these pictures as prompts to write the first stanza of our poems, giving us ideas about what to include.

These two pictures are snapshot pictures from their poems that they wrote by Saffron and Skye.



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	10-12pm		1-3pm	
Monday	EYFS		Year 1	
Tuesday	Year 2		Year 3	
Wednesday	Food hamper collection, books for any year group can be collected along with these			
Thursday				
Friday	9.30-11.30	11.30-1.30	1.30-3	
	Y4	Y5	Y6	



Ms Hunt has prepared some Chinese New Year activities for the children. Please come and collect them from school this week and you can even take photos to show us how the children have got on with them!

We all have negative thoughts and feel anxious during lockdown. Take a look at how you can help reduce those anxious thoughts, particularly during this lockdown period:



Try one of these fun activities to help you to eat well and move more!

Choose a teddy or toy from home and draw a picture of them eating something healthy or doing a healthy activity.

We should try to eat at least five different fruit and veg every day. Can you and a partner name five different fruits and vegetables?

Can you hold different stretches for 5, 10 or 15 seconds? Use counting to help you measure the time.

Touch your toes and stretch, stand tall and stretch or lean to the side with your arm over your head. Can you think of other stretches?

Children are bound to spend lots more time on devices during school closure. **DON'T FEEL BAD ABOUT IT** – lots will be schoolwork or catching up with friends. But there are ways to keep them safe, healthy and happy.

Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or Skyping Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.



Check the safety settings are turned on

Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? **Internet Matters** has hundreds of guides to parental controls.



Get your children to show you their apps and games

You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced – they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** or **NSPCC's NetAware**. And why not download the **BBC Own It** app?



Don't try to hide the news about coronavirus

If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel – there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.

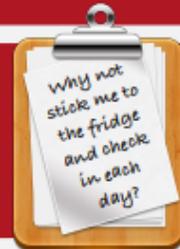


Remind them of key online safety principles

There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all... if somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, **THAT'S A LIE!**

If you aren't sure, ASK!

Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at reporting.lgfl.net, including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).



You can find anything above by just googling it, or follow us @LGFLDigiSafe on Twitter or Facebook where we regularly share these resources

Amazing Animals!



This week's amazing animal is the Meerkat! Here are some fun facts you might not know:

1. They use their keen sense of smell to locate their favourite foods, which include beetles, caterpillars, spiders and scorpions. They'll also eat small reptiles, birds, eggs, fruit and plants.
2. Meerkats do not need extra water in their diets. They get all the moisture they need from the insects and grubs they eat. A human would die within 3 – 5 days without additional water.
3. Meerkats may be able to handle a bite from some types of venomous snakes. Biologists have discovered meerkats are immune to some snakes' venom as they belong to the mongoose family.

Author of the Week!

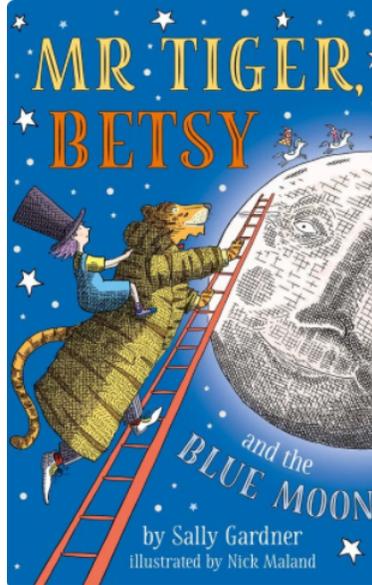
Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

Having access to a school library is really important for children. School libraries nurture a love of reading that can enrich children's literacy skills, academic achievements and mental wellbeing. This Virtual School Library will ensure that children have access to the magical world of stories all year round, whether they are learning at school or at home.

Let's see who the next 'Author of the Week' is!

Our author of the week is Sally Gardner!

Our free book this week is Sally Gardner's *Mr Tiger, Betsy and the Blue Moon*, illustrated by Nick Maland. You can also watch an exclusive video with Sally to hear all about her *The Tindims of Rubbish Island* stories, discover Sally's top three children's books and read a Q&A!



