



Weekly Roundup 15/01/2021

Our Christian Value this term is..... **Confidence.**

'I will be with you and this shall be your sign.'
Moses and the Burning Bush

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What's been happening in class:

Year 1 & 2

A huge well done and WOW to **1/2R!**

I've been so impressed with your resilience and determination this week, all of you have created some fantastic writing, marvelous math's and I have thoroughly enjoyed giggling along with you whilst you've tried to balance a biscuit on your head! You have given 100% to all your learning, I really enjoyed our geography lesson, great singing by all.

I'm really looking forward to making our sandwiches next week, I know they'll be absolutely delicious! A huge thank you to all the adults at home and at school for your support, you are all superstars!

1/2O What an excellent turn out to our live learning sessions! We have learnt about past tense verbs and superlatives in writing as well about beginning our new geography topic! We have really enjoyed singing along to the continents song to help us learn all 7 of them! Miss O'Kane is so proud of all those children participating online, in school and on Purple Mash. You are all such superstars! Keep it up

Caterpillars

This week in Caterpillars I am super impressed with how hard everyone has been working and coming to terms with the new school way... we are even getting to grips with virtually putting our hands up. This week we have moved onto phase 3 phonics (you will find the sound cards in your resource packs) and I am really impressed with how quickly the children are learning the new sounds. A big well done to the following children who have been uploading their work to Tapestry for me to see Cassie, Georgina, Emily S, Jonny, Finley, Joey and Olivia. Remember if you're not sure how to upload work just pop back to the email guides.



Year 3 & 4

3/4S, I have been really amazed by your ability and respect with using the technology in our remote learning this week! We have been looking at rounding and adjusting different numbers, and then choosing the best method for adding them up. In English, we have been getting to know the character "Small" from our story "Black Dog." We've researched facts and information about Melksham and have been exploring different kinds of forces in Science. In collective worship we have been looking at the parable of the Talents, to inspire us about working hard to reach our goals.

A big thankyou to all the help and support from parents and carers – it's very much appreciated.

Year 3 & 4 continued

What an incredible week for **3/4A**! The children have been absolutely incredible with their online learning and getting to grips with Purple Mash and TEAMS. They have been ready, respectful and safe in their approach to their new working ways and have continued to make me proud every single day. This week, they have been really exploring characters in depth for our story 'Black Dog' and I think some parents and careers have been really getting involved in the story too! In Maths we have been exploring different ways to use addition and finding the best method for each of us which has been tricky trying to do online but we have all persevered! We have been searching the internet for facts about Melksham to combine our geography and computing skills, exploring forces in science, making posters for the Sikh festival Baisakhi and talking about all our hopes and dreams for the future in PSHE. A completely jam-packed week, have a lovely weekend and recharge those batteries!

What a brilliant week! Once again, I have been super impressed and felt super proud of **3/4P** during our online teaching! You should be proud of yourselves – showing how ready you are, being respectful, following online safety rules and being resilient! Lots of children have been sharing their ideas, thoughts and opinions with confidence! We have been writing character descriptions based on The Black Dog, using regrouping when adding numbers, using our IT skills to research Melksham, create posters about The Baisakhi Festival, sharing our ambitions & dreams, investigating rolling and surfaces ANNNNNNNNNND exploring shell structures! Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and careers who have supported their children at home throughout the week!

Year 5

This week year 5 have been deepening their online learning skills, thinking about how to add images from the internet into their pieces of work. We had some very confident members of 5K who were willing to help share their knowledge. We have been persevering with long multiplication in Maths and practising our number facts to help support this. In writing we have nearly finished the book Skellig, preparing to rewrite a section of the text next week incorporating all the skills we have been looking at. Well done 5K, you have made me very proud!



Year 6

Year 6 continue to go from strength to strength with their live learning, supporting each other and showing great resilience. They have thrown themselves into their work this week and produced some fantastic pieces of writing. It has also been really encouraging to hear so much positive feedback from both pupils and parents – well done everyone and keep it up!

Safeguarding

4 weeks to go until Safer Internet Day 2021

The UK safer Internet Centre has launched top tips and advice pages -

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/safer-internet-day-top-tips-and-advice-pages-looking-reliability-online>,

tailor made to cover the issue of online reliability and misinformation for Safer Internet Day 2021 -

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021>.

Safer Internet Day 2021 is being celebrated around the world on Tuesday 9th February 2021. The global theme is 'together for a better internet' and this year in the UK we are putting the focus on how young people can tell fact from fiction, and work together to create an internet we trust. These include tips for ages 3-7, ages 7-11 and 11-18 -

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/safer-internet-day-2021-top-tips>.

For further information go to info@childnet.com

First News

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<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/the-newspaper/>

I know that quite a few children in the school enjoys looking through this.

Outdoor learning

Each Friday afternoon we would like you to go outdoors for some learning as a family. As so much of our learning is indoors at the moment, it is even more important to go outside, get some fresh air, get moving, get exploring and get building! Next week you will receive information about activities that you can do as a family and different ways in which you can challenge all of your children.

Online Learning

From next week, at the end of live learning teachers will remain online with their camera and mics off for half an hour. If you wish to make contact with them then you can do so by turning your camera back on. The aim is for this to replace the conversations that you were previously able to have at pick up. It could be that you want to ask a quick question, share something your child particularly enjoyed or found tricky or if required, request a phone call from your child's teacher.

We would ask that emails beyond this time are kept to a minimum so that teachers have time to prepare learning for the next day and offer feedback on Purple Mash. If you need to contact the school please do so via the school email or admin email address.

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- <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>
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- [David Walliams daily free audio story](#) for 30 days.
- [Audible.com](#) - free audible books for all ages.
- [Researchify](#) - Word/PDF/Audiobooks of Children's Classics.
- The Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust has also created a [short reading list of books that are available to read online](#).
- [myON](#) are offering access to thousands of enhanced digital books through online library to help 'keep the UK and Ireland reading'

- Have a look at World Book Day's [World of Stories](#), where you can listen to audiobooks of some of your favourite books.
- Listen to **three free audiobooks** on the [Harper Collins website](#).
- [Literacy Trust: The Book of Hopes](#). Completely free for all children and families, the extraordinary collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures has contributions from more than **110 children's writers and illustrators**, including Lauren Child, Anthony Horowitz, Greg James and Chris Smith, Michael Morpurgo, Liz Pichon, Axel Scheffler, Francesca Simon and Jacqueline Wilson.
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