



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

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

WELCOME BACK

It was with great joy that we were able to welcome all our children back into school on Monday. The week has gone incredibly well and it is an absolute delight to have the whole school community together once more. The children have all readily stepped back into their old school routine without any hitches and to have the buzz of happy children throughout the building puts the heart into our school.

Our assembly on Monday focused on hope and positivity and we were pleased to share with all the school the ducklings that Year 4 have been watching hatch over the last few weeks. There are four ducklings in total, three of them are named. Buzz, Daisy and Daffodil but the fourth duckling was unnamed. Year 4 all decided that 'Hope' would be a perfect name. We have so many hopes for our future and having the children back in school renews our feelings of hope and positivity.



RUGBY

On Thursday of this week, and over the next three weeks, some of the year groups will be having some coaching from Dave Rogers, a Worcester Warriors coach. The children really enjoyed their first session and had excellent fun.



FOREST SCHOOL

If you have any spare plastic pipes, guttering or off-cuts of wood we would appreciate these for our forest school area.

ONLINE SAFETY

There is a very good chance that you have heard of Minecraft. This game is a block building phenomenon and is, arguably, the most beloved video game of all time which has maintained its popularity since its first release in 2011. It is still a huge success with over 112 million people playing the game every month and with it being rated 7+, National Online Safety would like to make parents aware of some of the safety precautions to consider before allowing your child to play on it. More information can be found on the attached factsheet.

BBC:MICROBITS AND BEEBOTS

We know that children have been working with technology a lot recently. We also know the value of limiting screen time and their understanding of how technology works, in particular how to programme, is a crucial 21st century skill. Some children this week have been interacting with BeeBots in KS1 and programming Micro:bits in KS2. These resources really are invaluable items in promoting and encouraging a love of learning in computing.



Lauren, who worked with the Micro:bits, wrote: "Yesterday afternoon we had great fun when we used the BBC:MicroBit. It's a little computer that has 25 led lights, an A button and a B button. We programme them to do lots of different things – like displaying our school name. They also have an accelerometer so we can programme them to do different things when we shake them." We know the children will learn lots from these great devices.

SKIPPING ROPES

Skipping ropes have been given to every child and member of staff in the school. The ropes will be used as part of the PE curriculum and also to encourage the children to get active and learn a new skill.



CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

NURSERY

In Nursery this week they read the story 'Have you filled your bucket?' which helped them think about filling each other's buckets of happiness by helping each other and doing kind things.

We welcomed back a few familiar faces and a couple of new faces too and have been focusing on working together as a group.



RECEPTION

Reception class have had a fantastic week settling back into the school routine. They have read the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and particularly enjoyed following instructions to making porridge and constructing a new chair for baby bear.



YEAR ONE

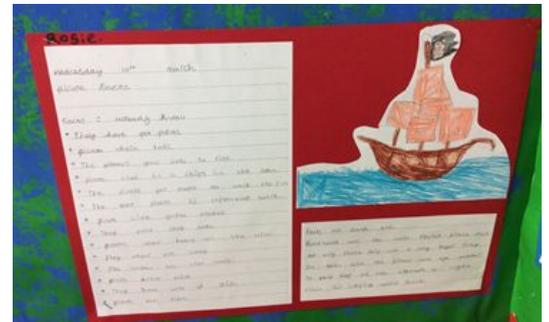
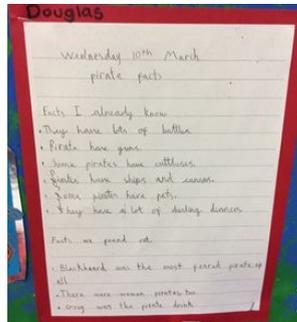
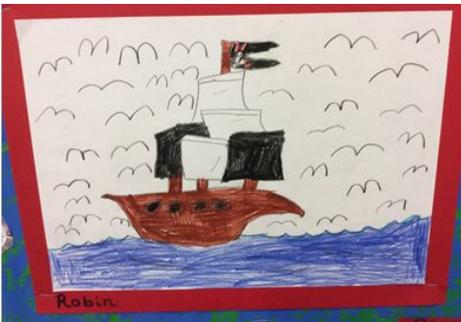
Year 1 have been creating worry monsters.

