



Newsletter Friday 29th January 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

What a term! Following the prime Minister's announcement last night, at least we all know that the current situation will continue until 8th March, at the earliest.

Until then, we will all continue to the very best that we can for the children, both those in school and those learning at home.

Time Tables Rock Stars



Y4, Y5 and Y6 have enjoyed battling each other this week on TT Rockstars. Almost everyone in these classes has taken part and the top players have achieved scores as high as 5000. At the moment, Y6 are just in the lead with a combined score of 16,567 points, closely followed by Y5 with 15,537 points. The top three scorers so far are George in Y5, Devynn in Y6 and George in Y6. Everyone has put such a lot of effort into this tournament and there are still three days to go before a winner will be decided.

Google Classrooms

The children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 have been trialling an exciting new way of learning this week. Google Classroom is an online community



where each class can share ideas and complete different tasks. The main way we have used it this week is to access a live learning experience through Google Meet. On Wednesday and Thursday those at home and at school came together for a catch up and to discuss their reading over the week. It was a fantastic experience for the children and teachers to see each other face to face and it was lovely to catch up with everyone. There were a few technical hitches as there always are with new technology, but most children managed to access the session and benefitted from a more in-depth reading session. Thank you to all the children who took part and to the parents whose IT skills were called upon to get the children logged in. We will be meeting again at the same time next week and Miss Burn, Mrs Salonga and Mrs Curtis are really looking forward to catching up with everyone again.

Google Classrooms will not only be a great way for the staff and children to keep in touch, but will also be a really useful addition to our teaching and learning provision once schools return to full opening.

Here are some quotes from the children:

"Lockdown is hard but the Meet was good to bring everyone together."

"It was fun and I was really excited to see everyone!"

"It's good for us all to see each other."

They really, really enjoyed it so watch this space....

Reading Books

Our younger children in school are keeping up with their reading and we want to make sure that children learning at home have the same opportunities. We are trialling Rising Stars Reading Planet online books which are proving to be very popular but, as well as this, staff are delivering specially selected books for all the children learning at home. Here they are – waiting to be taken out:



Learning in Reception

The children in reception have been learning about numbers 1 to 10, counting, representing and finding them. They have been working really hard on their number and letter formation and they send us some lovely videos of their reading which is coming along really well. We get some lovely photos of their artwork, we have been looking at plants and how things grow and they have planted cress seeds. Everyone is doing so well at home and Mrs Hall, Mrs Armour, Mrs Gehrman and Mrs Lister are so proud of everything they are doing.

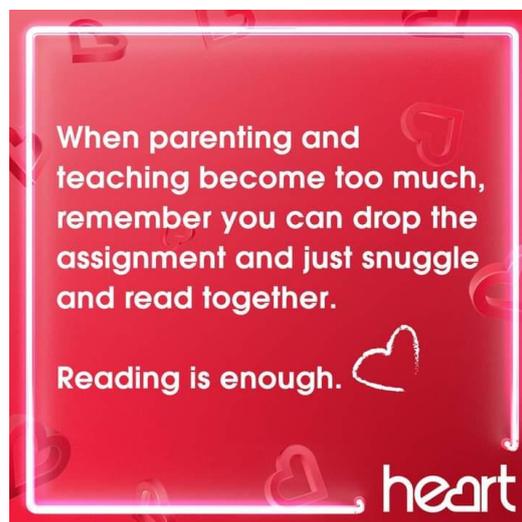


Remote learning

We really appreciate all of the hard work that you and your children are doing at home, especially when you are managing your own personal and work challenges. Class Dojo and Tapestry are a great way to keep in touch so please keep uploading work, photos and messages. In line with all other schools, we have now published our policy and guide on the school website, but have also attached it to this newsletter. This will be

reviewed regularly so that we can provide you and your children with learning which works as well as it can for everyone. If you are experiencing any issues then, as always, please contact either your child's class teacher or the school and we will do whatever we can to help.

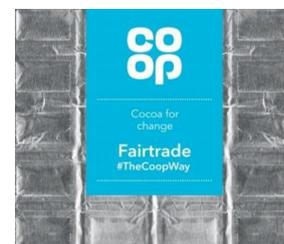
However, we are sending you these words of wisdom found by Mrs Fort.



If you ever need to borrow a book, then just let school know and we will arrange it for you.

Virtual Fairtrade Bake-off

We are pleased to pass on the details of the following competition. Of course, if any of the entries are brought into school.....



Co-op are proud to support Fairtrade and this year to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight (22nd Feb-7th March) we are holding a virtual bake-off. We are asking for people to bake anything they like using one or more Fairtrade products. There will be prizes of some yummy Fairtrade goodies for the winners of our 3 categories- Under-12s, 12-18s, and 18 and over. Fortunately for our waistlines (but less so for our tastebuds), due to current lockdown restrictions we will be judging based on appearance. Photos of the item (including the package of any Fairtrade ingredients) can be submitted to the @fairtradewensleydale Facebook page or emailed to jennifer.scott@coop.co.uk.

For more inspiration, check out the Co-op recipe page- www.coop.co.uk/recipes and search Fairtrade, or keep an eye on the Facebook page for further ideas.

