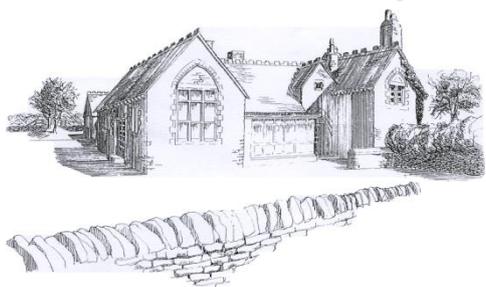


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Message from Mrs Rogers

First of all, this week, I am writing to you to say a huge WELL DONE. You are doing a truly amazing job supporting your children with learning during this lockdown period. This week we have had as many as 97% of our classes attending zoom lessons and submitting work. The standard we are receiving is on the whole good. We have been so impressed we are going to start our own "Lockdown Learning Special Work" assembly which we will share once a fortnight.

We recognise that everyone's situation is different, but we feel proud to be part of this amazing effort. We know we set a lot of work and expect a lot of you (3-4 hours per day as directed by the government), but we are clearly seeing the efforts being made, both for our children and by our children.

Thank you to those of you who continue to recognise the amount of time and effort which is being put into supporting our pupils and their families. We truly appreciate the lovely messages we continue to receive. Like you, we are a parent, a son/daughter, a brother/sister... We are going through similar challenges as yourselves with our families and our mental health as well as carrying out a very challenging role at this time. We can sympathise with your situation and endeavour to support you where possible.

We would like to make a few changes which will hopefully help even more. From next week, we have decided to move the afternoon registration time to 1.15pm. We realise that for some of you this time was proving challenging and hopefully this little bit of extra time will mean you can still continue to go on long walks without the worry of having to be back 'in school'.

At our staff meeting last night, we discussed Zoom fatigue and Cognitive overload. We looked at the latest evidence on supporting pupils learning remotely and have started to plan in ways to help our pupils become more cognitively active. For teachers, it is important when designing learning materials for remote learning that they avoid inadvertently including extraneous cognitive load on themselves and their pupils so our we have tweaked our lesson plans and have decided to introduce a Screen Free Wednesday afternoon. Activities from the National Curriculum will still be shared but carried out away from the screen.

Teachers are entitled to PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) and have not been taking this since the start of lockdown so on a Wednesday afternoon they too will be offline and unavailable to respond to emails.

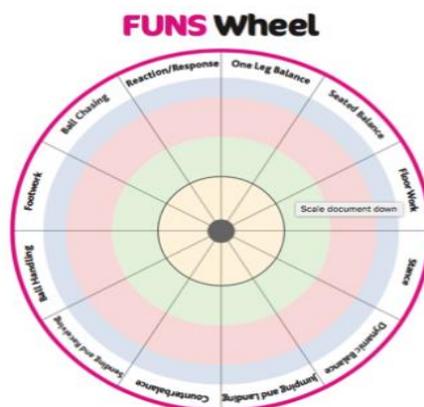
During our review of remote learning, we have also agreed that PE will be held on a Monday and Science on a Tuesday; that way if you have more than one child you can support them across one

subject without feeling you have to paint and cartwheel at the same time. The learning objective will remain different but we hope these small changes will help in a BIG way.

Please get in touch if we can support in any way. This could be through providing additional exercise books and paper, access to devices or perhaps just a simple telephone call with a teacher or senior leader to talk things through to offer support and guidance.

Thank you for your continued support.

PE Update



We will be launching a new PE curriculum in School and starts with home learning. It is called Real PE, you will be receiving a username and password for your child in the next few weeks. With this will be a guide to logging on and getting started on the Jasmine platform. You will also get a wheel to fill out at home which will show the progress your child is making in P.E. it

Street Tag



Street tag P.E. Codes

Team players can earn 200 points when they redeem P.Ecode.

Steps to redeem a P.Ecode:

1. Open the Street Tag app.
2. Go to the main menu-> Playground
3. Click on the P.Ecode option.
4. Enter the code you want to redeem.
5. Press "Earn Street Tag Points"

Street tag update we are currently 11th on the leader board with a huge score of 67,565.

Our top player is still Gemma Dilworth with a whopping score of 41,195 well done Gemma will anyone beat her? Here is the QR code to sign up.

Many thanks for your continued participation. Miss Williams.

Ruby Class

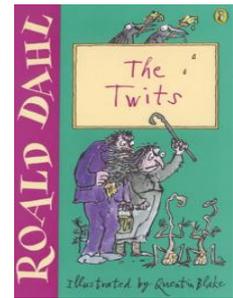


Another few weeks of home learning have passed and we have been having lots of fun in Ruby class. Our topic is real life super heroes and we have learnt about Firefighters, Police officers and are currently learning about the Ambulance service.



In Maths we have been learning about capacity and weight. We have used our bodies to make comparisons on the weight of objects around our houses. Here is a fantastic picture of Reuben using his body as a weighing scale.

We have sadly finished our class book "The Twits" last week. Ruby class would like to recommend this book if you have not read it we loved it!



It is such a funny story that we are drawing and writing about our favourite parts this week. Here is Toby's picture of his favourite part of the story.

Diamond Class

What a super two weeks we have had! The children have continued to amaze me with their hard work and independence during 'Online Learning'. We have come to the end of our English theme 'Masai and I' but I would like to showcase some of the fabulous work the children have produced. Not only have they written fabulous booklets about the Masai Tribe but they have also created African jewellery and African silhouette sunset paintings. Keep trying your best Diamond Class!

Miss Thomas



Sapphire Class

What a busy few weeks it has been. Despite technology and being at home making learning difficult at times, you are all doing brilliantly and I couldn't be prouder. It was lovely to see the buzz of excitement and enthusiasm for Science day and I have loved the work and photos of children that I have received. I was also very impressed with the leaflets that I have had sent in, again you all worked so hard on these and they were brilliant. You all amaze me with your enthusiasm and determination to carry on and with your eagerness to keep learning as much as you can until the day we can go back to school.

Well done Sapphire.

From one very proud teacher.

Miss Davies

Topaz Class

Topaz class have been beavering away over the past fortnight learning about everything from the discovery of penicillin, through what an ostinato pattern is, to how to keep themselves mentally healthy in the current situation.

We are impressed every day by the resilience, determination, courage, compassion and enthusiasm with which the pupils are approaching remote learning. Their outcomes have been superb.

Recently, we have been using the text Cloud busting by Malorie Blackman to inspire our writing. To start us off, we went outside to do some cloud busting of our own before writing kennings and diamante poems inspired by nature. We have posted all of these on the Google Classroom as they were so beautiful.

The introduction of Maths meetings has gone well and the children are getting their teeth into reasoning about number in a variety of fun and interesting activities.

Finally, we are beginning to think about the coming term and our new book 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio and are feeling inspired. We can't wait to continue our brilliant adventures in learning together!

Dr Wallis

Dates for your diary

Red nose day	19 th March 2021
Easter service	29 th March 2021
Sports Day	2 nd July 2021

Celebrations/Awareness Days

February	E-Safety Week
March	World Book Day (dress up day) + International Women's Day
April	National Awareness day - Autism + National Earth Day
May	International Space Day
June	World Ocean's Day + Forces Day