



January 2021 Newsletter

WE
create
BRIGHT FUTURES



A lovely photograph of Mabel Taylor.

Mrs Taylor and baby Mabel are both doing well ...

We are looking forward to when Covid is over and Mrs Taylor and Mabel can come and visit us in school to say hello!

Let's make some noise!

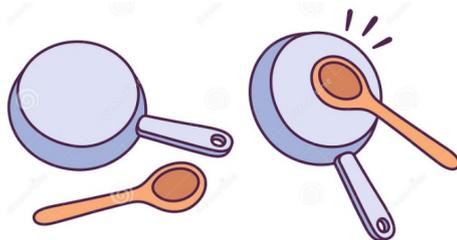
On Friday 12 February at 3pm (after Star Book Assembly on Zoom) we are aiming to make some noise! So bring your pots and pans and whatever else you can find to make a racket ... Stand on your door step and make as much noise as you. After a while stop and listen, perhaps you might here some other members of the Water Street family making a din too!

Why you might ask are we doing this ? Well ... many of us are missing our friends and classmates and not feeling connected to the big Water Street family! So we thought that by doing a communal activity all at the same

time—we might hear each other and remind us that we are still one!

We are still family together!!

FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY
3pm



Reception:

Reception are impressing us no end with their wonderful attitudes to learning and engagement with the activities set. Starting every day at 9am with a zoom together is always wonderful. They listen so well and join in brilliantly with all of the games and activities. We are loving the Numberblocks and so far at home have met Numberblocks 6, 7 and 8 and enjoyed exploring number through a range of games and activities. I wonder who we will meet next week?

After our initial mini-topic on 'Bear Hunt' Reception have been choosing the theme we base our learning around. We are coming to the end of our 'Commotion in the Ocean' work where we have been reading and writing about sea creatures, doing quizzes and artwork as well as singing and rhyming. Next week we will have a new theme, to be revealed once the votes are in, counted and independently verified!

We have been enjoying daily story times, even with Mr A reading stories to us some days, as well as weekly 'Science with Mrs B!' sessions - it's great to investigate and explore.

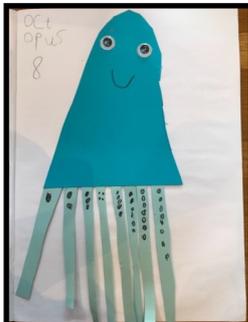
We hope you like the pictures of our eight-armed octopuses, each with the correct quantity on to match the numeral!

Thank you everyone (and Mums and Dads) for all your enthusiasm and hard work.

Mrs Roberts and Mrs Busfield



Fantastic
Number
Octopus



The winners for January 2021 are:

50-50 CLUB

1st Prize of £25

Katie Hood (Number 59)

2nd Prize of £12

Jo Tamsons (Number 216)

3rd Prize of £7

Sarah Dunn (Number 18)

Thank You and Congratulations! Winnings will be paid when everyone is back in school.

If you have any questions or would like to join the club please email Jo Nixon (jo@philandjo.co.uk) or speak to anyone in the Friends of Water St.

Year 1:

It has been a busy start to 2021! January has found us being designers, scientists, mathematicians and authors just to name a few! We have been looking at the 2 Traditional Tales of The Three little Pigs and Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, working towards writing our own Traditional Tale! We have heard different versions of the stories and thought about who we believed as to what actually happened! Did Goldilocks tell the truth or did the 3 bears?