Rafferty spent time and care decorating his monster and thought very carefully about the worry he had on returning back to school. Within a few minutes his worries were no more as he was now amongst his friends.

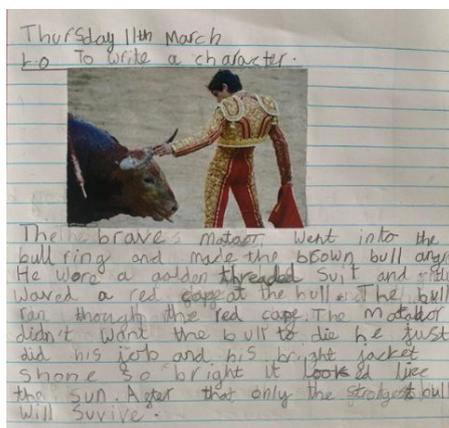


YEAR TWO

Year 2 have been learning about Ocean explorers this half term and we have started to look at Pirates.



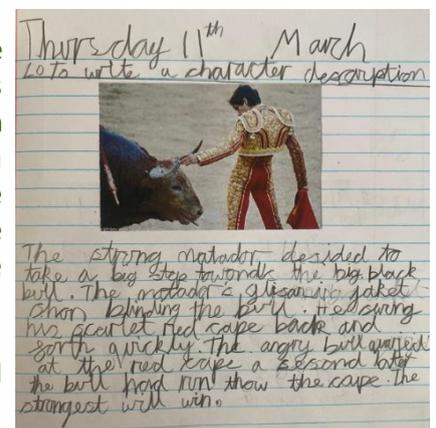
They also looked at the animals in the sea and made jellyfish.



YEAR THREE

As part of their topic on Spain Year 4 have been learning about bull fighting and what it is like to be a matador. The children have been working on character descriptions thinking in particular about what the matador looks like but also what kind of person he is. The children did a great job of this and were rewarded with a visit from the ducklings!

Next week they will be looking at debating bull fighting as a sport.



YEAR FOUR

Year 4 have been incredibly lucky to have the ducklings in class each day. They have enjoyed spending time with them, watching them play and holding them.



YEAR FIVE

Year 5 have continued their Fairtrade work this week, debating what they need and would like in order to live happy and healthy lives. They have learnt about some of the causes of the climate crisis and their effects, and designed their own Fairtrade logos. They also enjoyed chocolate tasting, djembe drum playing and a very belated Christmas party!



YEAR SIX

"Imagine how we would be if we were less afraid." Year 6 have looked at this quote and discussed how, if we share our worries, it can really help. They have produced some fantastic art work and also managed to create some 'exploding books' to reflect on their lockdown experiences and look forward positively.



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

All the pupils are able to play with their friends again at school, but some children may need help with friendships.

Here are five ways to help children make friends:

If you have any concerns about your child's communication skills please phone or email the school office, and I will call you back on my next visit into school. You can also contact me directly on 01562 752749.

Keren Somers (Speech and Language Therapist)



RAGS2RICHES CLOTHING COLLECTION

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe last year's fashions, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all? Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, reusable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories (please pair and tie shoes together).

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac. STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately it's not reusable and can't go in the bag. Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school. If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.

We truly appreciate your support in helping raise additional funds for our school for the benefit of our children. There is no better feeling than knowing you raised funds, helped the economy, the environment, and somebody on the other side of the world – and all by donating some clothes.

If we can fill 100 bags we'll have half a tonne! Please bring your donations to school (in your own bags, tied up) on the morning of **Wednesday 21st April 2021** and leave them by the wall under the Friends Noticeboard (outside the ramp area of the Year 3 classroom).

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Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

RAGS 2 RICHES
Schools Clubs Groups



WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS.
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags
STOP AND THINK
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date: **WEDNESDAY 21st APRIL 2021**

Please return the empty bag to the school if you are unable to donate this time.

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

