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# February 2021 Newsletter

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We look forward to all children who are working at home being on their Seesaw and Tapestry next week – one last push, we can do this! The routine of being on Seesaw/ Tapestry will really help them for their return next week.

No Zoom calls will take place after the last call of the morning of Wednesday 3rd March 2021. After this call, Wednesday will be Screen Free. On Thursday and Friday, it is World Book Days. Work for this will be on Tapestry/ Seesaw, but will be reading based.

**Friday 2nd April 2021 - Friday 16th April 2021**  
**Easter Holidays**

**Monday 19th April 2021 – Back to School**  
(first day of Summer Term)

Please note, the INSET Day which was due to take place on Monday 19th April 2021 has been cancelled, due to this being used as an emergency closure.





# Screen Break Wednesday



Your challenge is to produce a collage based on the theme - Spring and new beginnings! I have attached a few ideas. We would love home learners to bring in their art on Monday 8th March when we have our new beginning back together! I hope that we can make a gallery of our work!

You can use any materials you like - natural resources, pasta, paper etc. Maybe take some time having a safe walk with an adult looking at the signs of spring all around us? I can't wait to see you all and I can't wait to see your art!

Big virtual hug!

*Mrs Jones*



We look forward to seeing you again in school on Monday 8th March!



# Rewards



Mrs Engler has been busy rewarding Learner of the Week over the last few weeks in Lion Class.

Friday 5th February - Ruby Fraser for flexing her making links muscle.

Friday 12th February - Emma Jackson for flexing her perseverance muscle.

Mrs Hillman and Mrs Porrino in Lemur Class have been rewarding Learner of the Week for those children in school and learning at home.

Friday 5th February - Sofia Sousa for flexing her imagination muscle.

Friday 5th February - Rylan Ford for flexing his perseverance muscle.

Friday 12th February - Millie Le for flexing her perseverance muscle.

Friday 12th February - Isla Harvey for flexing her listening muscle.

On Friday 12th February Jerian McCash in Hawk Class and Alexander Kinloch in Panda Class were both awarded Learner of the Week for flexing their learning muscles, within the Year 6 bubbles.



We would like to make a big shout out to everyone for flexing all of their Learning Muscles during this difficult time!

## Reading Celebrations



Gold Reading Challenge badges have been awarded to Eleanor Kinloch and Molly Humphry in Koala Bear Class and Bella Viola in Seahorse Class.

Well done girls - this is an incredible achievement!

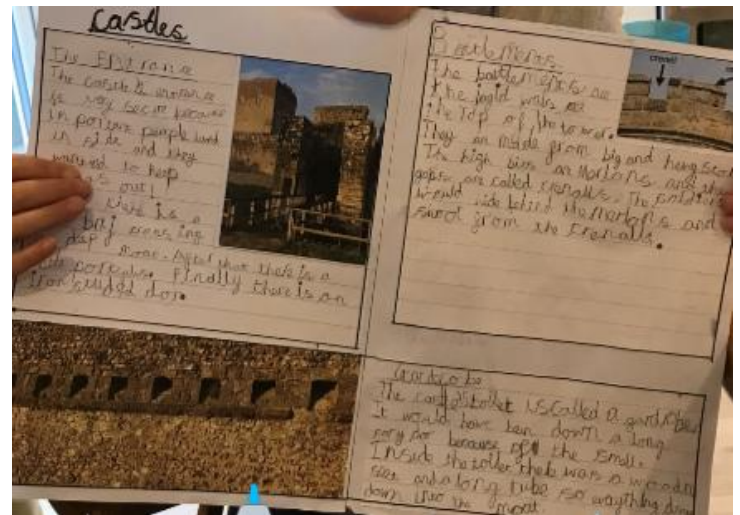
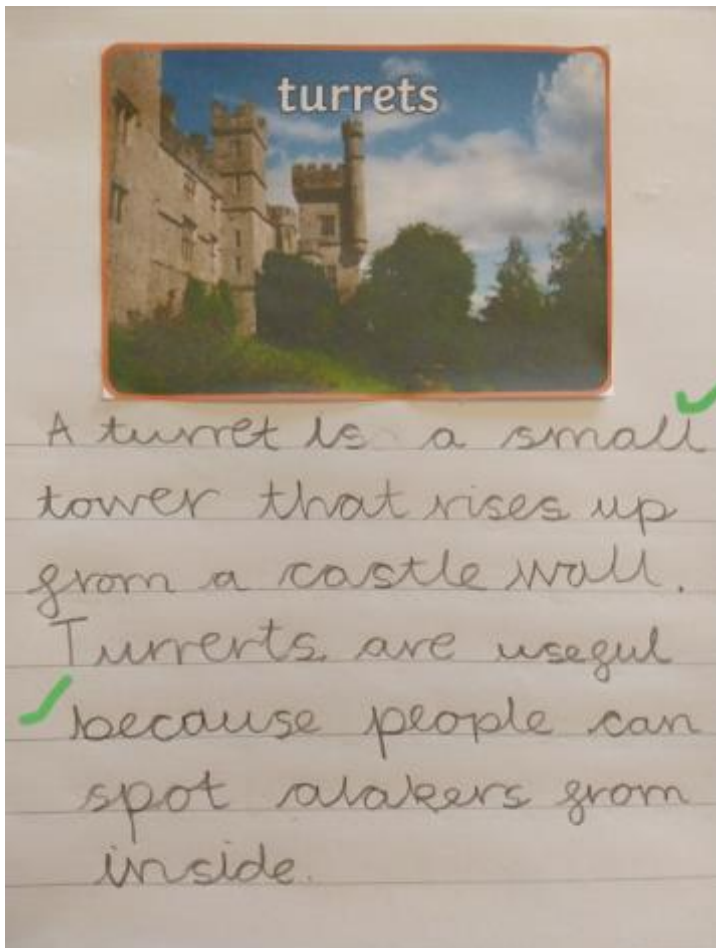




