



Upton Primary Newsletter

5th 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

Show hospitality to one another without grumbling

Peter 4:9

Welcome back to the 2nd half autumn term and our theme this half-term is 'Community'. This embraces all the work we do as a community this half-term in support of the remembrance service parade through Upton and the lead up to our Christmas festival.



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED - FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2021

This year's BBC Children in Need is on Friday 19th November 2021. However, we were very fortunate in the fact that Nina Das Gupta of BBC Hereford & Worcester wished to involve us in the start of their charity fundraising campaign. We are also extremely fortunate in that Pudsey bear will be joining us enroute during his tour of the two counties and we will confirm this date nearer the time.



During this week children in Years 5 and 6 have been learning 'By Your Side' featuring Tom Grennan and singing along with thousands of other children throughout the UK. They all came to school in sparkly non-uniform clothing and had bits of sparkle which reflects this year's theme. The children will be on today's Midlands Today so keep an eye out for our wonderful children who did the school proud. Mrs Wills and some of the children were interviewed for the local BBC Radio and it was broadcasted by Elliott Webb who was on air between 6.00am and 10.00am.



It is wonderful to be able to support such a superb charity and our children had a huge boost to their emotional well being through a fun singing and dancing morning which underpins our school ethos of maintaining that 'anything is possible, we can all succeed' and ensuring we face challenges with positivity.

On Children in Need day (Friday 19th November) the whole school will embrace the fancy dress sparkle theme and there will be a prize of an afternoon disco for the class that raises the most money.



CHRISTMAS TREAT

For this year, we have been given the opportunity to secure a trip for all children in Years 1 to 6 to the West Midlands Safari Park 'Santa Safari'. The teaching and other staff in school have also not been involved in the planning of this trip as we wanted to ensure that it was possible before we formally booked it and so for the entire school community we are bringing renewed hope for a way forward into the New Year that can see a relaxing of the Covid measures that we currently have in place.

This trip will be part-funded by The Friends Association, for which we thank them for. Please see the attached letter for further information about this trip.

The Reception class will be having their own special Christmas trip to Smart Trees and the Nursery class will also be having a special Christmas treat in school. These will also be supported by our Friends Association and full details of these events will be sent out in due course.

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING



NURSERY

In Nursery we started the week by exploring spiders through creating pictures and models of spiders using our fantastic counting skills to count their eight legs. We also enjoyed hunting for them in our garden and found their webs fascinating.

We then moved on to learn about fireworks and created lots of fabulous artwork including a giant rocket we created with Jo. Thank you to Chloe and Archie's parents for donating some of the resources. We have also been learning about things that start with the 's' sound and particularly enjoyed playing with spaghetti as part of this!



RECEPTION

Reception have had an amazing week thinking about the festival of light (Diwali). We have created Rangoli patterns and learnt about the story of Rama and Sita. We have used lots of art and construction materials in our work. We also had a go at learning a special dance, it was great fun.



YEAR ONE

This week in Class One we have started a new book called 'The Everywhere Bear', who is from a class just like ours! We have found clues about where he has gone and written some of our own and made a map of all the places he has ended up! We started our new topic 'Transport through Time' by thinking about how we travel. In Science we have started thinking about light; we made it as dark as we could in the classroom and thought about the different places light comes from.



YEAR TWO

Year two really enjoyed christening the running track this week despite the chilly weather. It has been a very busy week learning all about bonfire night and writing some super descriptive poetry. The children are very excited about this weekend's celebrations.



YEAR THREE

As part of our science work on animals, we played a very exciting game to classify animals into groups of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We raced to gather cards from all around the classroom and sort them, working in teams.

We then considered how many portions of fruit and vegetables, as well as spoonfuls of sugar, are in the diets of (made-up) characters who were presented to us. We're going to think about how we can advise them to eat a balanced diet.



YEAR FOUR

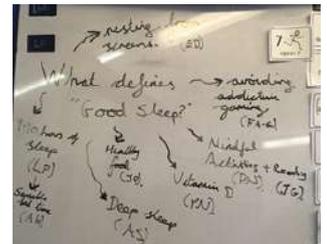
Year 4 have had a great first week back, we have started our topic on the Romans. In English, we have been looking at the myth of Romulus and Remus and we have been discussing if we believe this is how Rome originated. We have begun learning a song all about the Romans which is very exciting. There are even lots of actions to go with this too.



We also started our learning in Science all about how sounds are made. We had a lesson looking at the instruments and how different instruments are played and how their sounds are produced and investigated how to change the volume of these instruments.

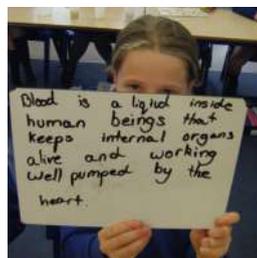
YEAR FIVE

Year 5 have started their history work on the Anglo Saxons and also their new science investigations on forces. The children asked some really inquisitive questions about forces and were intrigued about gravity's 'inward force'. During our e-safety work we discussed our approach to using electronic devices, especially around bedtime routines. It has been great to 'kick-start' the term with the class so positively with high levels of engagement.



