



Upton Primary Newsletter

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Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary, Nursery and Pre School and Riverboats SureStart Children's Centre, working together to support the local community

Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives
'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'

'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (*Philippians 4:13*)

WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTE

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.

Genesis 8:22

HARVEST

This week we have managed to have our harvest service, virtually! Each class did a wonderful job in presenting a letter of the word 'HARVEST'. We also were lucky to have our Nursery class involved in this too; they appear at the end of the assembly with Mrs Berryman and they present superbly too. Some families kindly brought donations to school this morning - currently the Foodbank are not accepting donations as they are overwhelmed with them so we are asking you to keep hold of these until later in the year, when they will be able to accept our offerings.

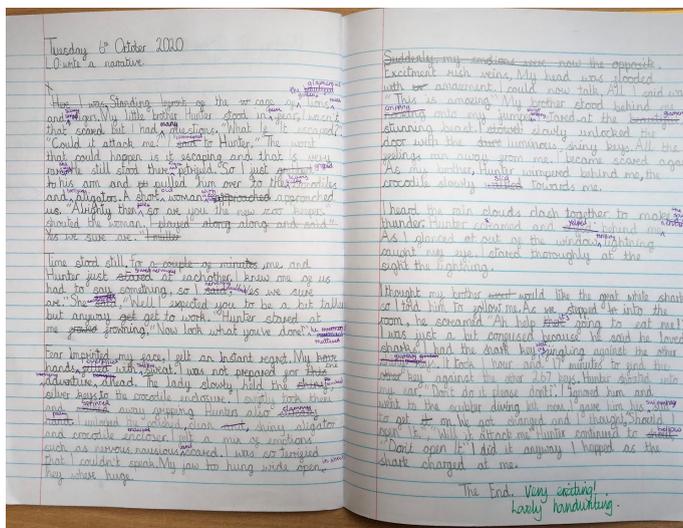
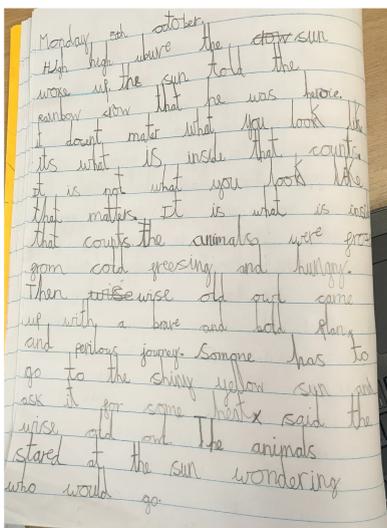


PARENTS EVENINGS

Many thanks to those who have signed up for the Parents Evening slots that are due to take place next week. Our fingers are crossed for no technical hiccups! If you need to adjust or make an appointment please contact your class teacher using tapestry or the specific class email address, i.e. year...@

ENGLISH

Over the last 2 weeks the staff have been trialing a scheme of work called The Write Stuff by Jane Considine. Each class has used its own fiction book and focussed on building up daily writing skills to be used in a final big piece of writing at the end of this week. This method has allowed the children to slowly build confidence and revise some of the key grammar skills they may have forgotten over lockdown. As well as lessons in sentence structure, there have been experience days where the children have been able to fully immerse themselves in the writing process through video, role play, art and games. We are looking forward to using some of these new methods moving forward in our English lesson.



BIKEABILITY

The bikeability team will be with us in school for the week of the 19th October. The team will be guiding the children in Years 5 and 6, through road safety and how to cycle safely in and around the local community. All social distancing rules will be adhered to at all times.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Tomorrow, Saturday 10th October, is World Mental Health Day. The theme this year is 'Mental Health For All'. Since the start of term we have had mental health as a focus in our PSHE lessons and have spent lots of time over the last few weeks looking at our emotions, ways of dealing with our emotions and ways in which we can look after our mental health.

www.mind.org wants to bring everyone together to mark World Mental Health Day. Making a positive change can seem so hard, especially during uncertain times. And sometimes it can be hard to know where to start. There is support out there. Mind are proposing to 'Do One Thing'. Whether it's going for a walk, learning a new skill or doing something creative, taking the first steps to getting support for yourself, or reaching out to someone else; take the opportunity to do one thing. Attached is a calendar with ideas for different things you can do each day for better mental health.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE - Narrative Skills

Some teaching staff have been taking part in training to learn to use the Black Sheep Press Narrative programme. This is a small group intervention which supports children to be able to retell stories and develop their expressive language skills.

The first part of the programme looks at 'Who' is in the story. Here are five ways to talk about story characters when you are reading with your child:



If you have any concerns about your child's communication skills please phone or email the school office (office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk), and I will call you back on my next visit into school. You can also contact me directly on 01562 752 749.

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