# Year 1 Seesaw Work

Here are some of the fantastic pieces of work that have been posted on Seesaw within Year 1. The children created non-chronological reports about castles. They learnt many facts about different parts of a castle.

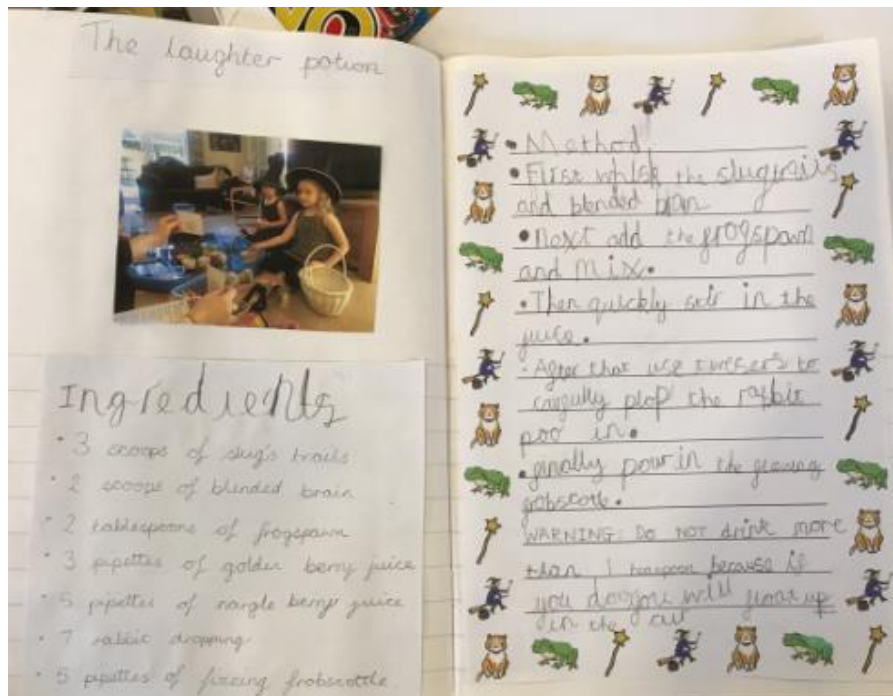
By Ruby Fraser



By Emma Jackson

In Year 1, the children have been looking at a variety of mystery objects. Can you guess what they are?



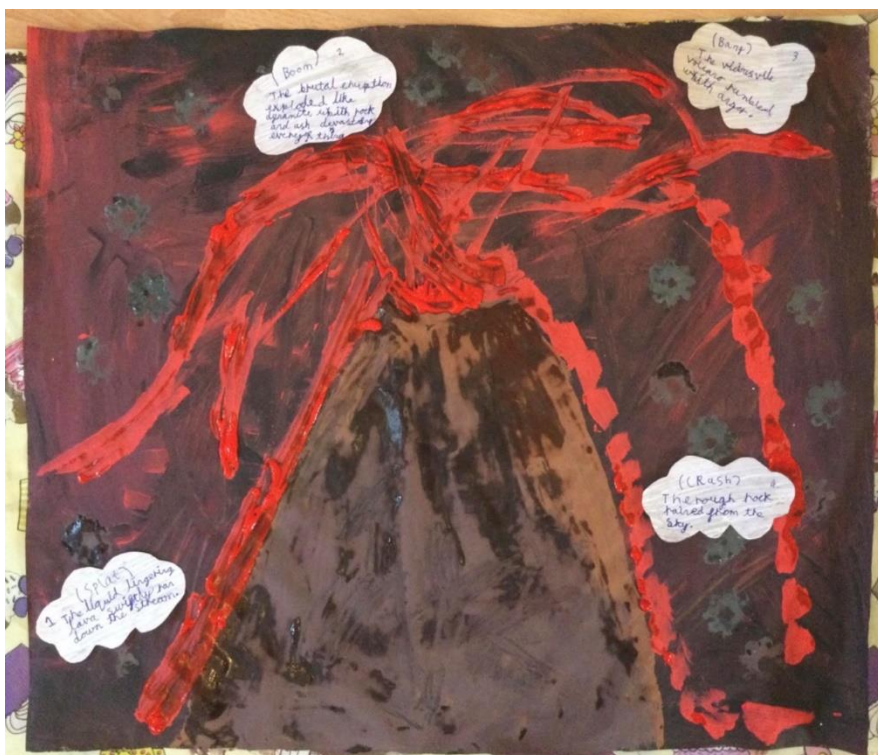


Emma in Year 1 created her own 'Laughter Potion' - this was not part of school work, just for fun!



