

Half term

It has been a strange six weeks of term. Sadly, we have had to close a number of bubbles due to positive Covid cases amongst both children and staff. We hope that those who have been unwell are feeling better soon and we look forward to seeing them back in school.

Remote learning has been difficult for us all and we thank you for all your support so far this term. This week it was great to see so many happy, smiling children when we held remote Social Catch-Ups over Microsoft Teams.

We are all hopeful that this situation won't be for much longer and that cases will have dropped sufficiently for us to be able to welcome the children back to school as soon as possible.

In the meantime we hope that the children have a relaxing week off next week and we will be back on the 22nd February.



Nursery News

In nursery earlier this week the children read the story *Snow Bears*.

The children had a great time recreating the part of the story where the bears come in from the snow and eat hot toast in front of the fire.

The children all loved it, 'That was sooooo good!' said Ezra.

School Nursing Newsletter

The February edition of the school nursing newsletter is full of useful information and is being emailed out along with this newsletter.

Internet Safety Week

This week the children have been exploring internet safety. In connection with this, a document from National Online Safety containing 10 top tips for Keeping Children safe from Cyber Crime has been sent out with this email.

Library Services

Reading Central, Tilehurst and Caversham libraries are open for an order and collection service, by appointment. There are lots of children's books that the children could enjoy over half term.

Books can be ordered via the catalogue at <https://library.reading.gov.uk/> or call 0118 937 5950. All the information is at www.reading.gov.uk/libraryrestart

There are also ebooks, eaudio and emagazines at www.reading.gov.uk/elibrary

Libraries are essential services and are open to support us during this lockdown. All returned books are quarantined and then selected by staff, you just need to order and confirm an appointment with the library staff.

The Gospel

"The man went away but started freely proclaiming and telling the story everywhere so that Jesus could no longer go openly to any town." Mark 1: 40-45



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KS1 News

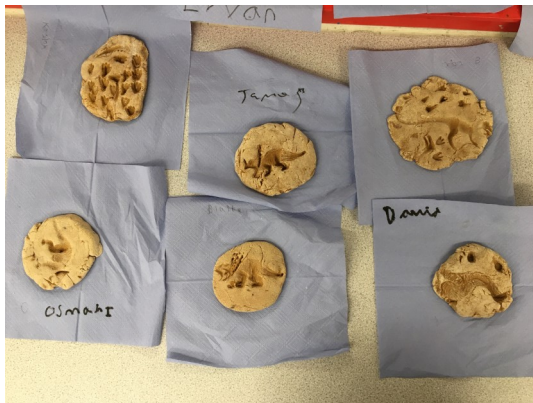
In Mrs Tumelty's class the children in school did some amazing dinosaur PE.

As part of the topic on the UK, Veronica drew a fabulous picture of the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland whilst Ellisha drew a fantastic Welsh flag.



KS2 News

In Miss Nasrallah's class the children have been looking at rocks and fossils. The children have had fun making them at school and at home.



Half Term Family Activities

In a nod to her former World Record Marathon time of 2 hours, 15 minutes (25 seconds). Paula Radcliffe is challenging children and their families to complete a MINIMUM of 2 hours 15 minutes of exercise TOGETHER across the week of half term. There are suggestions here but the important part is to be physically active with the family AND HAVE FUN. We look forward to hearing what you have been doing.

Ideas for family activities

- All the family walk the dog
- Wheel, run, walk, or scoot to the park for a game of rounders
- A simple jog or alternate run/walk between lampposts with another family member
- Put some of the family's favourite music on and have a kitchen disco for 20 minutes
- Relay shuttle runs around the garden
- A family fun circuit in the house or garden, include easy simple exercises that require no equipment—sit-ups, press ups, star jumps, squats, running on the spot. 30 seconds on, 30 seconds off.
- Design and make a safe obstacle course inside the house

JUST REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN and stay COVID safe