

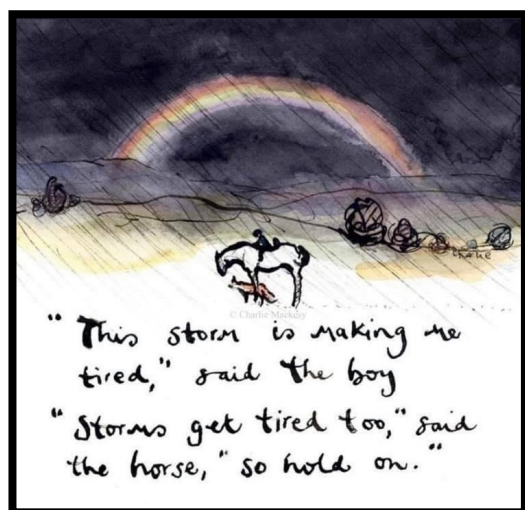
## The Blue Letter: 22nd January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to see so many of you on Zoom this morning. Thank you for joining us. We plan to continue to meet in this way on a Friday morning to celebrate the children's work.

We are so impressed with how hard so many of the children are working at home. We have had several conversations with parents across the first few weeks of term and we just want to say to you - Well done, you are doing an amazing job! We appreciate the challenges of juggling work and home learning, as well as getting to grips with using Google Classroom and keeping your children motivated to work.



January can often feel like a difficult month and the lockdown is certainly making it harder. Signs of spring are starting to appear, the daffodils are starting to poke through on the bank opposite school and I saw my first snowdrops last weekend. I'm certainly finding it easier not to listen to the endless speculation on the news and take each day as it comes.

If you are having any issues with the home learning, do get in touch and we will help you.

### Music Opportunity

## West Sussex Youth Choirs Online

rehearsals via Zoom on Saturdays as part of our

*Virtual Music Centre*

**West Sussex Young Voices** - 11-11.45am (Y5-Y8)

**West Sussex Youth Choir** - 1-2pm (Y9-Y13)

West Sussex Youth Choirs are for the most talented young singers across the county. For more information and to apply contact Musical

Director, Sarah Forbes:

[sarah.forbes@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:sarah.forbes@westsussexmusic.co.uk)



## Worship Wherever You are

I wonder what you think of when you hear the word courage? Perhaps you think of the phrase 'as courageous as a lion' or an image of a character from a story about to embark on a great quest. Perhaps you think of those who are working hard at the moment to really help others, even though it might be tough or scary; I think of, and am thankful

for, the courage of doctors and nurses.

A word closely linked to courage is encourage – giving support, confidence and hope to others. The bible verse this weeks contains words of encouragement: 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid...for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go'. Christians all around the world take strength from this verse; it helps them to be hopeful and confident for today and tomorrow.

Dear God,  
We thank you for your words of encouragement,  
reminding us to be hopeful and strong.  
Help us to encourage one another this week,  
giving support, confidence and hope to others.  
Amen

## Create an Encouragement Jar

This week, why not create an encouragement jar? Place an empty jar on a shelf/table with pens and paper/post-it notes nearby. Each day as a household, think of people, words or things that have encouraged you (given you support, confidence or hope). Write or draw this 'encouragement' on a piece of paper and place it in the jar. At the end of the week, open up the jar (perhaps at a meal-time) and read what you've been encouraged by.

## Make a Heart from Outdoor Materials

Did you know that the word 'courage' comes from the Latin word 'cor' which means 'heart'? Using leaves, sticks and other outdoor materials, create a heart. If you can, place it somewhere where you can see it easily; each time you see it, think about how you might be courageous and/or encourage someone today.

## What Does Courage Mean to You?

What does courage mean to you? Create a piece of art called 'Courage is...' which shows your thinking – this could be using pens, construction bricks (such as Lego), playdough, a photograph or something else. If you'd like to, you might draw on parts of this week's biblical verse to help you (e.g. 'be strong...do not be afraid, do not be discouraged'). I'd love to see anything you create, send me a photo and we might be able to share some in next Friday's zoom session.



## Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:

### Squirrel Class: Ferne, Albert, Mark, Nelly, Elsie and Lucas



Elsie baking

Albert and Ferne being Human Scales

### Fox Class: Emily, Bella, Daniel and Summer



Emily's shield

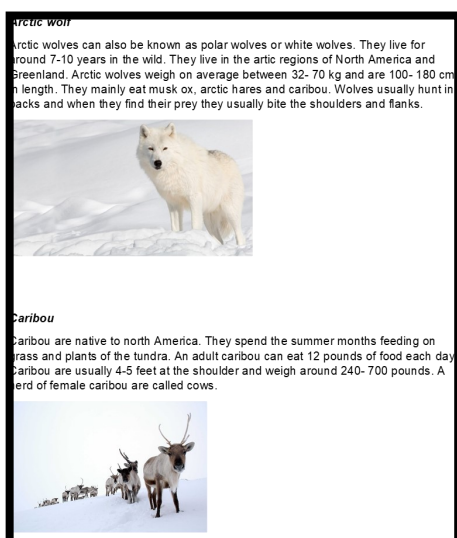
Summer's Soliloquy

### Flanns soliloquy

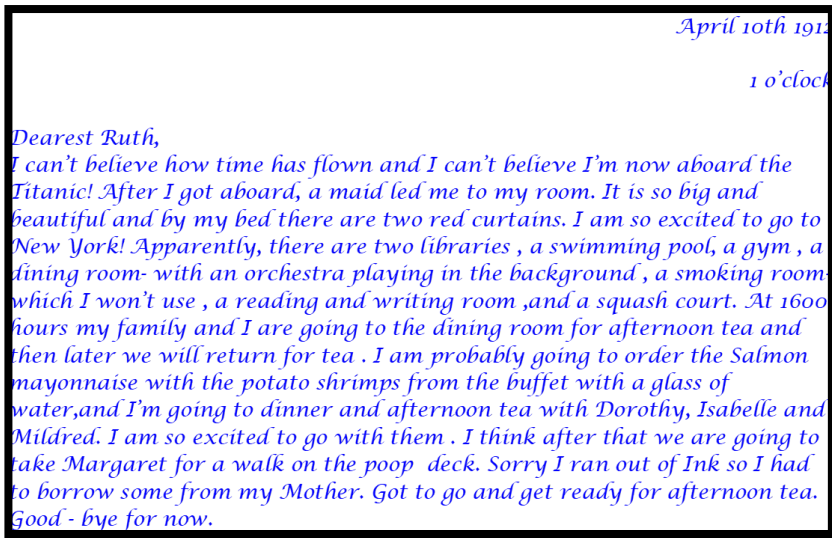
ts time to fight the awful romancs they have no chance fighting us because were way stronger and better go Celtics.

Im gonna crush everyone out there. Bye bye romans. The Celtics are way better. Hey romans were already crushing you. Rrr time has come for us celts to win. I'd watch out if I was you. Go celts nahahahahaha romans loose and we win the celts are way stronger. Lets go strong celts. WAIT theres one more how did we miss him??? LETS GET HIM MIGHTY CELTS CHARGE

### Owl Class: Lexie, Libby, Oscar and Morgan



Morgan's report



Libby's writing