# Year 3 Seesaw Work

The week before half term, Year 3 explored poems and the features of them. We then decided to write one on a volcano, as we had previously learnt lots of information about them.



In a quiet town,  
There was a still volcano,  
People loved watch it,  
With it's glowing halo,

One day it started grumbling,  
Then the town began rumbling,  
"Bubble Bubble" said the volcano loudly,  
Before it exploded quickly,  
In the blink of an eye lava and smoke filled the sky,

The volcano laughed ferociously,  
As it's halo started to shine,  
The people run frightendly,  
To make sure they were fine,

The lava felt as hot as the Sun,  
As it melted through the street,  
With a "boom crash wallop",  
Everyone ran on their feet.



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## VOLCANO POEM

The protector groomed in the distance over the bustling  
 Pompeii,  
 Liquid lava bubbles,  
 Rumble grumble the ground shakes.  
 Rumbles come from inside the volcano,  
 Boom! crash! bang! Liquid lava spews,  
 The giant angry beast bellows.  
 The giant fierce volcano had boiling lava spewing,  
 Dripping hot lava dripped down the volcano like  
 melting ice cream,  
 A trail of devastation left behind.



## Volcano Poem By Anelis.

Me the volcano, oh menacing me.  
 Out of their houses the villagers flee  
 Utterly deadly my lava be, blood red, honey amber, those people will see.  
 Nothing can stop me, I'm terribly fierce.  
 The sound I will convey shall make your ears peerce.  
 Vesuvius me, I'm the deadliest thing.  
 Explosion... Boom! Like a bald eagle, I'll screech and I'll sing.  
 Silence, people stop in surprise, I shudder a bit and then I sing.  
 Under the rubble and destruction I've caused, some children climb out dogs bark and  
 birds caw.  
 Vast misty ash clouds can be seen from afar.  
 I am now asleep, my sweet dreams shall soon start.  
 Up and below the devastation is real.  
 So I'll return soon, lets see how you felt real.

Powerful protector standing proud,  
 covering the bustling town,  
 Relaxing in the sun,  
 Having some fun.  
 Ground starts to shake,  
 It's a big quake.  
 BANG! POP! FIZZ!  
 The volcano starts to rise,  
 Outrages orange lava splashes,  
 And all the ash dashes.  
 Violent strong rock roll to the docks,  
 Mad and malicious,  
 Scary and vicious,  
 chaotic collapsing clouds,  
 Destroy and crush the town,  
 Massive ferocious dragon.  
 All that's left is rubble and bodies,  
 Shattered windows and broken bottles,  
 Bricks and walls,  
 and all the tools  
 have fallen to the ground, Down, Down,  
 By Fate.

Thursday 11th February 2021

## VOLCANO POEM

Beautiful magnificent butterflies flew through the  
 air.  
 Huge protector standing proud,  
 Magnificent magma bubbles as it roars,  
 Suddenly BOOM! CRASH! BANG!  
 Smoke got everywhere,  
 Worried, scared,  
 I began to flee,  
 I prayed everyone was ok,  
 Death was left behind,  
 Some of my friends were dead,  
 I miss them,  
 I was so sad  
 It felt like I let them down.