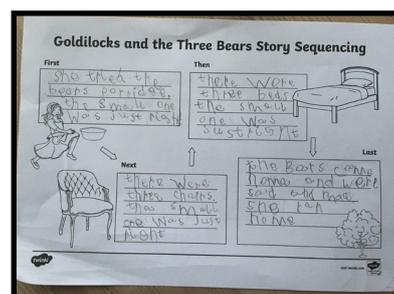
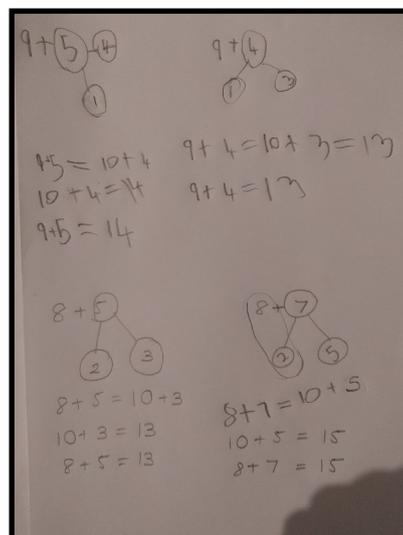
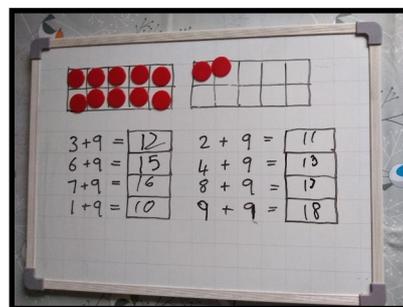
In geography we have started to look at maps and why we use them as well as directions. This has helped us do some directional coding on Purple Mash too.

As designers we planned, drawn, created and tested our houses that one of the pigs could live in. As scientists we thought about the different properties of materials and tested them as to which would make the best material for an umbrella and which materials was absorbent! We have predicted, made a fair - tests and made conclusions. Sometimes we realised that what we predicted didn't always happen!

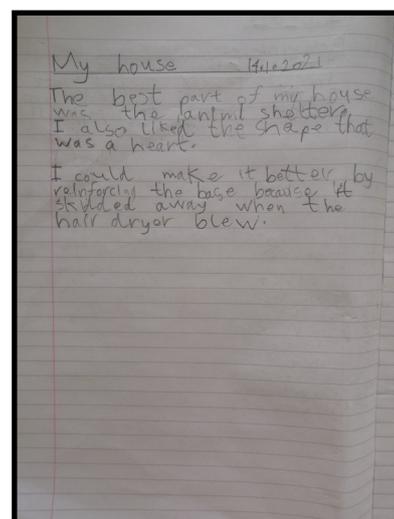
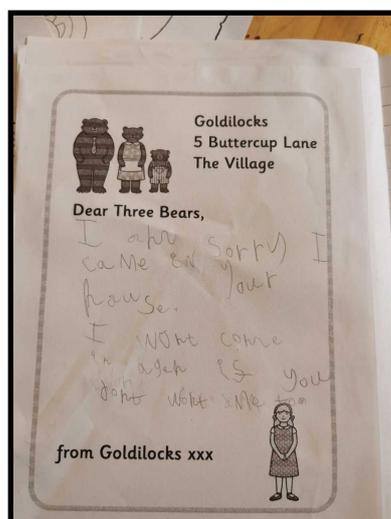
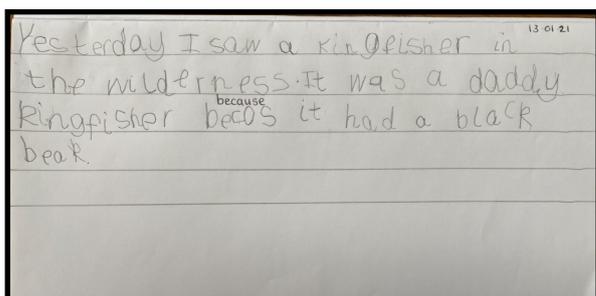
Addition and Subtraction have been our main focus in maths. We have tried different methods to work out the answers to the questions including 10 frames, part, part whole models, number lines and solving number stories.

We have had great fun playing bingo on our Thursday phonic zoom sessions. It gets quite competitive! Everyone has been joining in lots of other fun phonic activities including Who wants to be a Millionaire!

It has been fantastic to see little videos and pictures of uploaded work that the children have been doing on Tapestry, thank you to all the parent's for putting them on. Everyone has been amazing!



