

# Brambleside Primary

## Newsletter

Friday 22nd January 2021

Issue 18

### Safety update

We are revising our risk assessment to ensure safety for our school community. With immediate effect the glass reception window will remain closed at the office desk as a safety precaution. There will be no indoor face to face discussions with parents. All conversations to be over the telephone or on Teams. Please continue to follow government guidelines if you are experiencing any Covid symptoms.



### Reception News

The children have had another great week learning from home in reception. In phonics, we have been learning all about syllables! The children have had great fun clapping and counting the syllables for items around their home and counting the syllables in their name. In maths, the children have been learning their number bonds to 10 with lots of fun games and with the help of some numberblocks!

#### Dates for your Diary

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February – School closed to 'Critical worker' children for half term.

We have learnt the rhyme 'A little house' in Rhyme Time this week, and the children have joined in with Joe Wicks for their PE activity! Thank you again to all the children and their families for all of your hard work and support.

### Year 1 and 2 News

Year 1 and 2 have had another amazing week and we want to thank everyone for the wonderful work uploaded to the Teams assignments. The pupils of Year 1 have enjoyed retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and the Teachers have thoroughly enjoyed watching the video clips shared. Mrs Brooks and Mrs Freeland have been especially impressed with the budding actors and families who have dressed up to take on characters in the retelling ☺. In PSHE Year 1 have created friendship posters and discussed what makes a good friend.

Year 2 have been working hard on simple sentences and developing compound sentences, ensuring they demonstrate their knowledge on nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. Teachers have been impressed by the neat handwriting and continued high standard of presentation in the English work. In Science this week Year 2 were investigating the properties of materials and developing their predicting skills. Testing if objects were attracted to magnets was fun. Also examining materials and objects to see if they were transparent, stretchy and could float.

## Year 3 and 4 News

The Year 3 children in Maths have been learning to tell the time to the nearest minute: we are really impressed with the children's work. In English the children are working towards writing their own story based on Roald Dahl's 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and we have planned our stories using story mountains. We are looking forward to the finished pieces. In science we have looked at nutrition. Children ordered food items by the amount of saturated fat the item contained and learnt about identifying healthy choices using the traffic light system on food packaging. In Maths, the children in 4AM have started their new unit of Length and focussed on the conversion of metric units. In 4MM the children have been working on division questions and solving division problems. In English, Year 4 have finished their own rewrites of 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright and have produced some fantastic poems. We're really happy with the work and effort that some children have put in! Mr Hawthorn has also been impressed with Year 4's P. E. work too!

## Year 5 and 6 News

Year 5 have continued to work really hard with their home learning and have produced some fantastic pieces of work. One of our favorites has been in PSHE, where the children have drawn their life lines on a graph and thought about what they want to achieve in the future. We have been learning about the Trimurti in RE, how to convert fractions in math's and finished writing our volcanic island stories in English. In Science, we have put together aspects of our learning, such as life cycles, classification and animal reproduction, to write a non-chronological report about a chosen animal from Holes. We have also been learning about different types of biomes and written a letter to the Prime Minister about how we can help to preserve the rainforest biome.

This week, Year 6 have enjoyed checking-in with their teachers and small groups via Teams, where they shared their thoughts on learning from home. At school, we have been having lots of in-depth discussions about current global events, such as Clap for Heroes and President Biden's inauguration! In Maths, children have been perfecting their add/subtract skills with fractions, as well as looking at decimals and percentages. They have tested their general knowledge of grammar in English and put their Reading skills to the test every day! Geography and Science have also been enjoyed by all in Year 6 - well done for your hard work, Year 6!



## Picture News

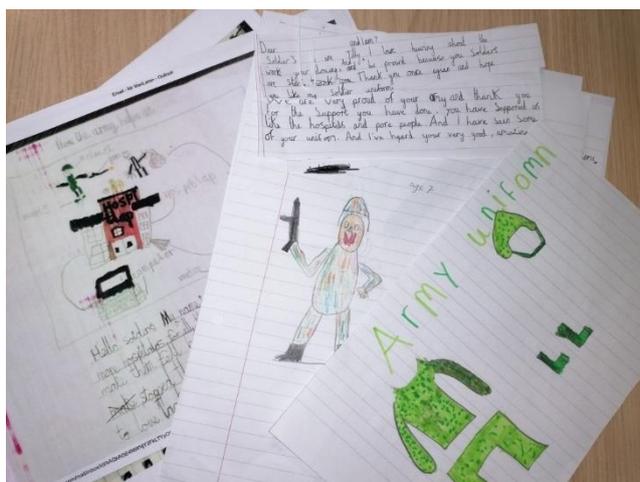
18th-24th January  
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### This week in Picture News we have been discussing:

Story: 'Clap for Carers' has returned in 2021 as 'Clap for Heroes'. Question: How can we show our thanks to those who help us?



Last week's Picture News was about the help the armed forces have been providing during the Coronavirus pandemic. We spoke this week about how we can show our thanks to the Armed Forces and other heroes which sparked lots of ideas and interest from the children. As a result the children wanted to write letters to send to our British Soldiers to say thank you for their dedication. These have already been posted off to soldiers via the Army Headquarters. I'm sure the Soldiers will be absolutely delighted to receive a letter from one of our children. Here are a small selection of some of the wonderful letters and drawings they have done, what a wonderful thing for the children to do. We're so proud of our students' thoughtfulness, respect and consideration towards our Armed Forces heroes.



## Notices



### Games to promote French learning

Games are available for all children in KS2 that are learning French online. You can log in by going to the "Language angels" website

(<https://www.languageangels.com/schools/index.php/home>). Click "login" and then "login pupil games" to access French games from home. You will see different units that

you have been learning and can then do a range of different games within each unit. If you need any further support with this, contact your class teacher or Mr MacLaren."

### Reminder of dress code whilst using Teams

Please be reminded that children working from home and using the Teams facility are expected to be presentable and wearing appropriate clothing. It is not acceptable to be without a shirt. Your cooperation in following this dress code is appreciated, thank you.



### Supporting your child's well-being

In these strange times, it's vital that we all look out for one another. Here is a link to some youtube videos from the School Nursing Team. These are for parents to access to support their child's well-being. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRSUkc3BoFgaDSCAmAjdA00X0-rh6cnei>

Please contact Mrs Eaton-Brown (Mon-Thurs) if you have any well-being or SEN (Special Educational Needs) concerns that you would like to discuss.