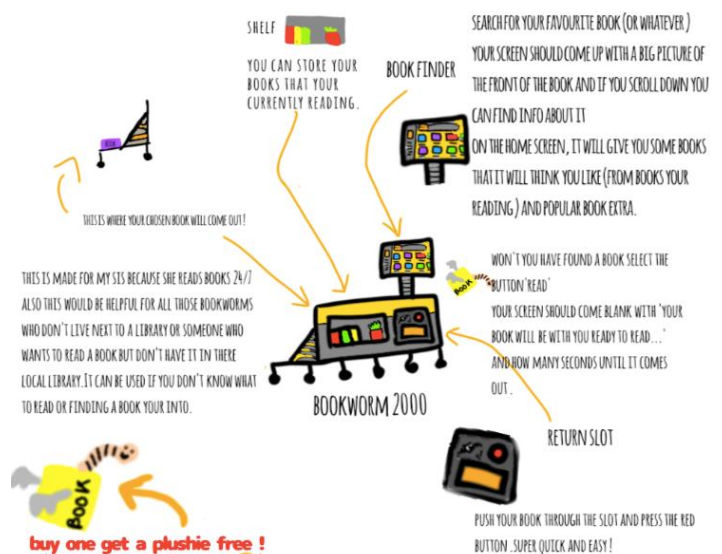
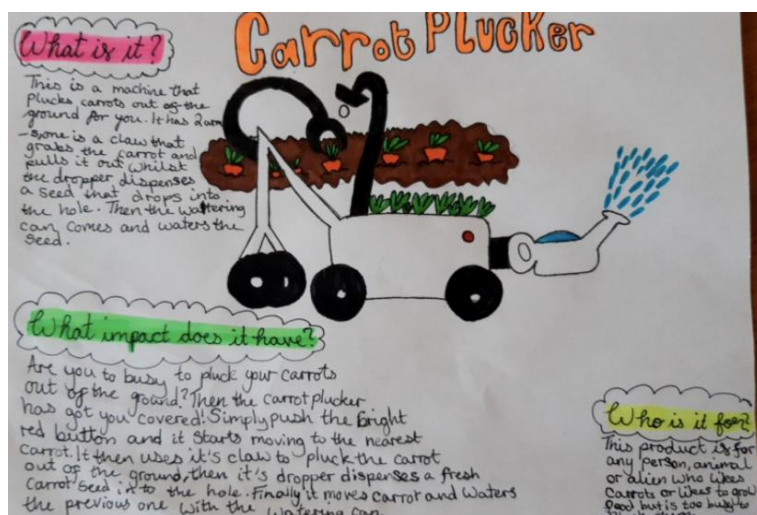
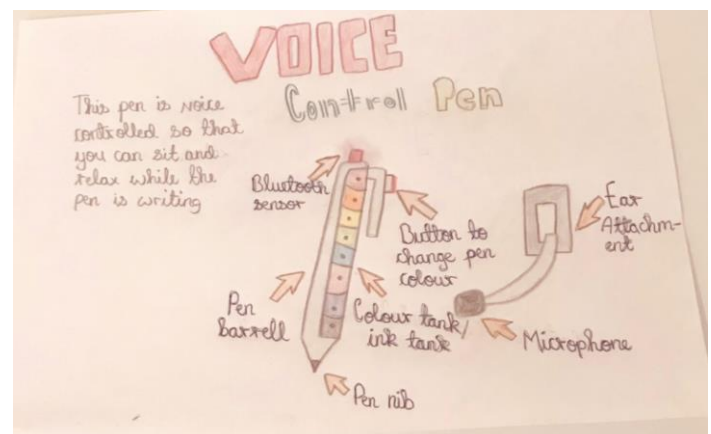
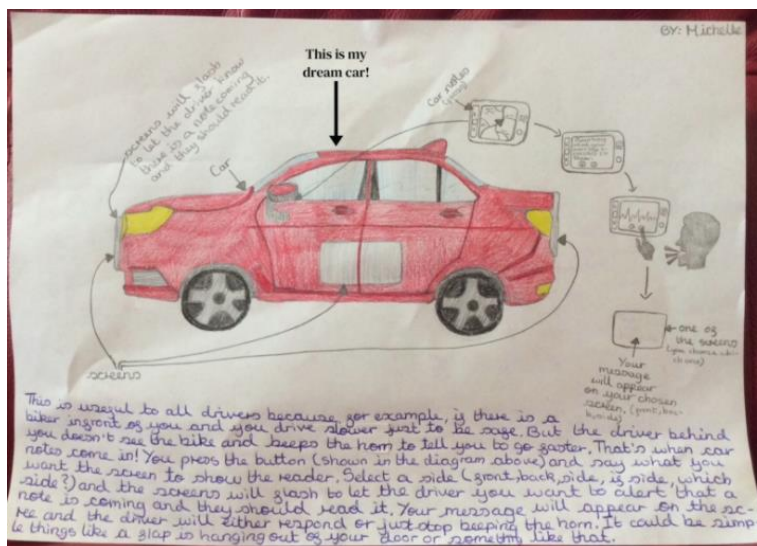