Mrs Balderstone

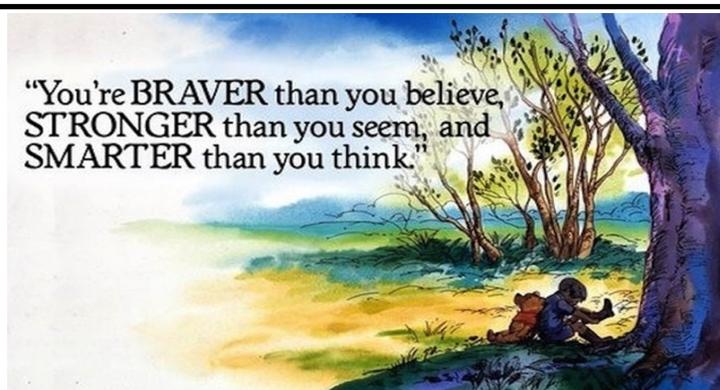


Great work Year 1!

Roald Dahl: "I think probably kindness is my number one attribute in a human being. I'll put it before any of the things like courage or bravery or generosity or anything else."



"You're BRAVER than you believe, STRONGER than you seem, and SMARTER than you think."



Year 2:

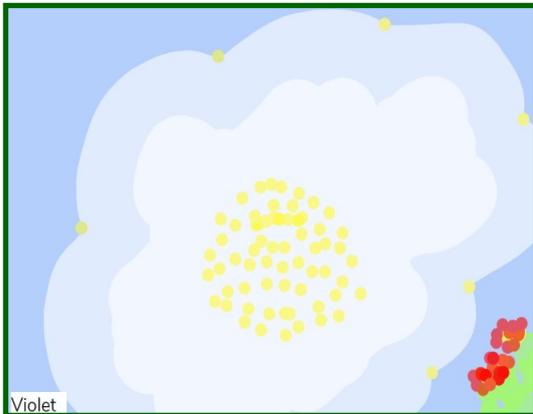
I am SO proud of my Year 2s! It has been wonderful to see them every day and all have them have tried so hard in our Zooms—we have all especially enjoyed Wonderful Word Wednesdays where we try and make as many words as we can from a grid of letters (like playing the game Boggle).

The children have been doing work based on stories by Lauren Child. We've had lots of fun exploring characters and thinking about writing from another person's point of view too. A definite highlight for me has been doing two of my favourite subjects: Art and Computing! We have been looking at different artists and seeing if we can replicate their work using our computing skills... I wonder if you can spot: Degas, Van Gogh, William Morris and Georgia O'Keefe from these pictures??

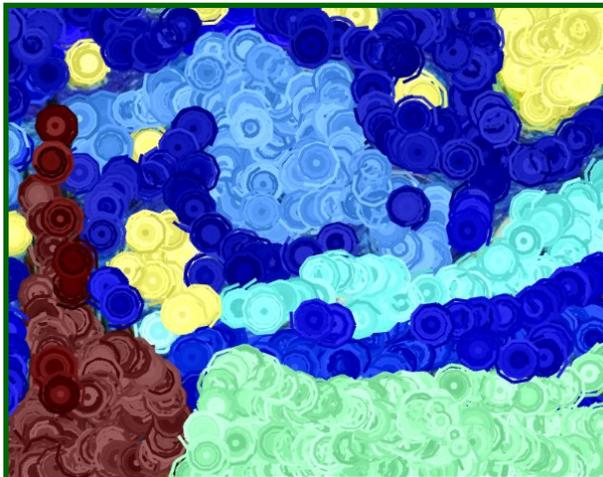
Aren't they fab—and these are just a FEW of the most beautiful work!

Well done Year 2!

