



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your support during this challenging time and to those parents who have been able to drop the number of days their children are in school. Please remember that the safest place for your children to learn is at home. Thank you for helping to keep us all as safe as possible. We are using our best endeavours to keep our online and in school learning going as well as we can.

Learner of the Week

Rowan ~ Trym M-N

Beech ~ Elizabeth N

Willow ~ Archie H

Birch ~ Aggie

Elm ~ Marti

Pine ~ Lucia

Chestnut ~ Bo

Larch ~ JoJo

Lime ~ Lucas

Hazel ~Kaitlyn

Maple ~ Richie

Sycamore~ Noah

Citizens of the Week

Toby G for showing great effort with his learning

Maddie M for being a super role model and being kind and helpful to everyone

Hazel for persevering and contributing to online learning

Isla for having a positive attitude in all of her learning

Josh for superb contributions and learning online today

Amelia for great learning behaviour and contributions

Leo Br for being supportive to everyone by helping with technology!

Maggie for her kindness and positivity

Zoe for excellent contributions to online lessons

Isma for persevering with the online learning

Mackenzie for being so cheerful, polite and enthusiastic on Teams every day - thank you!

Laurie & Thomas for providing technical support to others via the Teams chat bar

PE at home activities

After School Sport Club

The Youth Sport Trust are reintroducing their 'After School Sport Club' on Tuesday 12th Jan at 5pm on YouTube. The sessions are then on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

This is a virtual club that children and their

families can access free and give the opportunity for all to do some sport, develop skills and have fun. The sessions are led by Athlete mentors from around the country and from different Sports Governing bodies. Each week there is a different focus with Tuesdays introducing the basic theme and Thursdays involving a sport specific session.

Here is the link to the YTS page:

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub>

Daily PE activity Challenges

Here is the link to the daily activities that you can try at home:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pF_Pgks83EXA0wTExv0Ewv0FJQISUS7?usp=sharing

Thank you very much everyone from Mrs Pawsey.

PSA Spotlight

Happy New year from our PSA team and a special thanks to all those who supported our 'Where's That Wonder?' trail. We look forward to being able to run more community events later in 2021!

Year Group News

Year R

Talk to your child about birds you see on a walk or in your garden. Can you start to name the birds that you observe?



We learnt our first trigraph this week which was so exciting! We've added 4 new books to bug club linked to our 4 new phonemes. We will allocate new books each Thursday as per our normal routine.

Thank you if you have sent in videos and photos of your child's learning at home, we enjoy seeing them.

If you have any queries about remote learning, please e-mail your child's class teacher or start a new Tapestry observation.

Year 1



Please talk to your child about:
Telling the time to o'clock and half past

Another super week of learning! Well done Year 1. Thank you for all your patience with technical difficulties and internet problems. We do really appreciate it. All the adults in Year 1 have loved seeing the imaginative Chatterpix videos and letters from household objects. It has been a lot of fun!

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Keep practising telling the time to o'clock and half past, as next week we will move onto a new mathematical concept, but it is still important to keep reading the time.

Get ready for a new MAGICAL book next week and some more exciting learning. One of our afternoon challenges will be thinking about our local area and route to school, so getting out and about to see what is local to you would be really helpful. Have a great weekend. The Year 1 Team.

Year 2



Please talk to your child about:
Animals in your local environment

We wanted to start by thanking you all for another week of learning new skills for all of us - thank you again for your patience with online learning, we are getting there! We have been very impressed with the children's imaginative stories this week and enjoyed hearing them read them aloud in school and online. Next week, we will be starting our new text... The Night Gardener. We are also looking forward to learning more about hot and cold countries in Geography. In Maths, we will be looking at fractions next week. A big well done to all of the children (and parents!) for working so hard this week, we really appreciate all of your kind words of support!

This week's spellings: old, cold, hold, told, gold
Have a great weekend!
Year 2 Team

Year 3

Talk to your child about: the containers in your home. Notice the units of measure - ml, l, g and kg.