# Year 6 Seesaw Work

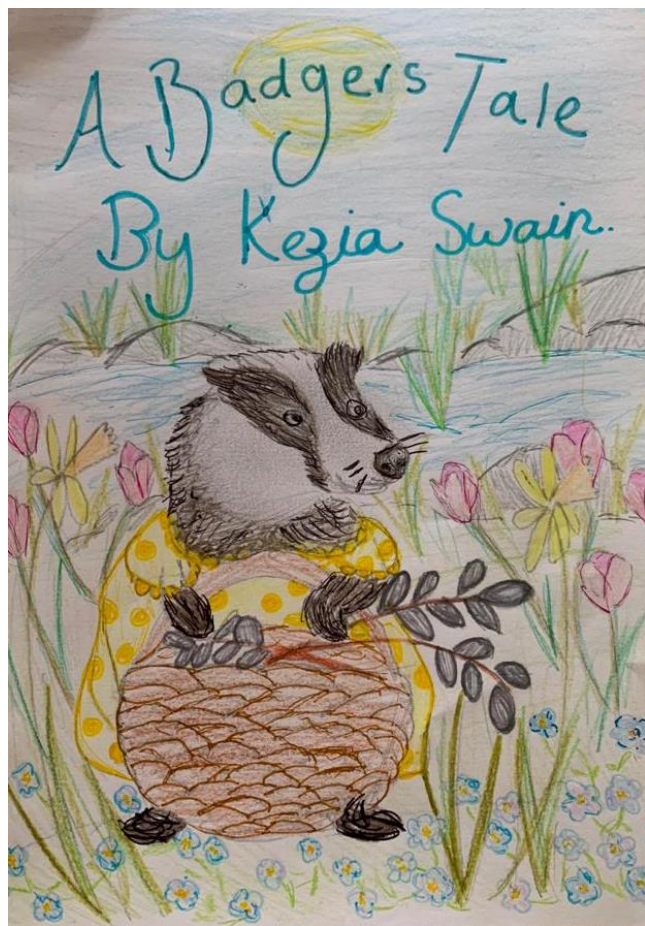


Year 6 have been learning about the Ancient Greeks and all the things they invented all those years ago. Taking inspiration from the Ancient Greeks, the children have been designing their own inventions, which will fix a problem that they, or someone they know, has faced.

Imaginations have been running wild, linking with our enquiry question, 'What can an imagination unlock?' Here are just some of the designs that the children have come up with!



Thank you to Miss Schofield, Miss Engler, Miss Brine and Miss Cook for sharing children's work with us!



# A Badgers Tale

By Kezia Swain, Year 6

Spring danced in like a butterfly, bringing with it all the wonder and promise of sunshine and golden adventures to come. Every nook and crevice was shocked into giving up its dust and cobwebs, and the damp and chills of winter were shaken out the window on Mrs Badger's duster.

There was great frenzied excitement of readiness in the set as preparations for Grandpa's birthday took place. Outside in the hedgerow, Tommy, Jackson and their little sister Blossom were collecting pussy willows and depositing them into a wicker basket nestled into the lush green grass. "Have we got enough yet?" signed blossom sitting down in a flurry of yellow cotton skirts and petticoats.

"No, we only have enough pussy willows to stuff half a cushion and we wanted to give Grandpa Badger a whole one for his birthday" said Jackson as he feverishly picked more light grey fluffy buds. Suddenly a golden and black humming moth darted past flapping its delicate wings. This was just the distraction Tommy needed and with a whoop he set chase and raced around the meadow.

"Tommy" squealed Blossom scoldingly, but he was off sending up clouds of pollen under his pattering feet.

Meanwhile back at the set, the preparations were well underway. Wafts of cinnamon and stewed apples flew gently out of the open window as Mrs Badger placed her golden crumbed pie to cool.

"There you are! Where have you been?" fussed Mrs Badger as she brushed pollen off Tommy's nose and whiskers.

"Tut, tut, that basket is only half full!" she continued. Jackson and Blossom shifted uncomfortably on the spot, they dared not tell their mother that Tommy had run off and they spent the rest of the afternoon trying to find him.

"Run along now Blossom and change your dress it's all covered in hawthorn thorns, and give those pussy willows to me, I shall have to make a pin cushion instead" She sighed reaching for her sewing basket.

Whilst all the commotion in the set was going on, Mr Badger: seeking peace and quiet, took a stroll down to the river to catch some minnows for the party sandwiches and some fresh spring water for lemonade. He sat down and admired his perfectly groomed whiskers peeping out under his cap, in the glassy tranquil water: crickets were humming in the bushes and a sweet aroma of honeysuckle and freshly cut hay tingled his nose.

His eyelids felt heavy and he was considering having a sneaky nap, when out of nowhere a



dark shadow emerged from the bullrushes, a bird let out a cry of warning. Looking around startled, Mr Badger lost his footing and a giant, grey and white beast pounced upon him, pushing him into the water. Gasping and spluttering, he caught sight of Smokey the tabby farm cat, her green eyes glimmering with malice.

Smokey, sat and licked her paws as she watched Mr Badger bob down the river like a paper boat making its way out to sea.

"Help" Mr Badger called as he tried to grab hold of the weeds and branches as he sailed down the stream. The cool, icy water snatched and pulled at his fur, ripping his cap from his head and ruffling up his whiskers.

Further down the river, a couple of children were paddling with their nets and buckets when a little girl, with her skirt tucked up into her nickers, called out to her brother:

"Hey Archie, look!" Archie, turning around, saw a black and white bundle quickly approaching and he scooped his net in a flash and held up his prize!

"What is it?" asked the girl

"I dunno" he replied as he waded to the river bank and deposited the mass on the grass.

"Some silly, old toy" He grumbled disappointingly and left it on a nearby rock to dry.

Back at the set, Grandpa Badger, dressed in his finest, black, velvet waistcoat, welcomed his guests to his party. The record player played Grandpa Badgers favourite tunes and Victoria sponge cake and raspberry jelly was passed around. Everyone was busy playing pass the parcel, when Mrs Badger looked up and said,

"Where is Mr Badger?"

The words made everyone stop still and look about, astonished faces turned to worry as they realised, Mr Badger had never returned from the river.

"We must organise a search party" Auntie Primrose exclaimed, and everyone began to pull on coats and boots. Jackson, Tommy and Blossom ran on ahead to the riverbank.

