

The Blue Letter: 28th January 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those families who have made an effort to be at school before the gate closes in the morning, following the information in the blue letter two weeks ago. It really benefits your child to start the day off at the same time as the rest of the class.

Before the start of the pandemic, we were really lucky to have regular support in school from several parents and grandparents. Our volunteers helped with reading, sewing and school trips, among other things and we continue to be thankful for those who have been able to come back into school again already. We are really keen to extend this group of volunteers again as we know the difference it makes to the children and staff. All those who volunteer need to have a DBS check which the office will organise with you. If you are able to volunteer in school on a regular basis with reading or similar or less often, with school trips, please do get in touch.

Studies have also shown that reading aloud makes it easier to remember words than if you read them silently. This is key for young readers who are building their vocabulary. Reading aloud also helps children build their reading speed, allowing them to read larger texts more easily. Helping children learn to read, and continue to develop their reading is an important partnership between school and home. This is the reason that we ask families to support their children by hearing them read at home. All children bring home a reading book and a reading diary. The teachers will have helped your child to choose a book at the right level to help them practice their reading. They need your help and support with this everyday. It would be fantastic to see more children reading at home on a regular basis.

Next Week in School

Monday 31st January	
Tuesday 1st February	Owl Class PE Fencing Club 3.15pm-4.15pm
Wednesday 2nd February	Fox Class PE
Thursday 3rd February	Swimming for Owl and Fox Class Year 3 Outdoor Learning session 3- wear outdoor learning clothes to school and bring an extra layer and change of footwear Squirrel Class PE
Friday 4th February	Squirrel Class PE

Message from The County Road Safety Team

In recent months, it has been brought to our attention that there is an increasing number of individuals riding e-scooters on the public highway, pavements and in public open spaces, often causing a nuisance to other road and pavement users.

E-scooters are a relatively new mode of transport and as such the Government is trialling various schemes and developing the guidance around their safe use. However, (at the time of writing this letter) many are still unaware e-scooters are classed as 'Personal Light Electric Vehicles' (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- *Driving licence*
 - *Insurance*
 - *Number plates*
 - *Lighting*
 - *Brakes*
 - *Type approval*
 - *Road tax*
- Crash helmets etc.*

Without these, e-scooters cannot be used legally on the road and certainly not until legislation has been put in place. In no circumstances is it legal to ride on an e-scooter with a passenger(s) and is considered extremely dangerous. The illegal use of an e-scooter, on the public highway or pavement, is considered a criminal offence and can potentially bring about criminal proceedings.

The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK (find out more here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users>).

Only approved rental e-scooters may be used in the Government-led trial areas, in line with specific terms of use. For the rest of the country, under current law, e-scooters can only be used on private land.

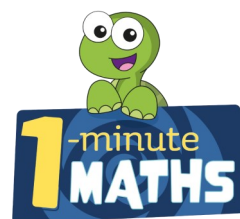
The police are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances, the police have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act. There will be more and more police presence in the coming weeks and months specifically targeting e-scooter users in West Sussex.

For further detailed information regarding e-scooters please visit GOV.UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powerd-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

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Key Stage 1 maths

White Rose Maths, who produce lots of brilliant maths resources and teaching aids have created a new maths app to support key stage one children with number work. We have had the app downloaded onto our school ipads for the children to use in lessons. You might also want to download it onto tablets at home for children to get extra practice. The best news is that this App is completely free!



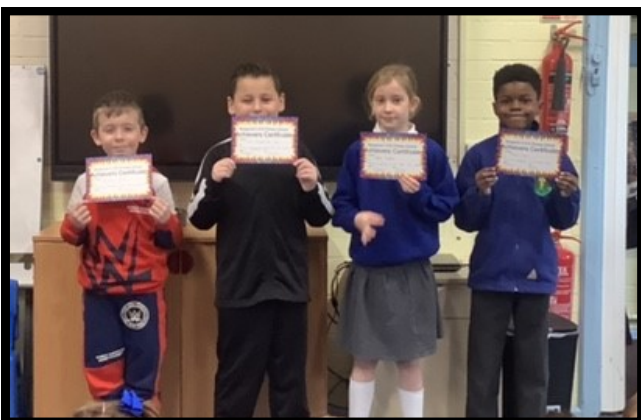
Outdoor Learning

This week we made flags. We put the leaves under the material and then hit the material with a hammer. This leaves the leaf mark on the material. We collected wood and made a fire. We boiled lemon balm leaves to make tea, we added lemon to it too. We're not sure we liked it! We used the saw to chop the wood into smaller pieces. - *Elsie and Freddie*



Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:



Squirrel Class: Gisele, Jack, Lucia and Fynnly

Fox Class: Jonathan, Giovanni, Bella and Michael

Owl Class: Iyla, Maddie, Fletcher and Callum

