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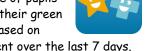
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STARS OF THE WEEK Jack Dawson Olivia Million Lacey Freestone Jack Forsyth Jack Mather Toby Dawson

DOODLEMATHS

Percentage of pupils working in their green zone based on



engagement over the last 7 days. (data from this morning)

Jellyfish 96%
Puffins 81%
Turtles 81%
Penguins 74%
Sharks 71%

2021 SCHOOL DIARY

Friday 12th February	School Closes for Spring Half Term - 3pm-3.10pm
Monday 22nd February	School Reopens for Spring Half Term 2 for children already attending.
Monday 19th April	Rescheduled Y4 residential visit to Robinwood— TBC

RETURN TO SCHOOL??

Monday March 8th is currently the date that we are hoping we will be able to have all of the children back in school. This is the date that the Prime Minister has initially suggested and we hope that it won't change. As yet we cannot be certain about anything but keep this date in mind as it's only 4 weeks away.

UNUSED CAMERAS REQUEST

Mr Heeley has been looking at plans for next year's ICT teaching. As part of this, the children will be learning more about IT devices old and new. We are on the lookout for a couple old style basic cameras—(the type that use film) and perhaps a polaroid camera. We'd also like to get hold of an early type digital camera for the children to see—these are usually a lot bigger than the ones we may use now. Technology has moved so quickly that many of the children will not have seen such

devices. If you have any of these devices that you have no use for now, we'd love it if you could donate them to school!



A WELL-DESERVED PYJAMA DAY!

We really appreciate the fact that it isn't easy keeping the children motivated with the remote learning at home. It's especially difficult for parents with a number of children in the house to support and when the weather isn't even good enough to get out into the garden or for a walk. It's also been hard work for the children who are still coming to school—with smaller numbers in their class bubbles they've had to work twice

as hard!! Everyone's done a great job but...as we reach the end of this half term we can see the tiredness setting in so......

Next Thursday, teachers are going to suggest a series of fun tasks for the children to complete once they've got 10 Doodle Stars. We'd love to see some photos of the results of these tasks and will hopefully be able to get some onto our Facebook page. On Friday we're setting an even more challenging task....a pyjama day! We're suggesting that the children stay in their pyjamas, play some games with their families and perhaps watch a film together too. The children in school will be able to do the same thing too!

We hope this will ease the pressures a little next week and be something to look forward to before a well-earned week off for everyone!



World Book Day

World Book Day is coming up on March 4th. Although we won't be able to our usual dressing up as a book character, we are looking into some other ideas of what we will do that are realistic for everyone at this time. Watch this space!

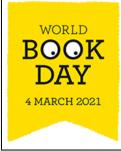
ONLINE MEETINGS WITH TEACHERS

This week we have rolled out our online meetings with teachers to Y2 and Y3. Through their Google classrooms, a really good number of children from these year groups have joined to see their friends and have a chat with their teacher. As they had met the week before, the Year 4 children were able to chat through their work more specifically with Mrs Oliver and took part in a short, interactive maths lesson.

We have been pleasantly surprised by the number of children who have so far joined these meetings and how mature they have been in taking part in what has been a new experience for many of them. Due to the success of these meetings, we have decided to continue these in regular weekly slots which will be:

Y2 Thursdays 11am Y3 Fridays 10am Y4 Fridays 2pm

Children in each class can join the meeting through the link on their Google Classroom when the teacher joins the meeting slightly before the start time. We look forward to seeing more and more children join these meetings. We're now looking into how we might be able to arrange similar meetings with our younger children that aren't currently in school. Look out for emails that explain more.



KEY STAGE 2 FRENCH LESSONS

We're soon going to be using Language Angels to support our Key Stage 2 French lessons. This scheme of work will offer the children access to a range of games that

will support them with their French learning—look out for logins coming home shortly....we'll try to keep these as simple as possible! www.languageangels.com/ schools/



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