"Have you seen our dad?" They asked the fat grey cat slumped in the sunshine.

"Not I" she purred as she stretched out her claws.

"Try further down the river" She mewed.

The party searched every clump of daffodils, every mound of moss and even the entrance to the sly foxes' den, hidden by the overgrown brambles and stinging nettles.

They were beginning to despair when Blossom caught sight of the sun gleaming on a rock by the river and she scurried off for a closer inspection. Limp and bedraggled, lay Mr Badger weak and exhausted the sun glinting off his button black nose.

"I've found him!" Blossom sang across to the others, beaming with pride. By the time they had Mr Badger home and tucked up in bed, having told the family of his perilous journey down the river, the sun had set across the fields, painting the sky orange, pink and yellow like the paints in a watercolour box.

Later that night, awakened by a rumble in his tummy, Grandpa Badger, in his worn out slippers trudged down to the kitchen looking for a midnight slice of pie. The moonlight shone a spot light on the door mat, making Mr Badgers soggy, wet boots glint brightly in the dark. A little flash of silver caught Grandpas eye as a minnow flickered in a puddle or water on the mat.

"This has been the strangest birthday ever!" he thought as he popped the little fish into his mouth.

THE END

# Coronavirus



Please remember to contact us if you have outstanding test results, or if your child develops symptoms, so the school can operate track and trace. Please email [adminoffice@shamblehurst.co.uk](mailto:adminoffice@shamblehurst.co.uk)

During weekends and holidays, the admin office emails will be checked twice daily, once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

In your email please detail:

- What the symptoms are e.g. cough, temperature loss of taste or smell or asymptomatic (no symptoms)
  - When did the symptoms started
  - Has anyone else in your family got symptoms or is Covid positive
- Any close contacts in school - please mention anyone your child plays with/comes to school with
  - When was the test and when was the result received
- What have Track and Trace have said are the first and last day of isolation

***Please put as much detail on the email as possible and a contact number for you if the DFE ask us further questions.***

Please can parents and visitors continue to wear a face covering whilst on school grounds.

We would like to kindly remind you to please do not keep Teachers on the playground talking and only come into the office if it is essential - please contact us by phone or email.

Please help us continue to keep Shamblehurst Primary School a safe place.

Letters and risk assessments following the recent Government announcement, re schools re-opening on Monday 8th March, will be emailed to all parents on Friday 26th February.

We will advise you when they have been sent. Please ensure we have your correct contact details. Thank you.



## Year R - Tapestry

There have been some lovely posts on Tapestry over the last few weeks!

We are really proud of all of your achievements and have enjoyed seeing your photos and videos you have kindly shared with us.

We hope you've enjoyed story time at 3pm each day!



Week of January 31 - February 7 at Shamblehurst Primary School



6,950  
New Items



5,538  
Likes



6,400  
Comments



431  
Parent Visits

Week of February 7 - February 14 at Shamblehurst Primary School



7,681  
New Items



6,430  
Likes



6,799  
Comments



459  
Parent Visits

Week of February 14 - February 21 at Shamblehurst Primary School



83  
New Items



53  
Likes



75  
Comments



15  
Parent Visits

## Year 1 - Year 6 - Seesaw

Wow! An incredible amount of work shared on Seesaw during February 2021!

As you can see, there has been so much hard work and effort by children and parents.

Following the government's announcement, the School Fruit and Veg Scheme will return on Monday 8th March 2021 for providing each child in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 with a break time snack.

School  
**Fruit and Vegetable**  
Scheme



We would like to say thank you to Love It Lawns for providing us with artificial grass for our Year R outside den!



# Sir Captain Tom Moore

Thank you to everyone who gave a very kind donation on walking 100 times up and down the playground, 100 laps of their garden, or 5000 steps.

After a final total up, just under £400 was raised. All money given as a donation was sent to The Captain Tom Foundation.

Thank you!

*'I promise tomorrow will be a better day' - Sir Captain Tom Moore*



A big well done to Amelie and Isaac Burroughs, for joining in with the Sir Captain Tom Moore 100 garden laps at home!

Despite the chilly weather, the children wrapped up warm and dressed in capes, wore Minnie Mouse and rabbit ears and ended with Dorothy and Dinosaur dressing up.

Thank you for sharing with us!

Did anyone see us on the ITV Meridian News on Friday 12th February? If you missed it, you can watch it on our school Facebook Page!



