



Upton Primary Newsletter

14th May 2021

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'
Providing enriching experiences to foster aspiration
'To inspire ... To aspire'

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

WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTE

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4

COVID-19 - STEP 3

This week the Government announced that the Country is still on track for Step 3 to further ease the COVID-19 lockdown on Monday 17th May. However, he did express that:

“The additional freedoms that we are about to enjoy are the direct result of the sacrifices made over many months by local residents in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and I thank them for that.

However, people need to remain vigilant and ensure that the closer contact they will be allowed to have with loved ones and friends does not lead to a resurgence of the virus. Please remember that COVID-19 has not gone away.”

With this in mind, we will be remaining steadfast with our COVID protocol at this point in time to ensure the safety of all. Face coverings will still be required when entering the school premises and we will also be keeping the drop-off/pick-up areas and one-way systems in place. We would like to thank you all for your cooperation with this. We appreciate all that you do with the many challenges we have faced and continue to face through this COVID crisis and we will ensure we monitor the situation closely for any changes that may impact the school.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday we celebrated the creative arts within school. The children came dressed in their favourite book or film characters, or in rainbow themed clothing to brighten up the day. It was wonderful to see all the fantastic outfits alongside all the creative tasks being undertaken in school.



We are looking forward to our 'Tanzanian Tuesday' on 18th May where children can come to school in non-uniform with the colours of the tanzanian flag.



FORGOTTEN ITEMS

May we please remind parents to ensure your child brings to school any additional clothing/equipment they may need for that day, e.g. forest school clothing, musical instruments, etc. Please ensure your child's name and class is clearly indicated and remember that only essential items are allowed in school.

RIVERBOATS HOLIDAY CLUB

We have limited spaces left in our Whitsun holiday club. Sessions can be booked via the following link: <https://bit.ly/2QiB6jt>



Riverboats Holiday Club

A fun-filled holiday club for children aged 2-11 years. Join us every school holiday for a whole host of exciting activities including cooking, crafts, sports, and much more.

Times and prices as follows
8:15am-9am - £2 (includes breakfast)
9am-4pm - £16 (includes mid-morning snack)
9am-5:30pm - £20 (includes cooked meal)

To make a booking, or for more information email riverboats@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk or call 01684 592259

Find us on Facebook - Riverboats Holiday Club

Riverboats Children's Centre, Upton upon Severn, Worcs, WR8 0LY

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING



THE MOORINGS

A big shout out to Harry for his AMAZING drawing and to Finnley for his awesome building work in The Moorings this week. Well done boys!



RIVER ROOM

This week River Room have been learning about minibeasts! We have learnt a fab new song about Doug the slug and all his friends. We received a phone call from 'Ida the Spider' who had managed to get herself, along with some creepy crawly friends, stuck in some jelly. Thankfully, we were on hand to rescue them all and give them all a much-needed bath!



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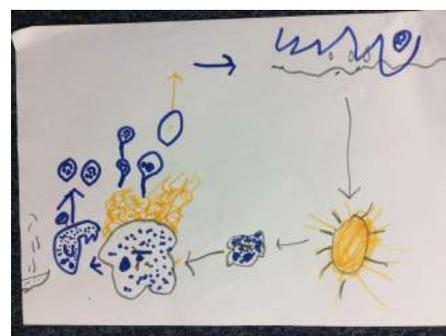
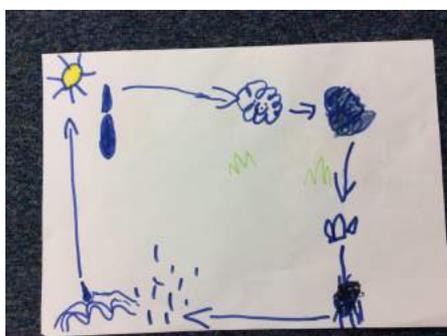
This week in Nursery, we have been excited to see how tall our beanstalks are getting and continued our growing theme using the text 'Jim and the Beanstalk'! Our Caterpillars are growing fat too!



We also had a great 'Wonderful Wednesday' full of rainbow fun challenges including exploring textured printing using Clingfilm! Our artwork looks so bright and colourful to brighten us up on a dark rainy day!

