

The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers

Return to school

It was lovely to see so many happy faces on Monday morning and to welcome everyone back to school. The children have spent the week sharing their news, having lots of fun playing together and of course continuing their learning journey. It was good to see just how quickly they engaged with their lessons and were clearly so pleased to show off just what they had done during lockdown. We will spend the next two weeks covering some of the curriculum areas it has not been so easy to deliver remotely, such as PSHE, and also doing some diagnostic assessments to identify the areas of learning teachers will need to plan for over the remainder of the term and on into the summer.

Homework

Homework will not be set this week as the children have worked incredibly hard in school and we are conscious that they all need a break this weekend from home school learning. Homework will start the week beginning 15th March and teachers will continue to use Teams to set homework in order to maintain the online skills the children have developed during lockdown. Whilst we are not anticipating another lockdown it would be sensible to be prepared! If you have any difficulties accessing the homework, please just let us know and we will make alternative provision for your child.

Parents' Evening

Due to current restrictions we are unable to offer face to face parent/teacher consultations in our normal way. We will however be offering parents and carers the opportunity to remotely meet their child's teacher the week beginning 29th March. This will allow you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to discuss progress and attainment as well as your child's emotional and social well - being. We will be sending out a Teams booking system for Parents' Evening for Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st March. If you have any difficulties accessing the booking system, please let us know and we will arrange a telephone consultation.

Red Nose Day

Next Friday is Red Nose Day. Please see the information in the Bullet from Mr Botham about the Red Nose Day TT Rockstars Challenge for our year 3,4,5 and 6 pupils. Pupils in EYFS and year 1 and 2 are invited to wear something colourful to school for the day. Please note that any donations to this year's fund raising event will be gratefully received, but we are aware that in the current financial climate that this may not be possible for all families to contribute.

DIARY DATES

Red Nose Day - 19th March

Easter Holidays - 2nd April-18th

April

Summer Term starts 19th April

Half Term - 31st May - 4th June

End of Summer Term - 23rd July



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Lateral Flow Testing

The government has confirmed [twice-weekly testing using rapid lateral flow tests will be given for free to all households](#) with primary, secondary school and college aged children and young people, including childcare and support bubbles.

It's because one in three people with coronavirus show no symptoms and potentially spread it without knowing, so targeted, regular testing will mean more positive cases within households are found and prevented from entering schools and colleges, helping to keep educational settings safe.

The twice-weekly testing can be carried out using home-testing kits which can be collected from [NHS testing locations or ordered online](#). **Please note they cannot be collected from Devon County Council community testing sites at the moment.** Community testing sites are only able to carry out on-site tests, which [must be booked via Devon County Council](#). As well as members of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of school and college staff and pupils, this facility is also available for anyone whose job or volunteering work requires them to leave the house and be in contact with others, and anyone who cares for others, either paid or voluntary.

Finally, thank you to everyone for all of your kind words and support this week

'Together We Aspire and Together We Achieve'

Denise Woodgate,
Headteacher

OUT OF HOURS

If your child has been in school and you or a member of your household has possible COVID -19 symptoms or test positive for Covid-19, please [contact the school](#) on **01884 253576** during school hours or text a message to **07513 299444** after hours and at the weekend. A member of staff will then contact you for further information as the school has a Public Health England procedure to follow.

PICK UP TIME IN BAD WEATHER

If the weather conditions are not good, parents with children in more than one class will be able to collect their children at the same time (3.30pm).



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Dear Parents/Carers of children in Class 3 and Class 4

To mark the awesome date that is 12th March 2021 (12-3-21, which reads the same forward as backwards) and to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are holding a Battle of the Bands (an in-school times tables competition) in aid of Red Nose Day. It is part of a UK-wide Rock Down Relief event run by Times Tables Rock Stars and will be the biggest times tables event in the country ever!

Starting on Friday 12th March and ending on Thursday 18th March 2021, the whole competition is done online via play.ttrockstars.com or the TT Rock Stars app. For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Jamming, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 9.30am and 3pm on Friday 12th to Thursday 18th inclusive. So most of this will take place in school, but you can play your part over the weekend.

More information is available at ttrockstars.com/page/rockdownreliefuk

To help raise money for Red Nose Day, we ask that everyone donates a £1, and that children in **Class 3 and 4** come in on Red Nose Day (Friday 19th March) dressed as a Rock Star! We will then announce the winning class and children on the Friday.

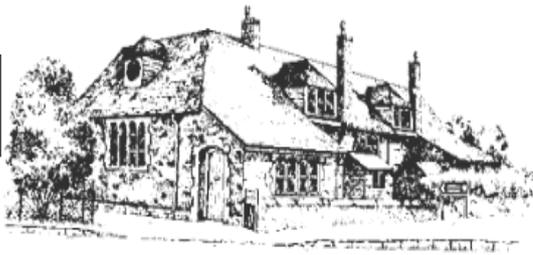
Thanks for your support,

Mr Botham

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday wishes to those children who are celebrating their birthday this week:

Harriet W and Mrs Withers!

