



*Friday 15th
January 2021*

Stay connected

We are all in this together and the theme for our Friday updates is 'Stay Connected'.

Parent Q and A Zoom and catch up

Thank you to those parents who joined us last week, including some of our new families. The next Q and A Zoom will be Monday 18th January at 1.30- 2.00pm with Mrs Harvey and Mrs Simpson. Drop in and say hello! We are available to answer any technical questions about Tapestry for Oaks Class. If you haven't looked at your Tapestry account yet - please have a look, see how simple it is to use and make a note of any questions you may have.

Acceptable user policy

As we have been using Google Meet and Zoom to try and stay connected, we have an acceptable user policy to share. This is in place to keep everyone safe when live streaming.

User Guide For Pupils

Follow the ground rules your teacher has set

Teachers may encourage you to put your hand up to speak

Be patient - sometimes it is a bit fiddly to connect everyone

Make sure your classmates have the chance to speak

Smile - everyone can see a smile 😊

For Guide For Parents

Support pupils to access the session on time and manage camera/microphone and their name as it appears on screen

Try and minimise interruptions while remaining within earshot of the meeting, ie. in a public location in the house

Contact the school with any concerns

Sample Ground Rules for Live Meets

Arrive on time and be dressed appropriately

Be in a suitable location in the house (not your bedroom or bathroom)

Listen and show respect at all times

Join in - you can put your hand up to speak

Let other people have a fair share

Tell your parent or teacher if you are not comfortable with anything

Friday themes

Just like Joe Wicks, we are going for a themed Friday so that everyone can join in with and have some fun. This is a reward for working so hard Monday to Thursday and may involve coming away from the regular tasks to explore some fun and open ended tasks.

Friday 22nd - Onesie day - learn in your Onesie or pyjamas

Friday 29th - Pet day - real or fantasy pet

Friday 5th Feb - Food and drink day (staff are really looking forward to this one!)

Friday 12th Feb - INSET day and Freedom Friday for children

Mental health support for children

We recognise what an anxious time it may have been for children as we started the new term. The changes at the start of term didn't help and watching the news can be quite alarming at times. This is in addition to not seeing friends and family.

Don't hesitate to contact us for advice and support. There are also some websites which have some useful guidance for parents.

Young Minds <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/looking-after-yourself/coronavirus-and-mental-health/>

Minded for Families <https://mindedforfamilies.org.uk/young-people/common-problems/>

All-Weather Track

The new multi-purpose all-weather track is almost finished - here are some pictures of the track.



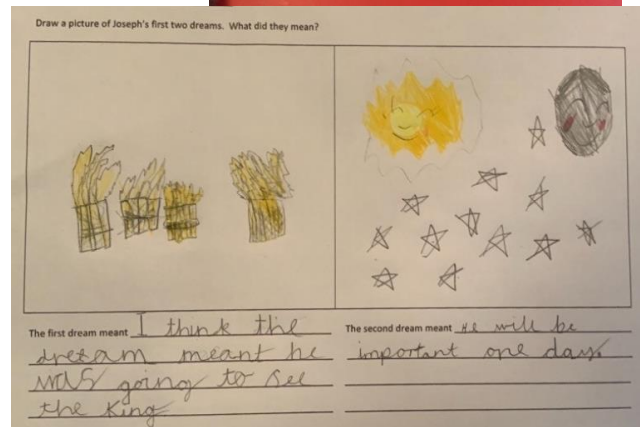
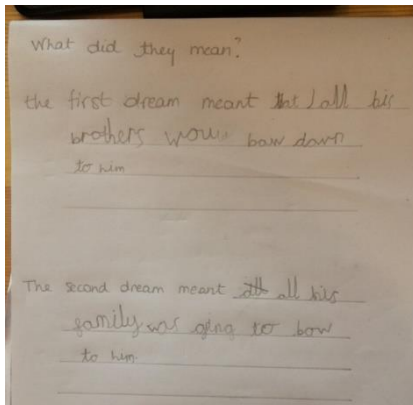
Oaks



This week we have been doing some more work on Owl Babies. We went for a walk and collected natural materials. We used these to make owl

scenes from the book or make a picture like the one painted by Van Gogh called A Path in the Woods. Well done to everyone at home too as they have also done this. Oaks also did some speech bubble writing about what they thought the owl babies might be saying. In RE we started the Bible story about Joseph and his dreams. Year 2 wrote super sentences.

Thank you to everyone for working so hard and for getting to grips with Tapestry. I love seeing what you do and being able to let you know how brilliantly you are doing.



Ash



We have had a great start to this term in Ash class. There has been some wonderful learning happening both in school and at home. We are really proud of the children for working so hard during these strange times and adapting quickly to online learning. We have seen some fantastic work from the children and we have loved seeing photos of you all learning at home, particularly PE in your PJs! We really enjoyed science this week and experimenting with vibrations. At school, we loved playing with the tuning forks and seeing what happened when we

put them in rice and water! We are looking forward to seeing all of your hard work next week.

Sycamore

Sycamore Class have made a super start to the new term both at home and at school. We have enjoyed reading our new book 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret', further developed our knowledge of sound and have written some amazing stories. We have all been impressed by the children's resilience and enthusiasm over the past two weeks. Over Google Classroom, it has been lovely to hear Sycamore Class read, view their beautiful artwork and see photos they have uploaded. Keep up the good work, Sycamore Class - you are all amazing! It was so lovely to see so many of you this morning on Google Classroom. See you all again soon.

Blue Peter on YouTube

The BBC have launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter) at CBBC. Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog. Subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's free) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every Thursday, or on BBC iPlayer.

Kind regards

Mrs Jen Harvey and Mrs Karen Stocker