Reading - We showed the children Bug Club today. This week, please encourage them to read some books, and answer the questions shown by the little bug icon on some of the pages.

If you wish the children would benefit from having a junior thesaurus and a junior dictionary at home. It is not essential at all, but would certainly be useful. Online Blackwells Bookshop or Amazon have lots of good options.

Next week we will be learning about fractions, so notice aloud when you use the fractions half, quarter and other fractions, in everyday life.

Year 4



LARCH



CHESTNUT

Please talk to your child
using litres and millilitres to
measure in.

This week, either on Teams or in school, children have continued their learning about Shackleton and his incredible adventure. They have written a comparison of Antarctica and England as well as some short 1st person writing. In Maths, we have rounded to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 with great success. The afternoons have involved Music (via Teams!), PE, Art, Geography and the highlight of the week; going on a habitat hunt in Science! Thank you to all families who are supporting children with online learning and well done to everyone for amazing learning in unusual circumstances.

Year 5



Hazel



Lime

Please talk to your child about
the women in Hidden Figures and
their achievements.

We have got really stuck into our Earth and Space topic this week in Year 5 and are learning lots of new vocabulary linked to space travel. We have also been discussing important historical topics such as segregation and civil rights. We would like to use a few appropriate clips and the trailer for the movie 'Hidden Figures' to support their learning in English next week. This film is a PG and therefore if you would not like your child to watch these, please let Mrs Brindle or Miss Stewart know by Monday 18th. In Guided Reading next week, we will be working on the individual skill builders based on 'The Race to Space' from Mon-Thurs and then a topic-linked reading comprehension on Friday about the first man on the moon. In maths we have practised addition and subtraction and will be looking at rounding and money next week. It would be great if you could get hold of some paints at home for the art lesson on Thursday. Thank you again for all the help with the online learning from home. We are trialling a new way of sharing resources with the children. We have uploaded some of the resources into the files on Microsoft teams, with labelled folders for each of the subjects, all within the team 'Year 5 Hazel and Lime'. Please help your child to find these files so that they can access them easily at home when they need to. We will still email out

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resources for each particular day in the morning next week. Have a good weekend!

Year 6



Sycamore



Maple

Please talk to your child about how to use Teams most effectively.

We have been so impressed with the children's level of engagement again this week both in class and on Teams. Thank you for all the support, encouragement and technical advice you have provided to your children. With so many Y6's now being in school some days and working at home on Teams on others, please can you ensure that they bring any work completed at home into school when they are next here. This is essential where lessons are linked over several days. Likewise, we will send children home with anything they will need if they are going to be at home the following day too.

We will send the children a weekly timetable on Monday morning, which will outline what we will be learning in each lesson next week. This will match with the timings for Teams sessions each day, making it easier for the children to know when they need to log on to join live lessons. There will be sessions during some afternoons where an independent task will be set so that the children at home get time

away from their screens. If you have any questions please email Miss Pankhurst or Mrs Farrell.

Lorraine Lee Workshop

19.01.21

HELPING CHILDREN WITH HOME LEARNING

With such busy lives, it is easy for home learning to become a pressure for both parents and children. It can result in arguments, falling out and lack of learning. Parents end up being too involved, and children become reliant on their parent's input. In this session, parents will get some tips on how to make the whole thing run more smoothly and to ensure their children remain responsible for it.

Here is the Eventbrite link:

<https://westgatehomelearning.eventbrite.co.uk>

Online Safety

Please do follow these links for information about how to support your child with digital safety:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

We are aware many children may have received digital presents and we are keen to support everyone to stay as safe as possible.



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Library Resources

Do use your library log in for the Discovery Centre to access many books:

<https://sls.hias.hants.gov.uk/course/index.php?categoryid=69>

There is even a special lockdown challenge!

Thank you for your continued support. Please keep your children at home if possible to keep us all as safe as possible. Your understanding is much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Mrs Woodall

Head of Primary Phase