RECEPTION

Reception Class have had a 'splashing' time learning about the water cycle this week. We have read the story 'Drop' and acted out her journey around our planet. We learnt a really grown-up word - Evaporation (ask us what it means!) and we did an experiment with cotton wool to explore rain clouds and how water travels from one place to another. We also measured the amount of rainwater we collected over the week and we discussed where the water could have come from. Look at our brilliant water cycle diagrams!



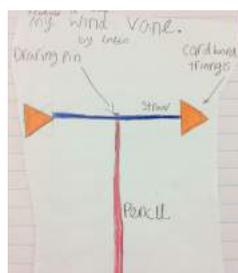
YEAR ONE

In Year 1, we have been sharing and grouping objects equally in our maths work. We have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to help us work out the problems.



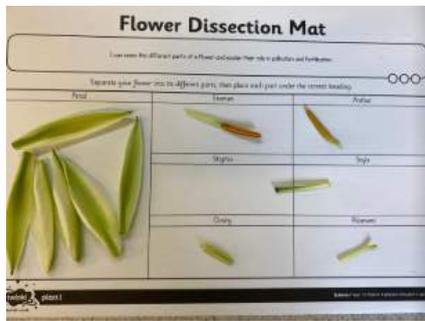
YEAR TWO

This half term Year 2 have been looking at extreme weather. We made some rain gauges and made a list of instructions on how to make these. They are currently outside measuring the rain. Then we made some wind vanes to see what direction the wind is blowing.



YEAR THREE

In year 3, we have been continuing our work on plants and this week we have been dissecting lilies. In doing this, we were able to identify different parts of a flower and understand the function of each part.



YEAR FOUR

This week Year 4 have been making their spy bugs, they used their super sewing skills to create a felt spy bug. Most children used both running stitch and over stitch to produce their bug; some even had a go at blanket stitch. Year 4 also had lots of fun investigating circuits in Science this week and using scientific symbols to draw circuits. We have also had lots of excitement about the chicks this week – many of our eggs have hatched and we now have eight beautiful baby chicks!



YEAR FIVE

Year 5 have been exploring tints and shades in their painting work.

We created a painting using just one base colour and making tints and shades of it.

YEAR SIX

Another busy week in year 6. We have been working on the value of perseverance and were set the challenge of passing a hoop along a row of children, without using our hands! Much laughter and great perseverance followed.



In our English work, we have been using pathetic fallacy to convey the moods felt. Some super work has been completed.

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY - How to manage what your children watch on TV

Thanks to the internet, there are now many ways for your children to watch TV, both the old-fashioned way on a big screen and via the internet with on-demand programming. Restricting and controlling what your kids can watch is harder than ever, but with the help of National Online Safety, you can make TV safer for your children and limit the

amount that they can watch. Please see the attached factsheet for further information on how to do this.

THE MOORINGS - MONDAY 17th to Friday 28th MAY

| | Mon 17th May | Tues 18th May | Weds 19th May | Thurs 20th May | Friday 21st May |
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| Activities | Lego challenge Team games | Bingo Football | Finger painting Adventure playground | Spaghetti challenge Table tennis | Hama beads Bug hunt |
| Tea | Chicken dippers with sweetcorn | Spaghetti & meatballs | Mac & cheese with peas | Sausage, mash & beans | Fish fingers, chips & peas |
| | Mon 24th May | Tues 25th May | Weds 26th May | Thurs 27th May | Friday 28th May |
| Activities | Origami Big tag | Dance party Dance off | Hama beads Party games | Board games Big hide & seek | Play dough Adventure playground |
| Tea | Chicken salad wraps | Pizzas with corn on the cob | Party food | Pastries with mixed veg. | Cheese/ham toasties |

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Year 1 and 2 are working on their listening skills using the 'Teaching Children to Listen' programme. Here is another listening game to play at home:

Noisy treasure hunt.

This is good for practising listening. In another room, hide something that makes a noise such as an old clock that makes a ticking noise.

Ask your child to find the object. An alternative is to set a quiet ringtone on your mobile, hide it and then call it from another phone.

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 752749.

Keren Somers (Speech and Language Therapist)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CARRINGTON BRIDGE (A4440) ROADWORKS

Further work to create the dual carriageway on the A4440, between the Ketch (Carrington Bridge) the Powick Roundabouts is required this weekend. This will mean that stretch of road is due to be closed, both ways, for the whole of this weekend from 9pm on Friday 14th up to 5.30am on Monday 16th.