YEAR SIX

We made blood in our science lesson! What a way to start a new unit of work based on the human body. Raspberries were used to represent the red blood cells, mini marshmallows for white blood cells, sprinkles for platelets and pineapple juice to represent the plasma. We then added in apples, bananas or oranges to represent the blood being A, B, AB or O + or -. Such amazing scientific language was used throughout this lesson as we explored blood donations to blood recipients!



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Here is a game for rainy weekends:

Likes and dislikes

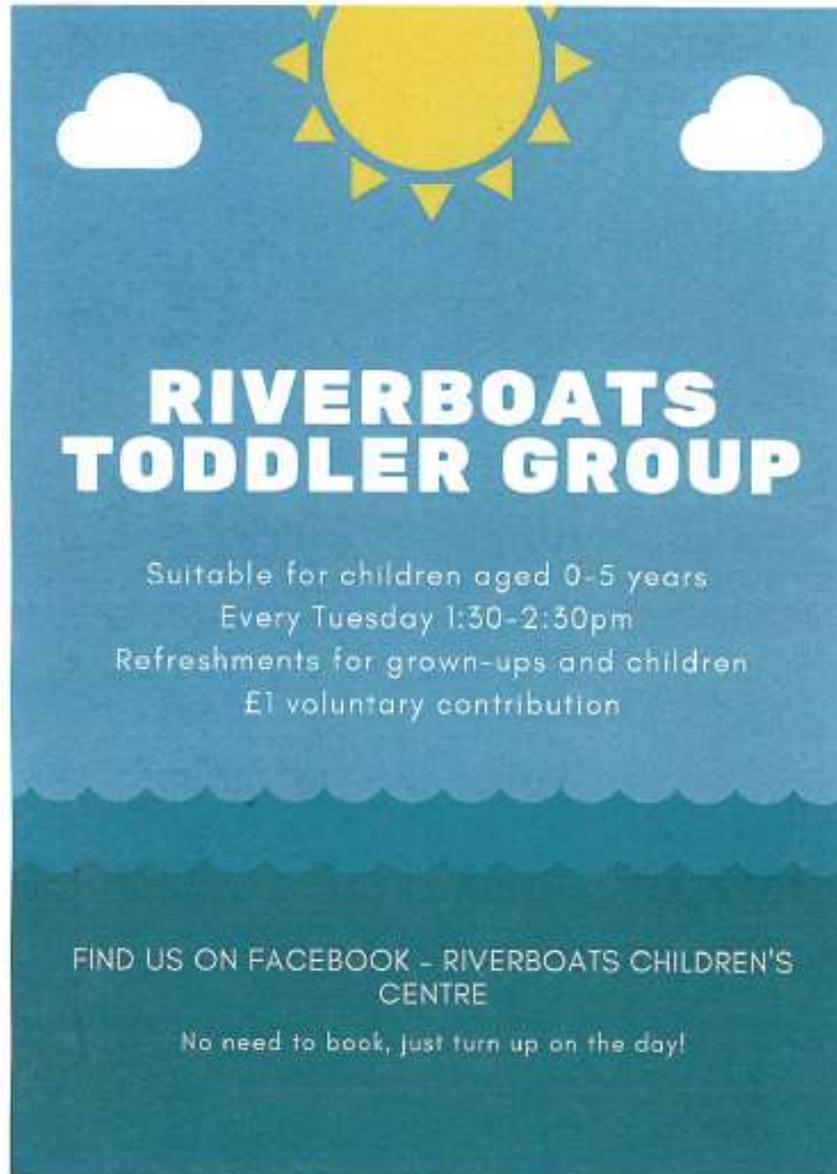
Everyone writes down a list of 5 things they like and 5 things they don't like. These are then given to one player who reads each list out in turn. Everyone has to guess who wrote the list!

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

Toddler Activities

A vertical poster with a blue background. At the top, there is a yellow sun with rays and two white clouds. The text is centered and reads: 'RIVERBOATS TODDLER GROUP', 'Suitable for children aged 0-5 years', 'Every Tuesday 1:30-2:30pm', 'Refreshments for grown-ups and children', '£1 voluntary contribution'. At the bottom, it says 'FIND US ON FACEBOOK - RIVERBOATS CHILDREN'S CENTRE' and 'No need to book, just turn up on the day!'. The background has a wavy pattern at the bottom, suggesting water.

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TEDDY BEARS

WELLAND VILLAGE HALL



term time Fridays

9.30-11.00

Fresh coffee & cakes for parents
wheeled toys, snack-time, baby corner
messy play, songs, all welcome



Welland Toddler Group