



# Newsletter: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

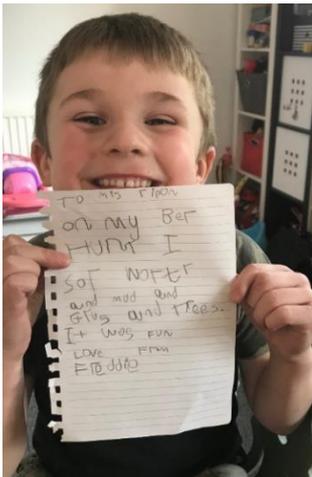


Dear Parents

We are now into the second week of home schooling and we hope you are all managing to cope with these new ways of learning, it's been a very steep learning curve for us all! The feedback we have had from parents so far has been very positive, but please continue to get in touch if you are having any issues. One of the highlights of the week for us all was the zoom session with our Get Active coach Mr Roberts.

The school may be closed, but we are delighted to announce that Mrs Mellor is now back with the Early Years Team. Although you won't see her for a while whilst the schools are closed – she will be working to support Robins and Little Robins with Mrs Rippon. I'm sure you will join me in saying a big thank you to Mrs Clifford for stepping in to teach Early Years for the last 2 months.

## News from Robin Class



*Robins and Little Robins have been very busy this week, producing some excellent work despite the challenges of schooling from home! This week we have been thinking about emotions, taking time to talk about and reflect on how we are feeling.*



*We then completed challenges themed around the story, "We're going on a Bear Hunt". Many children went on a "Bear Hunt" whilst the sun shone and made maps of the journey! It was great fun to see everyone at the Zoom PE session. We look forward to the next session! Well done and thank you to all the parents who have managed to upload an observation or two about what the children are doing. It is a lovely way to stay in touch.*

*Mrs Rippon and Mrs Mellor*



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## News from Owl Class

Owl class worked incredibly hard last week with their home learning. Thank you for your continued support and commitment. We have all enjoyed using Google Classroom and have found it a really easy way to share work.



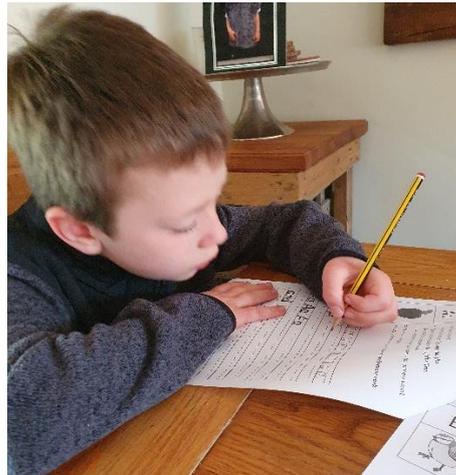
In numeracy this week we have looked at time and some related word problems. The children made their own clocks and have been practising using these daily.

We have begun our Fantasy topic in Literacy, looking at various beach scenes and movie clips. The children have shared some wonderful adjectives, written work and ideas for the fantasy stories they will write in a few weeks' time.

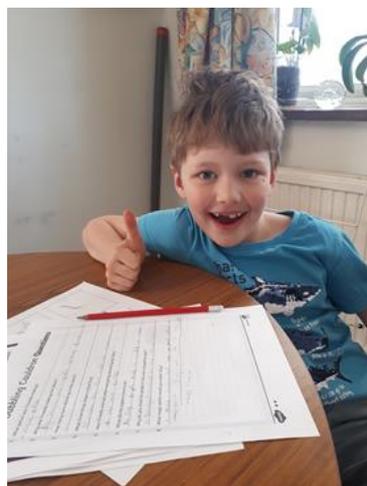
Science saw the children outdoors exploring habitats and building their own bug hotels. Some fabulous pictures of what they have all been up to, exploring their gardens for bugs and enjoying the sunshine.

The children have accessed Reading Eggs and My Maths, for online reading and games. They are all making good progress and are most of all, enjoying what they are doing.

Mrs Downie and Mrs Stockdale



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This is a time to think about the well-being of you and your families...

### Caring for Your Child's Mental Health

(Advice from DECP – Division of Educational and Child Psychology)

'Reassure children: children can sometimes believe they are responsible for things that are clearly beyond their control. Reassure children that it is the adult's job to make sure things are OK and to keep them safe.'

'Supervise children with screens – It is likely that children and young people will be using screens more often over the coming weeks, eg. Phones, tablets, gaming consoles and the internet. If this is the case make sure they are supervised. Ensure appropriate content filters are active – the UK Safer Internet Centre offers guidance on setting up parental control. Try to ensure all children have a balanced range of activities each day. Involve children and young people in these discussions so that they feel part of the plan.'

### Take a moment ...

*As a result of the current global situation and so many lives being affected, our well-being is being tested. During this time, as we care for ourselves and each other, it is more important than ever to think about our mental health as well as our physical health.*

*The current situation is changing day by day and we know only too well that it will have a lasting impact on all of us, whether that is from a financial, personal, economic or health perspective to name but a few. It is vital that we do as much as we can to stay strong emotionally and protect our mental health. We cannot support others if we are unable to support ourselves.*

*Please take the time to look after yourselves. Take a moment each day to stop, breathe and listen to the birds sing.*

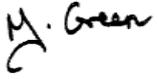
At present as I'm sure you are aware, we do not have any indication of when the school will be open again. We will of course keep you updated on developments within education, and as soon as we have an idea of when we can open again we will be in touch.

We would of course like to wish you all a very Happy Easter, and hope you can join us for the Zoom Easter assembly tomorrow, details of which have been added to Google Classroom and Tapestry. It's not going to be the holiday many of us had planned, but we hope you can enjoy some family time and that the sun shines for us!

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**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April    Easter Holidays (no school work will be set in these 2 weeks)**

Warm regards



Mrs Green  
Head Teacher

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