

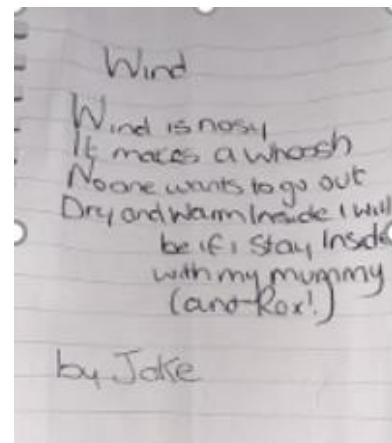
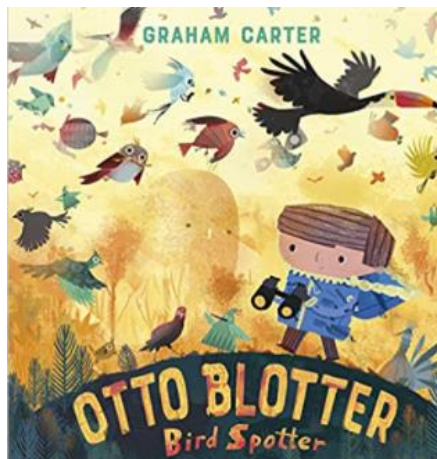
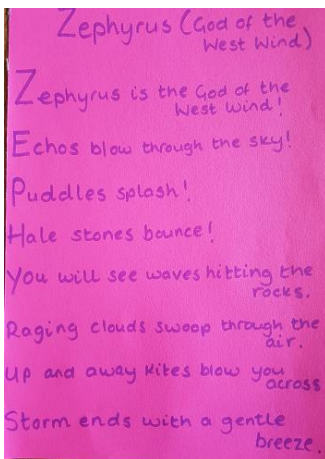


18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear parents, carers and children,

## No 21 Newsletter

Goodness, what a final day of half term! This half term has thrown us a number of challenges, although there have also been many positives too, including focussing on our catch-up work; getting our hall back to allow us to do indoor dance and gymnastics; learning new skills and gaining new knowledge through our updated foundation subjects, Curriculum 21.



Today, we have also had the opportunity to write from first-hand experience and create some blustery day poetry, whilst having to learn remotely! Well done everyone; I have only been able to cut and paste a couple of poems (Jake and Zephyr) and Year one creatively counted in 2's at home today. There are so many fantastic examples of all of your work today, on TEAMS 😊. Well done all.



I also wanted to thank our wider school community for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. We hope that you are able to spend some time relaxing and recharging your batteries together over the coming week.

**Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.**

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It was lovely to see so many of you on our virtual assembly today; I have added the assembly book to the Assemblies Channel on Teams, in case you want to read it again, or if you missed the assembly: Otto Blotter Bird Spotter by Graham Carter.

**Covid-19** – further guidance to schools will be coming out at the end of next week. From 28<sup>th</sup> February, we will keep our present school procedures in place. I will send further details after half term, once I have updated the risk assessment. Please remember to give your child a lateral flow test before they return to school next half term and also to let me know of any cases over the break too. Thank you.

### **School Council Message from Fern, Ruby and Dottie:**

Last week, our School Council had a meeting about the new Learning Behaviour Badge ideas. Now we all need to create pictures and designs of the badges we like from the list below.

The last four design ideas are:

- . separate badges for each subject
- . rainbow of colours
- . oak tree and acorns\hills and trees
- . separate animal learning behaviour badge

**Online Safety Week.** As promised, we have shared 'All fun and games' Online safety information via the assembly channel/remote learning teams. We hope you find this useful.

### **British Science Week 11th to 20th March 2022**

The national theme this year is 'growth' and to celebrate we are asking children to think about what 'growth' means to them and show this on a poster to be entered into a nationwide competition. We will be having 'growth' themed activities throughout our science lessons and learning about different careers in science. There is also a poster competition.

- What is your personal experience of growth? – Have you grown something in school or at home? Have you overcoming a challenge that you thought you could not do! How has it helped you to become stronger, braver, kinder, or more accomplished? How do our family, teachers and friends help us grow? Has someone in or something helped you to grow?
- How do you think the world has grown? Can you think about population growth, plant growth, economic growth or even the growth of cities and society? What is an example of good growth?

Your creative and engaging poster will be presented on either A4 or A3 paper or card and contain clear and accurate information. All posters should be handed in to your class teacher by 14<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Calling all STEM Parents/grandparents/carers,**

Do you have a science, technology, engineering or maths (STEM) related career? Has studying science helped you in your job? Would you be willing to talk to us via Teams about your role and its links to STEM? If so please contact [mbayley@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:mbayley@educ.somerset.gov.uk) by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March



## Y6 Visit to Holyrood for Grease Performance

We hope that Yew class will visit Holyrood for the morning of Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. There is no charge for this exciting visit. We will travel by coach, leaving at 9.10am and return in time for lunch. Children are to wear full school uniform, take their drinks bottle and small snack. A final decision regarding our attendance will be made after we receive the latest Covid-19 guidance. Please complete the on-line questionnaire <https://forms.gle/CXbAx85EfYDQ5LQx7> if you have any queries or questions about this visit.

## Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening dates: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 4pm – 6.20pm. Following guidance from Public Health parents' evening needs to remain remote this term. Letters explaining how you can book these via school cloud went home on Wednesday by email. Additional meetings for children on the SEND register will continue; these will be either held via Teams or a phone call. Thank you.

## Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

**Acorn Class:** Lauren, for fantastic storytelling in circle time; Zachary for creating some amazing jellyfish prints.

**Oak Class:** Rosalie for being Motivated and Engaged in maths when solving problems; Teddy for aiming high with your learning and looking at ways to improve your spellings.

**Beech Class:** Robyn, fantastic effort with everything you do! Ava for always being a positive presence in class: kind, caring and enthusiastic!

**Willow Class:** Jayden for Aiming High and going above and beyond with home learning; Benjamin for taking responsibility with his behaviour in lessons.

**Hawthorn Class:** Sophia for always looking out for others in class; Oscar for smashing his AR reading target: 126%.

**Hazel Class:** Tyler H for Keeping Going – he always tries hard, especially in maths! Ava S for being positive and helpful to others in her group all week.

**Yew Class:** Tyler for making a fantastic effort with your handwriting & Immy for excellent contributions to discussions, especially in maths.

## Badges

| Class       | Gold                 |
|-------------|----------------------|
| Beech Class | Lola, Declan & Amjed |

Congratulations to the following Gold Card Winners:

Oak Class: Jake & Evie.

Beech Class: Arial.

Hawthorn Class:

Abi, Maisy So. Dylan, Aubree, Eli, Amelia, Grace, Ben, Ruby H & Oscar.

## Platinum Bags

**Year 6:** Ben, Laila, Brooke and Lewis for information sheets about the heart and how to keep it healthy.



**Year 3:** Megan for her map on the River Axe.

**Year 2:** Robyn for her writing about a journey around the world; Declan and Alfred for their vehicle using axles and wheels.

**Half term Book Vouchers:** Rec: Lauren; Y1: Amelia R; Y2: Isla; Y3: Darcie; Y4: Harrison; Y5: Frankie; Y6 Skye. Well done super readers.

**Handwriting Fountain Pen:** Y3: William; Y4: Ruby B; Y5: Noah; Y6: Austin. Fantastic dedication!

**Spellingframe:**

**Oak Class:** Arianna, Sebastian, Rowan

**Beech Class:** Arti, Cameron, Florence

**Willow Class:** Megan, Josh, Ben

**Hawthorn Class:** Skye, Dylan, Jimmy

**Hazel Class:** Owen, Oscar, Toby

**Yew Class:** Ben, Kyle, Leyland

**Year 3 For Most Engaged!**

**Reminders:**

**Forward Visit Dates:**

Yew Class: Holyrood Grease performance – Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**Hazel Class: Visit to Magdalen Farm – Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March** we still have a few consents outstanding which were chased up by text this week - please consent asap via the online form:

<https://forms.gle/NVij7RGqBFzVR6cP6>

Acorn Class: Visit to Magdalen Farm – Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March

Oak Class: Visit to Chard Museum - Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March

Beech Class: Visit to Lyme Regis Museum – Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March

Yew Class: Residential to Magdalen Farm, Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**Events coming up:**

Three big dates are coming up: World Book Day, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March; International Day of Mathematics, 14<sup>th</sup> March; and Red Nose Day, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. We have now sent out information on World Book Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> March and International Day of Mathematics on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**School Loaned Laptops/ipads**

In order to update equipment, we need to collect up all the laptops and ipads which have been loaned to pupils. If there any more at home please do send them in asap, we will be chasing these up after half term, thank you.

**PAFOTS Meeting:** everyone welcome: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9am.

Remember that we are running a mathematical scavenger hunt over half term; an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of mathematics, while being in with the chance of winning a prize and having your photos displayed in our "Art in Maths" gallery. Entries due in by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March- send to [homelearning.sch331@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:homelearning.sch331@educ.somerset.gov.uk) See attached document for the scavenger hunt.



### Uniform Price Increase

Unfortunately, our uniform suppliers have informed us of a price increase from 1<sup>st</sup> April. Sweatshirts and Cardigans will increase by 30p to £10.30, polo shirts by 50p to £8.50, coats by £1.05 to £20.55 and our tracksuit bottoms by 25p to £13.50. Any orders after 31<sup>st</sup> March will be charged at the new prices.

We break for half term today, Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> February and return to school on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. Best wishes for safe and relaxing break.

Kindest regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher.

Attachments:

Scavenger hunt

Science Competition flyer

Karisma Flyer

Chard together competition

