

The Blue Letter: 12th February 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached half term!

Well done to all those families who have been engaged with remote learning over this half term, well done to those children who have continued to work hard in school and to those who have blended the two over the weeks. Whatever your family circumstances, we know this has not been an easy half term and everyone should be congratulated on the work they have done. I think all staff, children and parents are ready for a change of routine.

Do enjoy a well earned break if you are able. I'm hoping for some sunny weather to enable me to walk up the paths by the River Adur. A pair of seals have taken up residence just north of the village I live in and I'm hoping to spot one!

There will be no work set on Google Classroom on Monday 22nd February which is our INSET day. School re-starts on Tuesday 23rd February for those who are able to attend school and for those who are learning remotely.

If your child has been in school at the end of this week, we do need to know if they develop coronavirus symptoms in the 48 hours after the last time they were in school. They will need to have a coronavirus test and we will need to know the result - positive or negative. We will then need inform anyone who was in contact with that child in order for them to self-isolate. Please email head@boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk.

For those children who are entitled to means tested free school meals, you will be emailed a food voucher by Wonde for the half term week. This is similar to the scheme which ran over the Christmas holiday. The voucher will be for £20 per child. For those families who are receiving the vouchers whilst their children are unable to attend school, it will return to the Edenred system the following week.

We are having some electrical work starting over the half term holiday to install a new fire alarm system throughout the school. This work is expected to take until mid-march to complete and will continue after hours once the children return. The contractors have in place clear Covid-19 safe procedures.

Well done to those who have entered the Specsavers virtual school games so far. All the children who have been in school this week have completed them as part of their PE lesson and we hope everyone at home is entering too. The more entries the better we will do in the competition. Don't forget that this competition continues over half term. The activities can be found here: <https://www.activesussex.org/virtual/>. The new activity will be available from 9.30 on Monday and scores can be entered on the same page. Adults can enter scores too.

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 4th March. We will be planning some activities to celebrate. Book tokens will be in electronic format this year. We will have more details after half term.

Lucas is due to be the virtual mascot for the Brighton and Hove match this weekend. He should get a video call or message from one of the players and will be appearing on the screens before the game and featured in the programme. Good Luck Lucas!



Worship Wherever You are

I wonder how often you pause each week to reflect on all the people and things you are thankful for? Over the difficult last year, many people have spent time thinking about all of the things they are grateful for; some call this 'counting your blessings'. Thinking about these things have helped people to remain hopeful and positive during the pandemic. In this week's 'Worship Wherever you are', we are exploring thankfulness using some words in the Bible found in Philippians 4: 6-7. St Paul wrote these words to encourage the church community in Philippi (Greece) to always be thankful, even in difficult times. Many Christians today use these words as a reminder to 'count their blessings' in every situation.

I wonder what you are thankful for in your life? Do you find it helpful to 'count your blessings'?

A thankful A-Z

Could you create a 'thankful' A-Z, writing something or someone you are thankful for each letter of the alphabet? If you'd like to, you could thank God for all of these good things.



Create some 'gratitude' binoculars

Create a simple pair of binoculars (e.g. using cardboard tubes from wrapping paper or kitchen roll and sticky tape). Decorate and label the outside of the binoculars however you like, to show they are your 'thank you binoculars'. Use them to look at various things inside and outside the house. When you do, think of those things you see which you are thankful for. If you've been creating a reflective space over the last few weeks, you might like to place the binoculars here as a reminder to be thankful. If you don't have materials to hand, you could also use your hands to create pretend binoculars.



I wonder...

I wonder, if you could create your own reflective activity to help you and others think about thankfulness, what would you create? Think of some ideas and, if possible, why not give some a go?

At the end
of the day,
I am thankful
that my blessings
are bigger than
my problems.



Dear God,
Thank you for all good things.
Help us to reflect this week on all the things we are thankful
for,
and help us to count our blessings in all situations.
Amen

Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:

Squirrel Class: Alex, Annabelle, Isla, Elisia, Kaiden and Mozamen.

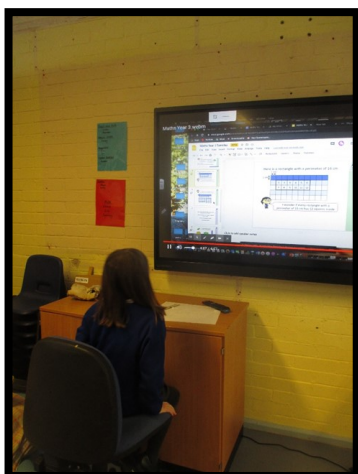


Annabelle created a valentine tree with the important people in her life on it.

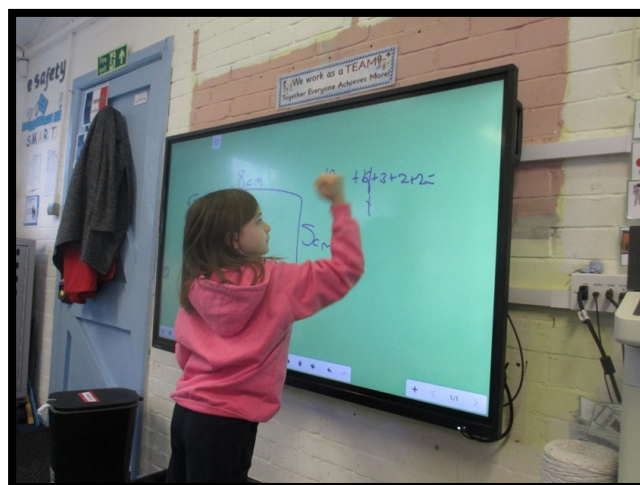


Alex measured his families feet and ordered them longest to shortest

Fox Class: Mollie, Oliver, Millie and Leon

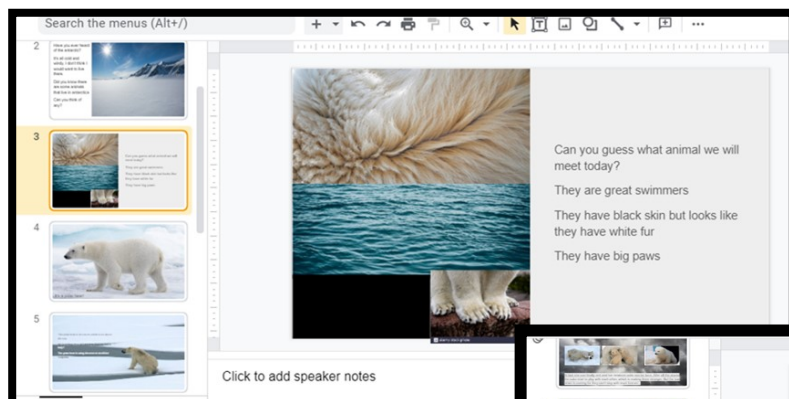


Mollie working on her maths investigation.



Millie calculating perimeter

Owl Class: Mahdi, Lexie, Hazel and Rose.



A page from Hazels' online story/fact book

A page from Rose's online story/fact book