[LINK - Audiobook and Video](#)

Wash those hands!

Don't forget - It is so important that we not only look after ourselves but also our friends and our teachers. The best way for us to do this is to wash our hands often!



Lambeth has asked us to share information regarding community testing being put in place which is open to all Lambeth residents and anyone who works in Lambeth. Community testing is asymptomatic testing. Any members of staff showing symptoms of Covid should follow the usual procedure and book a test through: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please see details of Lambeth community testing by clicking on the link below: <https://love.lambeth.gov.uk/community-testing-starts-in-lambeth-to-cut-covid-19-transmission/>

Information for parents/carers can be found on our [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) advice and support for parents and carers](#) page. This includes [working from home](#), [parent/carer mental health](#), [advice for separated parents](#), [managing conflict and tension during lockdown](#), [supporting children with special educational needs](#) as well our [Net Aware Online safety in lockdown hub](#), co-created with O2.



Virtual Visits are BACK!

Don't miss out, watch our original LIVE Virtual Zoo Days.

We have been going **LIVE** on our Facebook and YouTube pages for a **WHOLE DAY** of amazing **animal antics!** Packed full of *fantastic facts*... it's the **PERFECT** way to learn, all from the comfort of your own sofa!

[LINK - Virtual Zoo](#)



Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 9th February 2021

The theme for next week's internet safety day is:

'An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world'.

The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how do we separate fact from fiction?

Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally with the slogan: Together for a better internet.

[LINK - Safer Internet Day website](#)



On Friday 5th February, we held our **Dress to Express Day** to support **Place2Be** which provides much needed support for children's mental health and wellbeing. So far we have raised £43.80 - donations received from pupils and staff on site and those currently working and learning remotely via our Just Giving page. Thank you for all your support raising money for such a good cause. It's not too late to donate! Please click the link below.

[LINK - Just Giving Website - Donate to Place2Be](#)

Year group	Start time	End time	Zone
Nursery & Reception	9:00	3:30	Go straight to Reception's outside area
Year 1	9:00	3:30	Zones 5 + 6 (KS1 playground)
Year 2 & Year 3	9:00	3:30	Zones 3 + 4 (KS1 playground)
Year 4 & Year 6	9:00	3:30	Zone 1 (KS2 playground)
Year 5	9:00	3:30	Zone 2 (KS2 playground)

Drop off and Pick Up Times

As we have a much smaller number of pupils on site at present, all keyworker and vulnerable children will start school at 9.00am and finish school at 3.30pm.

Please ensure your child is lining up in the playground at 8.55am.

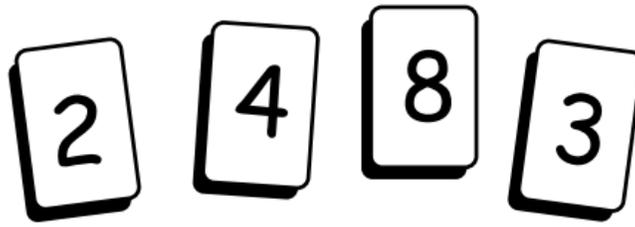
Please enter the school site using the KS2 gate, follow the one-way system and exit the school site using the KS1 gate.

Please wear a face mask at all times and social distance.

KS1 Challenge!

Sum up

Choose from these four cards.



Make these totals:

- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15

What other totals can you make from the cards?

KS2 Challenge!

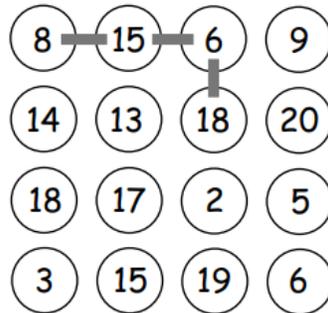
Joins

Join any four numbers.

Find their total.

Joins can go up, down or sideways, but not diagonally.

The score shown is $8 + 15 + 6 + 18 = 47$.



Find the highest possible score.

Find the lowest possible score.

Try joining five numbers.