Mrs Munslow



**Great
Work
Year
2 ...**



Year 3:

Well Year 3 have been truly brilliant with their home learning throughout January. They have become fabulous zoomers and mastered Seesaw with ease. Home learning has led to some amazing work and it has been great to be able to see it all on Seesaw through photos and videos. In English we have loved learning about Roman myths and have retold many stories, researched Roman gods and moved on to writing our very own Roman myths using ideas we have pick up along the way. I have loved reading your stories and listening to your videos , where you have been reading your stories to me. This has linked brilliantly with our History topic where we have been following the Oak Academy videos and learning all about the Roman Empire, designed a Roman town, battles with Boudicca and how the Romans changed Britain forever. There has been some fabulous art to go alongside it, making mosaic patterns and designing Roman shields. You have been a very creative bunch and continually wowed me with your fantastic work. . We have also been reading myths in guided reading and learning what life would have been like as a Roman slave, so far there hasn't been much to recommend it! It has been lovely to chat and share ideas in smaller groups.

In Maths Year 3 have been working really hard with their multiplication and division and have also really enjoyed having puzzles to work out alongside their work. It has been great to see how you have all grown in confidence and giving it a go even when things are new or tricky. Well done, you should feel very proud of yourselves.

In Science we have been looking at forces and magnets and there have been some super investigations and experiments carried out this month. I have loved seeing your videos and photos explaining what you did and what you found out.

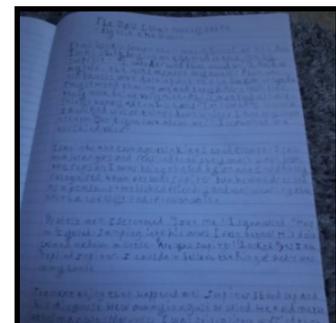
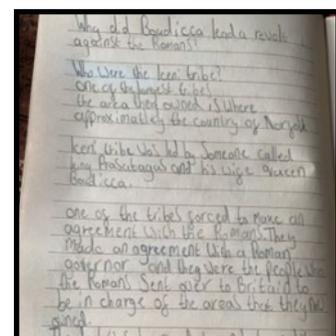
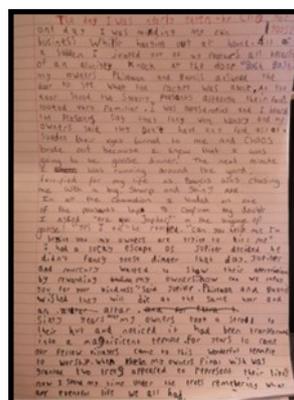
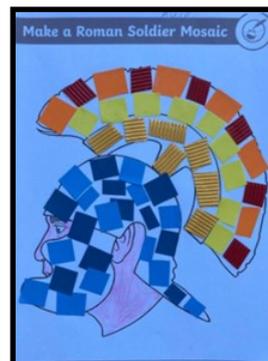
It is hard to say just how proud I am of you all for your amazing attitude, fabulous work and overall positive approach to your learning. I would also like to say a really big thank you to all the parents who have made all of this learning possible. Without your support none of this would great learning would have been achieved.

I'm looking forward to more home learning adventures over the next few weeks.

Mrs Rimmington



Great science videos



Year 4:

January has been ... very different! Whilst we have missed being together in school, the children have shown some incredible resilience whilst working from home. We have been able to see other sides to their skills and personalities that we may not have otherwise experienced – there are silver linings! We are truly grateful for every bit of support that you have given them, enabling us to keep up with many of the things that we would have done in school. Their efforts have been outstanding. As I type 500 DoJos have been earned, and that's just since January 6th!

In English we started the term looking at instructional texts and we have had great fun following and writing instructions. We have learned about the importance of time adverbs and imperative (bossy!) verbs. We followed instructions to make Bull Roarers to find out if they could be made any clearer. There were some fantastic photos and videos on Seesaw! We wrote instructions of our own to see if people could follow them clearly. We have also learned the importance of placing possessive apostrophes in the correct place; the children demonstrated great understanding!

