

The Blue Letter: 5th February 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your comments regarding our digital detox day, It's great to get feedback about how things are going for you at home. It was good for us all to take a break from our screens. There are photos of digital detox day further on in the blue letter.

Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday 9th February. There are more details below and teachers will be creating lessons to support children's understanding of how to use the internet safely. It's more important than ever this year that we support our children to navigate the online world safely.

The teachers are enjoying catching up with the children via Google Meet. They have been varying the time so that as many children can join in around parent work commitments. Keep an eye on the Google Classroom Stream for more details, especially in Owl Class where Mrs Martin and Mr Beaney have planned several to help you through your innovate week.

Just a reminder that there will be no work on Google Classroom over half term or on our INSET day on Monday 22nd February. School restarts on Tuesday 23rd February .

Safer Internet day 2021

An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world

Safer Internet Day 2021 celebrates the amazing range of information and opportunities online, and its potential to inform, connect and inspire us, whilst also looking at how young people can separate fact from fiction.

The campaign focuses on how we can decide what to trust online, supporting young people to question, challenge and change the online world for the better. It will explore how influence, persuasion and manipulation can impact young people's decisions, opinions and what they share online.

The day will also look at the emotional impact navigating a misleading online world can have on young people and why it is important to create a supportive, critical and questioning culture online that encourages debate and discussion. We want to give young people the skills to support one another, and the strategies to spot and speak out against harmful and misleading content online.

The online world is a great source of information for young people and adults alike, and opportunities to re-search, learn new facts or skills, and even broaden viewpoints are extremely important to all internet users. The internet is also an important way for young people to build positive relationships - to play, interact and share their lives with their peers. As they navigate these social spaces, they are constantly making decisions about who and what to trust online in the context of playing games together and socialising online. Safer Internet Day gives young people the chance to build the skills they need to be able to make the best decisions as they navigate an online world where everything is not always as it seems.

If you want to read more or find resources to support your child you can use this link

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/i-am-parent-or-carer>



Worship Wherever You are

Last week, we thought about the value of patience. We considered how we can show patience in our own lives, and the difference it might make to us and those we love. This week, we are thinking about kindness. The bible shows many examples of Jesus showing kindness to all in society, and the impact that these acts of kindness had on others. St Paul also reminds the early church to 'clothe themselves with kindness'. Both Jesus and Paul make me think of another quote on kindness I read recently: 'when we release kindness into the world around us, it creates a ripple of goodness' The activities below are all focussed around the theme of kindness: what does kindness mean to us? How can we be kind to ourselves, others and the world this week? .

Therefore, as God's
chosen people,
holy and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with

***compassion,
kindness,
humility,
gentleness
& patience.***

-Colossians 3:12



Kindness ripples

Move your hands about in a bowl of water and notice the effect you have on it. Think about the quote 'when we release kindness in the world around us, it creates a ripple of goodness'. How might this activity help us to think about kind actions? .

Bingo Create

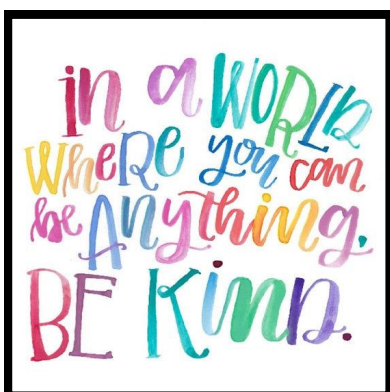
a 'bingo game' with your family using acts of kindness examples. They could include things like 'make a hot or cold drink for a family member', 'share a positive compliment' or 'do your brother or sister's chores for them'. Play the game throughout the week, ticking off or colouring in each act you complete, and share how many things you were able to complete at the end of the week. Have a conversation with your family about what it felt like to give and receive the acts of kindness.



Shadow puppets

Retell a story of kindness through shadow puppets on the wall. You might choose to tell:

- the Parable of the Good Samaritan
- a time you saw or experienced a kind act
- a story you'd like to create about kindness



Dear God,

thank you for all those who are sharing kindness in our communities.

Thank you for their acts of kindness, generosity and love.

Help me to be kind through my words, actions and attitude.

Please show me if one of my family members (or friends) needs me to be extra kind to them today.

Thank you, God, for inspiring us to be kind through your love for the world.

Amen

Digital Detox Day

Thank you for sending us your photos. Here's some of the ones you sent, plus a few from school. It looks like it was a great day - with plenty of mud and cake!



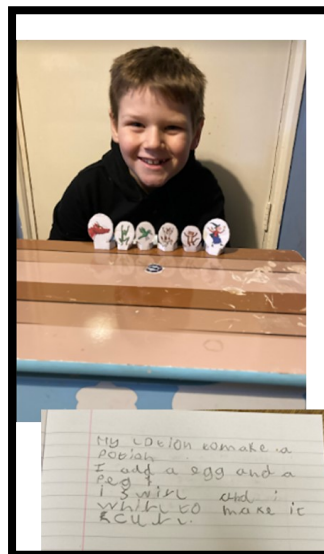
Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:

Squirrel Class: Emily, Fynnly, Izy, Callen, Freddie and Gully



Gully's rhyming spells

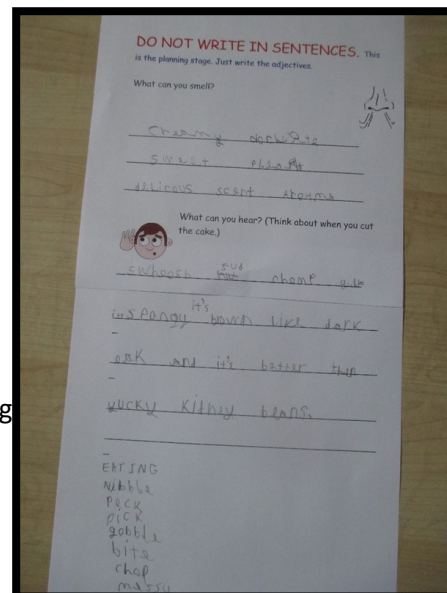


Freddie's Room on the Broom work.

Fox Class: Eli, Kacy, Leo and Fletcher

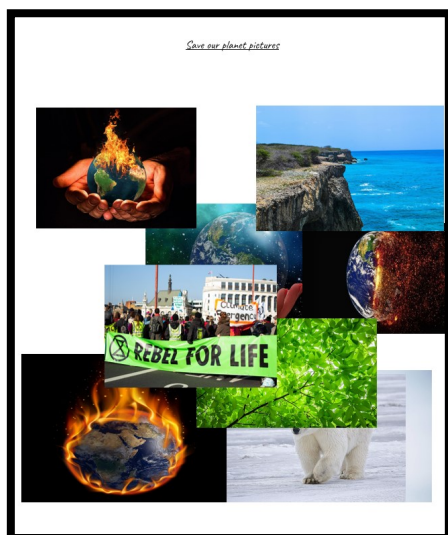


Leo's storyboard



Eli's writing

Owl Class: Nina, Maddie, Lacey-May and Thomas



The pictures that Nina choose to go with her rap.



Thomas' Andy Goldworthy inspired picture.