Now try joining five numbers using only diagonal joins.



PE @ Home - Virtual Competitions.

Dear schools and parents,

Hope you're all well. This week's PE @ Home newsletter is all about virtual competition. Sadly at present, children aren't able to compete against each other in school or for their sports teams but this week's challenges will give them that opportunity.

We are keen to see how well the children get on, so please send in your results via email or on twitter @moving_matters

Let us know the virtual challenge, first name of child, school and year group.

We will then keep a leaderboard per activity an age group, with the winners published on Friday 12th February.

The main thing this week, is to stay active, have fun, aim to beat your scores and improve your personal best.

Enjoy.



Maths on the Move is a fantastic active Maths programme that we deliver to schools in London. During the first lockdown, delivery partners recorded an active Maths quiz.

Below are 6 videos to keep children active and testing their maths knowledge, 1 for each year group.

[LINK - Maths on the Move Year 6](#)

[LINK - Maths on the Move Year 5](#)

[LINK - Maths on the Move Year 4](#)

[LINK - Maths on the Move Year 3](#)

[LINK - Maths on the Move Year 2](#)

[LINK - Maths on the Move Year 1](#)

You will find more videos on the Maths on the Move You Tube channel.

As you know, children learning from home are getting A LOT of screen time that they usually would not. Here are some non-screen time activities that would be great for kids to use!

Non-screen activities you can do at home

25
Ideas!

What can you do when there's no school and you're stuck at home? Here are 25 fun Ideas to choose from.



1 How many different words can you make from the letters in this sentence, below?
Grab a pencil and paper and write a list!

'Learning from home is fun'

2 Thank a community hero.
Think of someone that helps you in some way and write a short letter to thank them.

Thanks!

3 Get building!
You could build a Lego model, a tower of playing cards or something else!



4 Can you create your own secret code? You could use letters, numbers, pictures or something else! Can you get someone else to try and crack it?

5 Start a nature diary. Look out of the window each day and keep note of what you see. Birds, flowers, changes in the weather, what else?

6 Hold a photo session. Use a camera or a mobile phone to take some snaps. What will your photograph? Your pets or toys perhaps?

7 Build a reading den. Find somewhere cosy, snuggle up and read your favourite book!



8 Use an old sock to create a puppet. Can you put on a puppet show for someone?



9 Make a list of all the electrical items in each room of your home. Can you come up with any ideas to use less electricity?

10 Design and make a homemade board game and play it with your family.



11 Do something kind for someone. Can you pay them a compliment, make them something or help them with a task?



12 Can you create a story bag? Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well known story. If you can't find an item, you could draw a picture to include.

13 List making!
Write a list of things that make you happy, things you're grateful for or things you are good at.



14 Design and make an obstacle course at home or in the garden. How fast can you complete it?



15 Can you invent something new? Perhaps a gadget or something to help people? Draw a picture or write a description.



16 Keep moving!
Make up a dance routine to your favourite song.



17 Write a play script. Can you act it out to other people?



18 Read out loud to someone. Remember to read with expression.



19 Write a song or rap about your favourite subject.



20 Get sketching!
Find a photograph or picture of a person, place or object and sketch it.



21 Junk modelling!
Collect and recycle materials such as yoghurt pots, toilet rolls and boxes and see what you can create with them.

22 Draw a map of your local area and highlight interesting landmarks.



23 Write a postcard to your teacher. Can you tell them what you like most about their class?

24 Draw a view. Look out of your window and draw what you see.



25 Get reading!
What would you most like to learn about? Can you find out more about it in books? Can you find a new hobby?

More

Non-screen activities you can do at home

Pobble

25 more ideas!

What can you do when there's no school and you're stuck at home? Here are 25 fun ideas to choose from.