# Outdoor Learning

## Winter Outdoor Learning at Shamblehurst

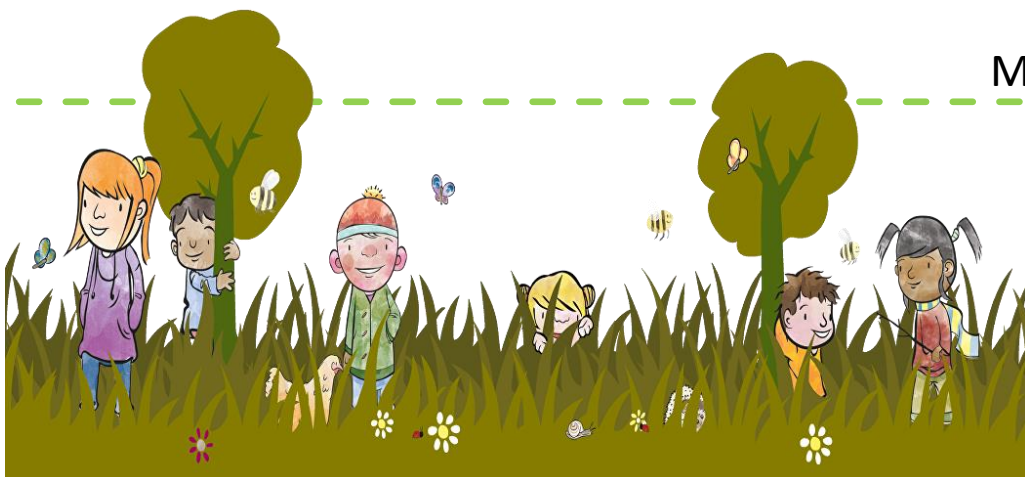
January and February brought a lot of cold and wet weather, which really tested our resilience outdoors, but thanks to the right clothing and some positive attitudes, we were still able to enjoy a huge amount of time outside. Children have been building dens to shelter from rain and chilly winds, playing Viking Chess to warm up cold bodies as well as learning and creating many games designed to develop resilience, collaboration and communication with an emphasis on healthy well-being.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children have also been participating in lots of challenges designed to test their metacognition and lateral thinking, with each challenge using a different range of skills from guessing and estimation, logic, imagination, accuracy and confidence.

Tasks are set up with the purpose of children earning points for themselves as well as for their class, competing against other classes in their year group and across the school. Listening skills are essential to understanding the task. It is up to them to work independently and as part of a team to attempt to get the most points. Tasks so far have included; the SpongeBob challenge, the best upside down self-portrait, 100 seconds and a tricky task involving a wheelie bin and tennis balls. It's been amazing to see the children tackle these challenges with such positive attitudes using wonderfully creative ideas and awesome logic, there has of course been many rather odd responses but even some of these have earned points!

They have really embraced the competition and all classes are focussed on winning their year group battle, as well as beating all the other year groups and with one week left of tasks, any class could still win and receive the ultimate honour of being the Shamblehurst Challenge Champions!

Mr Richards





**Thursday 4th March, 2021**

Although we are not all together this year for World Book Day, we still want the children to share and celebrate their love of books.

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day over two days (Thursday 4th and Friday 5th), so that the children can have some time away from the screens and really immerse themselves in some lovely activities involving all things books and reading.

Below is a link to a whole host of activities you can enjoy with your child from colouring in and word searches, to cooking and being creative with your favourite books. There are also

audio books to enjoy and competitions to enter on this site too.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/>



**Potato Characters** - why not design a potato of your favourite character. You could paint or draw on your potato and make accessories.



**Book Face Challenge** - getting creative with your camera and costume (if needed), can you blend yourself into the cover of your favourite book?



**Design A Book Mark** - this could include facts and pictures of your favourite books.



**Puppet Show** - create puppets of your favourite characters and put on a puppet show to tell the story to your family. You could record these and share them on your Seesaw/ Tapestry.





For those of us looking for a break from the screen, why not give one or two of these activities a go?

# Non-screen activities for book lovers

Pobble

25  
ideas!

These 25 fun book-based ideas will help you explore your favourite stories and maybe inspire your own!

**1** Can you take the story from your favourite book and turn it into a short poem?



**2** Write a letter to your favourite author. What will you tell them or ask them?



**3** Alternative ending. Think of your favourite book and re-write the final chapter of it.



**4** Get creative! Make your own bookmark to use when you read. How will you decorate it?



**5** Turn your favourite book into a comic strip. Writing a story doesn't always have to be about the words!



**6** Reading wish list. Make a list of all the books you'd like to read in the future.



**7** Decorate an item to look like your favourite book character. You could choose a stone, a wooden spoon or something else!



**8** Turn the story of your favourite book into a play script. Can you act it out?



**9** Story mash-up! Write a new story that mixes together your favourite characters from different books.



**10** Make a puppet of a famous book character. You could use a sock, a paper bag or even your finger!



**11** If you could write a non-fiction book, what would you write about? Write down five facts about your chosen topic.



**12** Design a new costume for your favourite book character. How will you make it different from the original?



**13** Where is the most unusual place you can find to read a book? Under the bed? Up a tree? You choose!



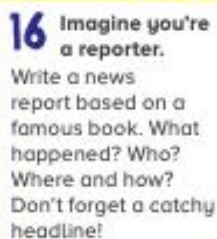
**14** A word of advice. What advice would you give to your favourite book character? How could you help them?



**15** Story hunt. Collect items that give clues to a book then share them with someone. Can they guess the story?



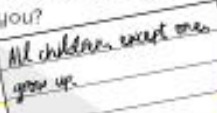
**16** Imagine you're a reporter. Write a news report based on a famous book. What happened? Who? Where and how? Don't forget a catchy headline!