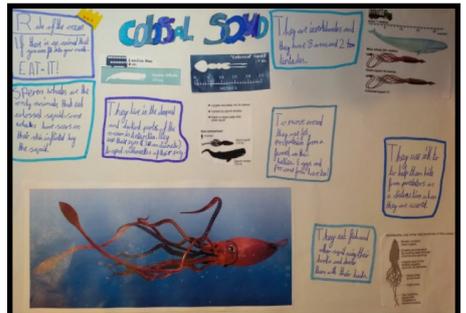
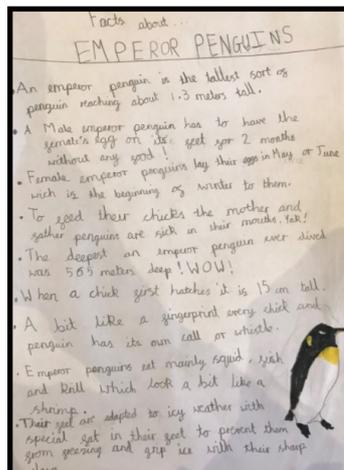
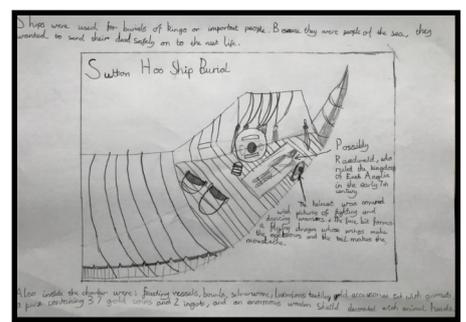
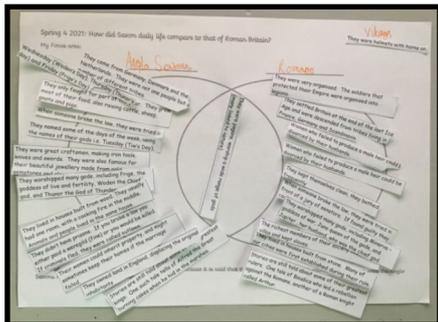
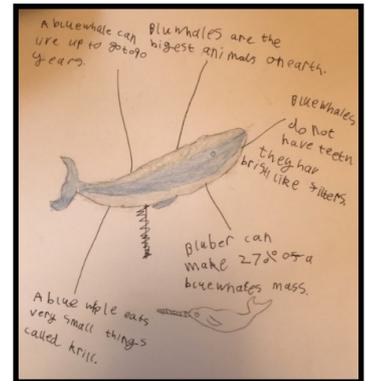
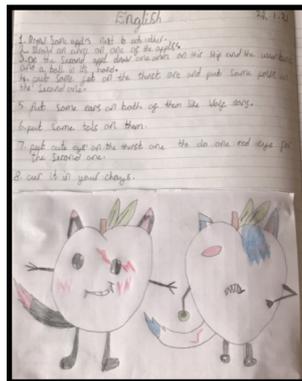
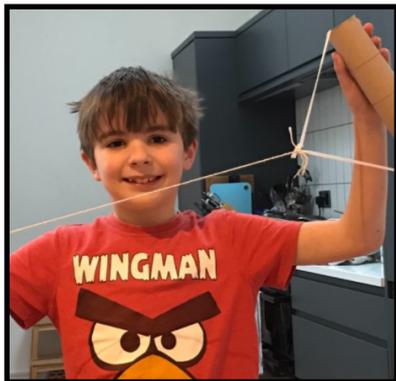
In maths we have been working on our times table facts and reviewing how we multiply and divide by 10 and 100. We have started using MyMaths which the children are really enjoying.

In science, we have been learning about how animals can be classified as vertebrates and non-vertebrates. We grouped animals in different ways and classified them using a branching key. We had great fun making branching keys to classify the members of our own families.

In art we have been learning about pencil sketching. We have looked at works of many artists for inspiration including Monet. The child produced some beautiful work using different line drawing and toning skills. They recreated an image of Mill Bridge, Skipton in the style of John Sell Cotman's Monnow Bridge.

In history, we have just finished our Anglo-Saxon topic. The children showed some excellent enquiry skills when trying to work out what the mounds at Sutton Hoo could be, and they finished the topic showing great understanding of how Roman and Anglo-Saxon lives differed. We will now be moving on to study Polar regions in Geography, before going back to History in the summer term to look at the Vikings.