<p>1 Get doodling! Grab some paper and pens and doodle anything you like! Animals, aliens or something else.</p> 	<p>2 Create your own animal. Could you combine two of your favourites? What will you call it?</p> 	<p>3 Design and draw a new musical instrument. How would you play it and what will it sound like?</p> 	<p>4 Make up your own 5 minute exercise routine. What will you include?</p> 	<p>5 Can you make up your own jokes? Tell them to someone to make them laugh!</p> 
<p>6 Make some jewellery. Use anything you can find around the house. Strips of wrapping paper or rolled up magazines make great beads!</p>	<p>7 Paper aeroplane challenge! Make a paper aeroplane and see how far you can fly it! Can you make a target and try to aim for it?</p>	<p>8 Fingerprint art! Use only your fingertips and paint to create a picture.</p> 	<p>9 Make a bookmark to use when you're reading.</p> 	<p>10 Make some wild art using sticks, leaves, flowers and anything else you can find outdoors.</p> 
<p>11 Quick draw! Set a 1 minute timer, draw a quick doodle and see if the other person can guess what it is before the time is up.</p>	<p>12 Write a silly sentence that includes all of these words... BANANA, CURTAIN, DOLPHIN, SNOW and BALLOON. Now think of your own words and write some more!</p>	<p>13 How many different words can you make from the letters in this sentence?</p> <p>Keeping my brain busy is fun</p>	<p>14 Ping pong story telling! Write the opening sentence to a story, then someone else writes the next line. Then it's your turn again! Keep alternating until you have a full story.</p>	<p>15 Guess the character! Think of a character from a book, write it down so no-one can see. Have others ask you questions to try and guess which character you chose.</p>
<p>16 Make a finger puppet! Use a paper cone to make a body, then attach a paper head.</p> 	<p>17 Describe the most disgusting meal EVER! What is in it? Spaghetti worms, toenails on toast or something else?</p> 	<p>18 Create a comic strip about an animal who turns into a superhero. Which animal will you choose?</p> 	<p>19 Create a family kindness jar. Every time someone does something kind, write it down and put it in the jar. When the jar is full you all deserve a special treat!</p>	<p>20 Find a fun place to sit and read a book. Under the bed? Up a tree? Where will you go?</p> 
<p>21 How many words can you think of that rhyme with WRITE?</p> 	<p>22 Write a recipe for 'Springtime'. What will you include? Flowers? Sunshine? What else?</p>	<p>23 Use your body to make the shape of a letter. How many more can you make? Can you make every letter in the alphabet?</p>	<p>24 Play alphabet bingo! Can you spot an item in your home or garden that starts with the letter a,b,c and so on?</p> <p>ABC</p>	<p>25 Start a diary. Write a short entry every day about what you do and how you feel. It will be good to look back on when you're older.</p>

Parents and teachers – please share your success stories with us on social media:

[HeyPobble](#) [Pobble Education](#) [TeamPobble](#)

Sign of the Week

Here is our Sign of the Week: 'February'.

Watch the video below and try to use the signs when you can.



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Continue to impress your teachers by practising on [Numbots](#) and [Times Tables Rock Stars!](#) Your log-ins work for both.



Please do not bring any products containing nuts into school.
Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Quote of the Week:

Do the right thing...Even when no-one is looking.

Key Dates

Spring Half Term Holiday:

Monday 15 February 2021 - Friday 19 February 2021 - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 22 February 2021- STAFF TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO
ALL PUPILS

Tuesday 23 February 2021- Keyworker children and vulnerable children return
to school

Remote learning begins for pupils learning from home



We must keep on protecting each other.

 **HANDS**  **FACE**  **SPACE**

STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES

[LINK - How to access COVID-19 tests in different languages](#)



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Home Learning

We are delighted to be able to inform you of our Remote Learning Offer for all of our GHF schools.

All EYFS remote learning will be accessed through Tapestry. This will be accessed by parents/children through accounts that have already been set up by your child's class teacher that you are currently using.

All remote learning for KS1 and KS2 will be accessed through Microsoft TEAMS. All children will be linked to their 'virtual classroom' and will be able to access all remote learning through this platform.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and for continuing to work in partnership with us. With your support we can provide the very best education for all our children enabling them to achieve the highest standards to academically make progress in their learning.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to email your school office.

[Visit our school website](#)

