



# Upton Primary Newsletter

12th November 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

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted

*Matthew 5:4*

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On Thursday morning, 11th November, we came together as a school community and joined in as the country honoured those who had lost their lives fighting as members of the armed forces. All the children from Reception through to Year 6 took part in the outdoor assembly and it was very moving to see how the children observed the silence. Following this, children from Years 5 and 6 read to us the poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae. We are taking part in the Remembrance Service this Sunday where Upton-upon-Severn will remember the fallen as a whole community.

The service starts at 10.20am with a parade from the old fire station to the Upton Parish Church. The parade will then leave the Church at approximately 11.30am and head to the War Memorial where the wreath laying ceremony will take place from 12.00pm. We are delighted that there is a more formal service this year although we understand numbers within the Church are still limited due to the Covid restrictions. Our children will be seated together in their group and we will have our own area within the Church to enable us to socially distance from the rest of the congregation to ensure the safety of our school community.



## ODD SOCKS DAY - ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

Monday 15th November is Odd Socks Day. The theme of anti-bullying week this year is 'One Kind Word' and classes will be learning about different ways we can show kindness. We are inviting the children to come into school in odd socks for the day. Odd socks day takes place on the first day of anti-bullying week to raise awareness of bullying. It is designed to be a fun opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us unique.

This is not a fund-raising event, children do not need to bring any money in. They can wear their odd-socks simply for fun and to raise awareness for the anti-bullying message.



### **BBC CHILDREN IN NEED - FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER**

Following a very successful start to our Children In Need work last Friday with the BBC, today sees the launch of our selling of the Pudsey Merchandise which will be on sale, at the start of each school day, at the black gate. For children in Years 4 and 6, we will ensure that you are visited during the day to ensure you do not miss out on being able to buy anything you wish. Wristbands and pin badges are a £1 donation and headbands are a £2.50 donation please.

Each class also has a class jar. We are asking each class to fill their jar with as much money as possible and the class with the most money collected will win a mini class disco to be held on the afternoon of our Children in Need day.



Finally, we are asking for donations on the gate, and for the whole school community to come to school in non-uniform dressed in their finest sparkly clothes, the more sparkly the better.

We are having a visit from Pudsey himself on Wednesday 17th November. He will be at the school gate during morning drop-off, between 8.30am and 8.45am, to greet the children as they arrive at school.

### **CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING**

#### **NURSERY**

Nursery have had a thinking and remembering sort of week! To help us remember Remembrance we have created beautiful red poppies and talked about people who help us along with old soldiers and new soldiers. We have also been thinking and learning about the Hindu celebration of Diwali, sharing picture stories and trying some super art activities. Our salt dough diya lamps and rangoli patterns are so colourful! Did you know we also made our very own humus to eat!



#### **RECEPTION**

Reception class have had a great week learning all about Remembrance day and thinking about how we can all say thank you to people for caring and supporting us. We have thought about the idea of the poppy being a symbol of hope. We have incorporated the idea of poppies into all areas of our learning. We have created a stained glass window poppy along with a finger painted poppy. We have written thank you cards and thought about words that we could use to describe the traits of the brave people who fought in any wars. We have also thought about the animals and how they can be affected by wars. We have watched the CBBC Poppies short film and been empathetic towards how the animals might have felt. It has been lovely to see the children thinking about events of the past and seeing how we can use this knowledge to help in the future. Forest school was great fun this week and we created some lovely poppy leaf work.





YEAR ONE

This week Year 1 have done some fantastic sentence writing about the story 'Everywhere Bear'. They have been learning about travel and transport which links very closely to their history topic this term.



YEAR TWO

Today was a very exciting day in Year 2 as we had a special zoom chat with Mrs Drury. As part of our science work, we are learning all about babies and Mrs Drury kindly offered to do a Q&A session with the children so they could ask questions about what it is like to have a baby.



We had some very amusing questions. Experiences like this really help to support our curriculum and we are very grateful to Mrs Drury for her support.

YEAR THREE

Year 3 made poppies in Forest School using different materials. Some children used the bow saw to make tree cookies, other children used wool to weave on some sticks.

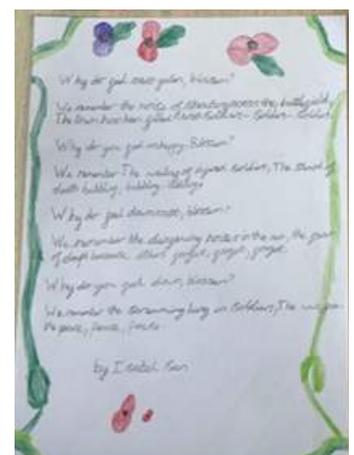


YEAR FOUR

This week, Year 4 have been writing diary entries in English as Romulus from the myth 'Romulus and Remus' – the children worked very hard on this piece of work!

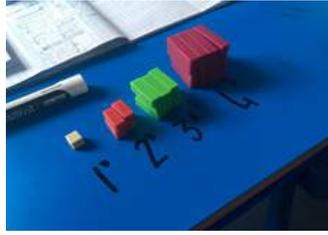


We have also produced some wonderful Remembrance poetry thinking about word choice, repetition and emotive language. In PE we have continued with hockey and the children are developing their dribbling skills and passing skills. We have also continued our history learning about the Ancient Romans – including where they are from, how the empire grew and their amazing army!



## YEAR FIVE

This week Year 5 have learned about different types of numbers (including cubed numbers - and they built them too!). They also developed their biographies about David Attenborough and created parachutes (for Lego men!) when learning about air resistance in Science. We have also done some fantastic work on Anglo Saxon place names, which still exist today, such as East Anglia, Essex, Sussex and Mercia. A thoroughly engaging week of learning from Year 5!



## YEAR SIX

In Year 6 we continued to learn about WWII and on Armistice day we researched facts about other wars that British Troops had been involved in. We found out that the poppy money raised goes to support soldiers that fought in these wars. We made Blackout poetry about life in the trenches, by selecting words to make up phrases, we then coloured in the surrounding words.



## SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Games are a great way to develop social skills and turn-taking – here is another fun one for the weekend!

### **What's wrong?**

Players split into teams and one team leaves the room. While they are out five objects are moved. The team has two minutes to identify what is different!

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 to school. You can also contact me directly on 01562 752749.

**Keren Somers (Speech and Language Therapist)**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## Santa Needs You!



### HELP SANTA DECIDE WHO WINS!

THERE'S A SPOT ON SANTA'S SLEIGH TEAM THIS YEAR AND IT'S OPEN TO THE WHOLE OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM. CAN YOU HELP SANTA DECIDE WHO'S GOING TO FLY WITH THEM?

FIND THE 10 CONTESTANTS IN BUSINESS WINDOWS AROUND TOWN. SCAN THEIR QR CODES, READ THE STORY AND TAKE SELFIES WITH THEM IN AUGMENTED REALITY. FINALLY, CAST YOUR VOTE ON WHO GETS THE SLOT.

GO TO THE BELOW WEBSITE TO START YOUR FREE FAMILY ADVENTURE.

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**20TH NOVEMBER - 31ST DECEMBER**



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