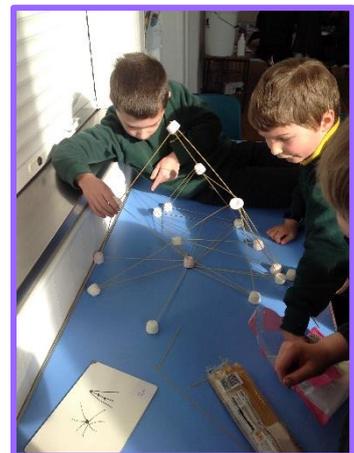
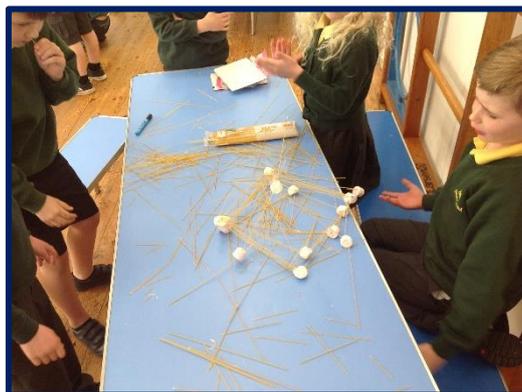
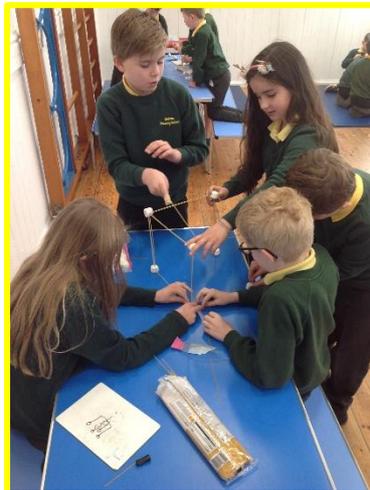
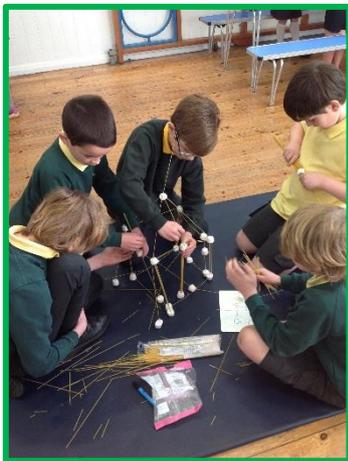


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THIS WEEK IN CLASS 3

We have been doing lots of learning this week in Class 3. We've been measuring the perimeter of different objects that we could find in the classroom, using rulers and metre sticks to help us. We had a spaghetti and marshmallow challenge to see who could build the tallest tower in 30 minutes. For International Women's Day we wrote about our female role models, as well as talking about games not being for just boys or girls, but for everyone. We've made salt dough, practising our fine motor skills, as well as creating patterns on the chain fence outside Class 3 - I'm sure you've seen some of them walking out of the school at the end of the day.





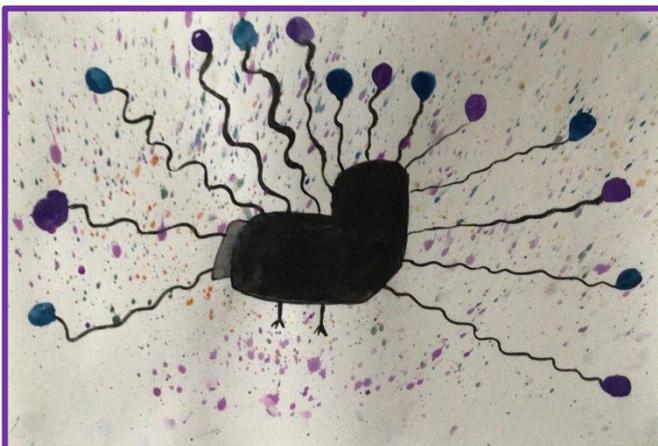
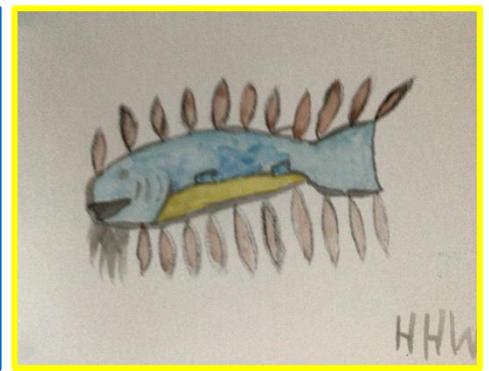
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THIS WEEK IN CLASS 4

As part of their work on their chosen book from World Book Day (*The Ice Bear*), Class 4 have created their own artwork in the style of Inuit art, a particular type of abstract art created by Inuits (commonly known as eskimos).

Take a look at some of our budding artists!





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LEARNING LEAVES

CLASS 1

Mia Hammett - For returning to school with a fantastic positive attitude and being kind and helpful to others in the class.

Winnie Blake - For her careful concentration in artwork this week.

CLASS 2

Alistair Wych - An excellent week, a lovely attitude to learning and school life.

Alice Parker - An excellent week, very helpful to Mrs Hillier and the class.

CLASS 3

Josh Reed - For his superb attitude this week. Really impressed with how hard you've worked. Well done!

Harvey Saunders - For his excellent contributions during maths and his fantastic work ethic. Well done!

CLASS 4

Ruben Mortimore - For modelling good learning behaviour in class.

Winnie Halsey - Super learning attitude, she always tries her best.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

CLASS 1

Special mention to the whole class for returning to school ready to learn. It is lovely to have them all back.

CLASS 2

Special mention - Well done everyone in Class 2, what a lovely week we have had this week together again.

CLASS 3

Special mention to the whole of Class 3 for coming back to school so brilliantly.

CLASS 4

Special mention to the whole class for making Mr Vickery feel welcome.

