



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

January 2021

### **Parent Q and A Zoom and catch up**

Thank you to those parents who joined us last week / There were some very helpful suggestions for improving remote learning. As a result, teachers are now releasing the next day's tasks on Google Classrooms and Tapestry by 7pm the day before to give you a heads up of what is coming. The next Q and A Zoom will be Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30-2.00pm with Mrs Harvey and Mrs Stocker. Drop in and say hello and share your experiences of supporting your child at home.

### **Zoom and Google Meet sessions for pupils**

It has been great to see so many families engaging in these sessions. It helps children stay connected with their teachers and their friends. Feedback is positive and our aim is to continue with these. Next step - it would be helpful for children to learn how to use the mute function to cut down any background noise. Next Friday is *Zoom with your pet* - could be interesting!

### **Flexible Friday themes**

Fridays will be themed 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 29<sup>th</sup> - Pet day - real or fantasy pet

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

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - INSET day and Freedom Friday for children

### **Continuity and staffing**

We have been fortunate to have minimal disruption to learning this term. I am full of praise for the dedication and enthusiasm of the teaching and support staff team. Next week, staff have the option of being tested for COVID twice weekly. This is designed to identify asymptomatic but potentially infectious individuals. Although testing may serve to keep us all safer, it is likely to result in further staff self-isolation. This, in turn, may bring disruption to bubbles and learning. Wherever possible, we will try to minimise this.

## Oaks

This has been a very busy week with lots of fun and some hard work too. We have been doing our phonics with Rosie and writing about Plop, who is a baby owl. Maths has been all about money.



On Friday we had a class Zoom which was great fun. We played games and read some more of The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark. We made chocolate muffins in school and tried to chip out some toys from our own ice blocks. We also made some bird feeders so the birds will come to school next week and then we can count them for the RSPB Big Bird Count. We have had lots of fun.

## Ash

We've had another great week of learning in school and at home. Ash class have created some brilliant menus for The Iron Man, they have been very creative (have a look at Buddy and Ben's menus below). The Iron Man would be very happy to be served any of the dishes! The children have been working really hard on division in maths and are now really good at using place value charts to help them. Today is pyjama day and we have had great fun designing our own pyjamas and listening to some funny poems. It was really lovely to see the children that were able to make the Google Meet today and see all the super work they have been doing. You are all working so hard, keep it up and get in touch if you need anything.

<u>MENU</u>	<u>Menu</u>
<b><u>STARTERS</u></b> Tractor Wheels Nuts & Bolts Metal Buckets	<b><u>Starter</u></b> <i>wires with a dash of oil, tyres barbecued mini cooper with leather seats</i>
<b><u>MAIN COURSES</u></b> Tractor Burger with Wheelbarrow Chips Trailer Sandwich with Chicken Wire Fence Jeep Hotdog with Barn Post Pickles	<b><u>Main</u></b> <i>A Limousine with a hint of metal A truck with a splash of petrol A Double Decker Bus with extra exhausts A landrover with six wheels</i>
<b><u>DESSERTS</u></b> Frozen Boat Engine Car Bonnet Viennetta Iron Door Pie	<b><u>Dessert</u></b> <i>A motorbike with sprinkled with cracked glass A chariot with extra big wheels</i>
<b><u>DRINK</u></b> Water Trough and Engine Oil	<i>An engine with exhaust fumes</i>



## Sycamores

This week, Sycamore Class have been reading 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' and finding out about the main character of 'Hugo'. They have found out about the artist Georges Seurat and created their own pointillism paintings. In Forest School, the children have made their own bird feeders to feed the local birds.

It was lovely to see so many of you on Google Meet, finding out about the things you have made and the books you have read.

Keep up all the wonderful work - we are so proud of you!

Ms Stas

## The Daily Mile track is finished!

Local company Arbour have done a fantastic job on this super resource. In addition to the landscaped track, they have created a mound which is a muddy mess at the moment but will be great in the summer. We plan to invite families to book a slot and come and try it out as soon as we can.



## Finally

The children would like to share this collage all about HOPE that they have made with Mrs Petros. It reflects their thoughts and feelings about the future and we felt it was very pertinent, especially at the moment, to keep our hopes at the forefront.

Kind regards

Mrs Jen Harvey and Mrs Karen Stocker