Year 4 have worked extremely hard this month. Do take care, Year 4, and balance your work with time to play, relax and be 'you'! **With very best wishes to you all, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Procter.**



Fantastic work
Year 4 ...

Year 6:

Wow! I cannot thank every single member of Year 6 enough, and of course their parents, for their huge commitment towards home learning and learning on line.

Zooming with all 33 of you is amazing!- if not a little crazy at times! Just as in class, year 6 are making fantastic contributions in lessons and supporting and encouraging each other. Luckily we had already got the hang of using seesaw a few months ago, so using it to access our work, watch web links, video messages, listen to stories and upload our work has been pretty easy. We are also getting the hang of using My Maths to complete and hand in tasks, as well as Purple Mash, and of course TTRS! (We have our monthly TTRS challenge this week!)



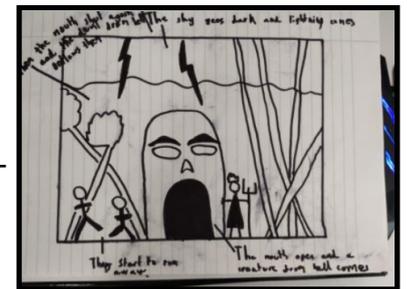
So what have we been up to in Year 6?

At the end of the Autumn Term we were really enjoying our new class novel "Boy at the Back of the Class"- Luckily we have managed to keep listening to this being read aloud every day- there has been some amazing follow up work including playscripts and writing (pretend) letters to the Prime Minister. We have even tried to perform some of the playscripts via zoom.

In History we have started our WW1 topic, it looks like lots of people have some interesting family stories to tell. Luckily one of the main resources that we use for our Local History Research – Craven's Part in the Great War- is available on line- so hopefully lots of the research we usually do, will still be able to take place. Mrs Hopwell has joined us for all our history lessons- which has been great- anything we don't know- Mrs Hopwell always has amazing knowledge to impart to us.



Year 6 have turned into home scientists during January- the light experiments that lots of you have carried out have been great, including investigating light travelling in straight lines, white light, and shadow length.



We have lots more on-line learning to look forward to over the coming weeks (or however long this lasts!). Mrs Turvey and Mrs Iannoconne are also going to support us with some French and music lessons, and we look forward to keeping our PSHCE working going with Mrs Metcalfe. In maths we will be moving on to Algebra, computing will see us continuing with our blogging and coding work, and on top of all that we hope to keep extending our Geography skills work, and hopefully starting some of our DT work on Bridges and our Art work based on Charles Rennie Mackintosh.



So once again- Thank you Year 6! Keep up the amazing work! We miss you all- and can't wait to be together again very soon.

Mrs Macnab and Mrs Hopwell.

Due to children & adults in our school with nut allergies we kindly request that you do not include nuts or nut related products in your child's packed lunch or mid morning snack. Thank you



**PLEASE REMEMBER
WE ARE A NUT
FREE SCHOOL**



Big Garden Birdwatch 29-31 January 2021



Why don't you get involved?

A great activity to do with your children would be to participate in the RSPB's Garden Birdwatch 2021.

Please follow the link below or 'Google' RSPB Birdwatch 2021 to sign up.

It would be lovely if as many of our pupils as possible took part in this fantastic event during lockdown.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

Big
Garden
Birdwatch
29-31 January 2021

What will
you see?



"Be yourself, because the people who **mind don't matter. And the people that **matter**, don't mind."**
– Dr. Seuss



Stars of the Week...



Reception:	Alessia & Phoebe-Mae
Year 1:	Isobel B & Mila
Year 2:	Martha D & Leighton
Year 3:	Lara & Lucy H
Year 4:	Freddie S, Willow & Ricky
Year 5:	Katie H, Beth & Freddie M
Year 6:	Gabby & Olive S

Have you completed our online survey about remote learning?

The link was emailed out earlier this week.

If you haven't received it—please contact the school office.

admin@waterstreetschool.org.uk