**17** Can you make a model of a famous book setting? You could use a box and decorate it!



**18** Take the first line of your favourite book and use it to write a different story. Where will it take you?



**19** What would happen to your favourite character in a different story? Can you write a new tale?



**20** Design a new book cover for your favourite book. What will you change?



**21** Reading den! Build a den using things from around the house and cosy up in there to read a book.



**22** Pretend to be your favourite book character. Act out a part of the story, can your family guess which book it is?



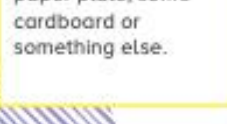
**23** Read aloud! Grab your favourite book and read to someone else, your family, a pet or even your toys!



**24** Who is the villain in your favourite book? Can you make a wanted poster for them?



**25** Get crafty! Make a mask of your favourite book character. You could use a paper plate, some cardboard or something else.





# The Masked Reader



Who's  
behind the  
mask?

As well as all this, your teachers will be posting a series of videos, via Seesaw and Tapestry, of some of Shamblehurst staff sharing their favourite book. The twist is that this will be done in disguise and the staff will be reading from behind a mask.

Listening carefully to some of the vital clues, can you guess who is behind the mask?



Whichever activities you choose to do, we would love for you to take photos and upload these to your class Seesaw/ Tapestry for others to enjoy and see!

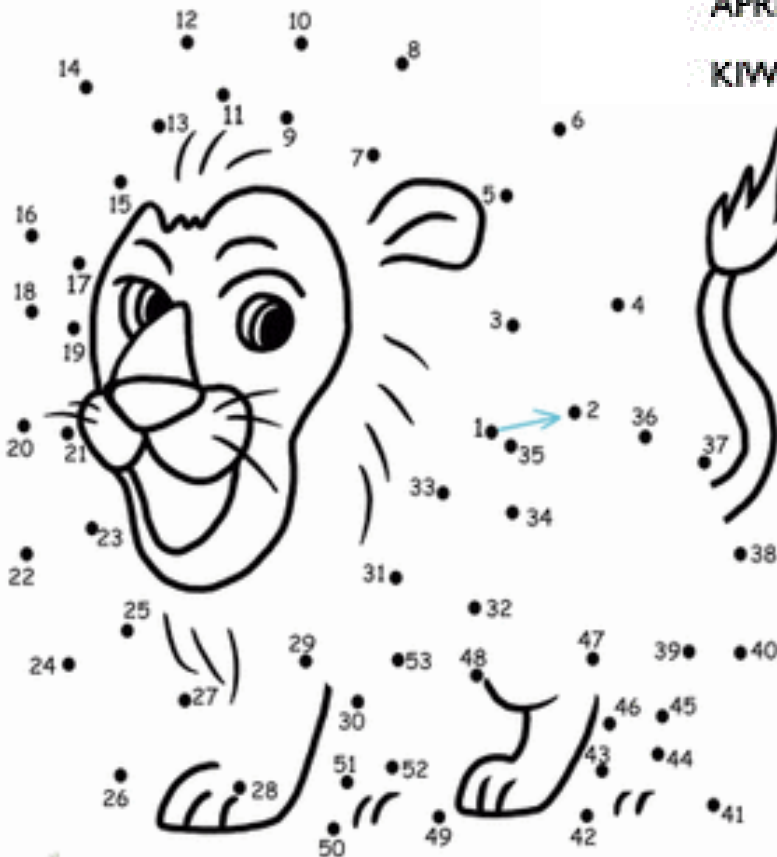
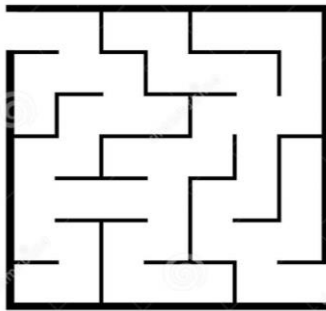
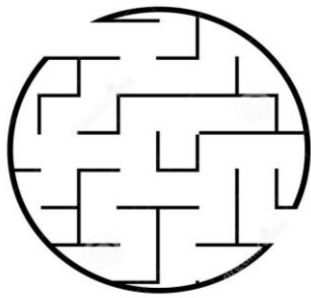
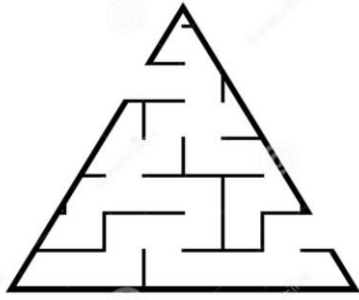
Have a great World Book Day!

Miss Brine





# Puzzle Page



## FRUITS WORD SEARCH

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SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THESE WORDS!

FRUITS APPLE ORANGE MANGO  
APRICOT PEAR MELON CHERRY  
KIWI LIME PLUM LEMON FIG

## Joke Corner

How do we know that the  
ocean is friendly?

It waves!

Why can't Elsa have a  
balloon?

Because she will let it go.