



Ellingham Primary School Newsletter

12th February 2021

Happy Half-Term Holiday

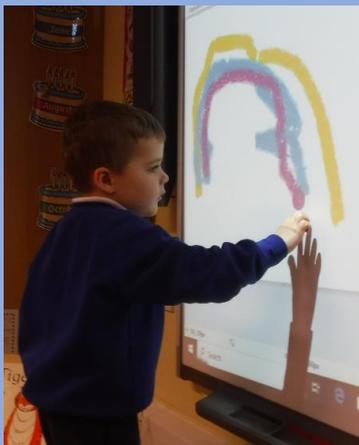
CAMERAS ON PLEASE

Children attending live lessons should keep their cameras on please. An important aspect of live lessons is the personal connection to the class and teacher. Teachers are also able to monitor engagement and understanding through body language and facial expressions, as they would do in a class situation.

It's hard to teach when the screen looks like this.



AFTERNOON NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE



If you are interested in joining our lovely caring nursery, please contact office@elp.rbksch.org or call 020 8397 3864.

Please enjoy your half-term break. Attractions and events will be thin on the ground but I hope that you all get the opportunity to relax and have fun together, particularly as we are forecast a warmer week than this week.

Children have had a week of creativity and fun, as well as an opportunity to reflect on some key messages on Safer Internet Day, which is very pertinent in this current time of remote learning.

We hope to return bright and breezy after the break and we have our fingers crossed for some clear guidance on when we can get to see all children in school – we can't wait!

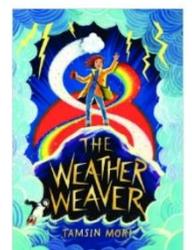
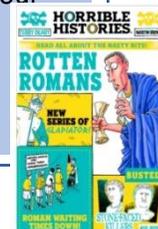
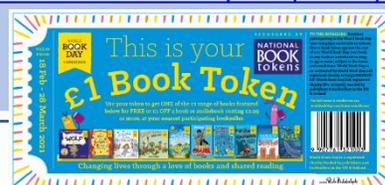
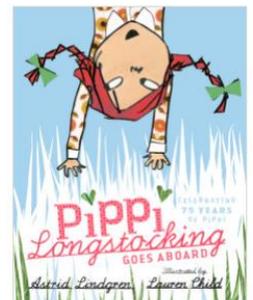
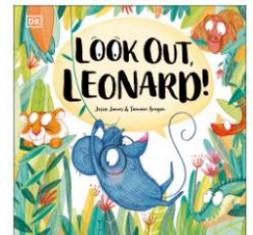
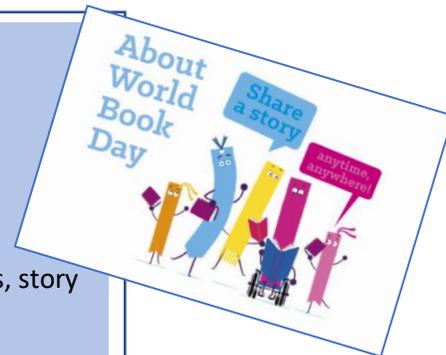
World Book Day 4th March 2021

World Book Day is fast approaching and we're going to celebrate it in slightly different way this year! Whether your child is in school or remote learning, there will be a week of activities for all to enjoy, including live lessons, story time, competitions and of course lots of reading!

If your child wants to, they can dress up as their favourite book character or settle in for day-long bedtime reading by wearing their pyjamas in preparation for lots of storytelling! Dressing up is optional as we understand the pressures families are under at this time.

To reflect the current situation, World Book Day is offering digital book tokens this year. These can be printed out and exchanged in various shops for a selection of £1 books. If you would like to use a digital token, please read the terms and conditions carefully. Click for [book token](#). If not, we will be giving out paper tokens once all children return to school.

We will send out more information the week commencing February 22nd, with details of how and where you can access all the activities available. In the meantime, click on this link to have a sneak peek of all the books available to buy with your book token: www.worldbookday.com/books/





LEARNING TOGETHER

LOOK AFTER YOURSELF

Year 1 reflected on how they and their families can look after themselves at home. Their work was inspirational and we recommend some of their ideas if you are feeling a bit low. Thank you to Phoebe in Maple, and Tommy and Amelia in Beech.



Above: Winner Molly

YEAR 5 BAKE OFF STARS

Amazing bakefest from year 5 this week. The deserving winner Molly and runners up Millie, Paddy and George really went to town with cakes that enchant as well as look delicious.





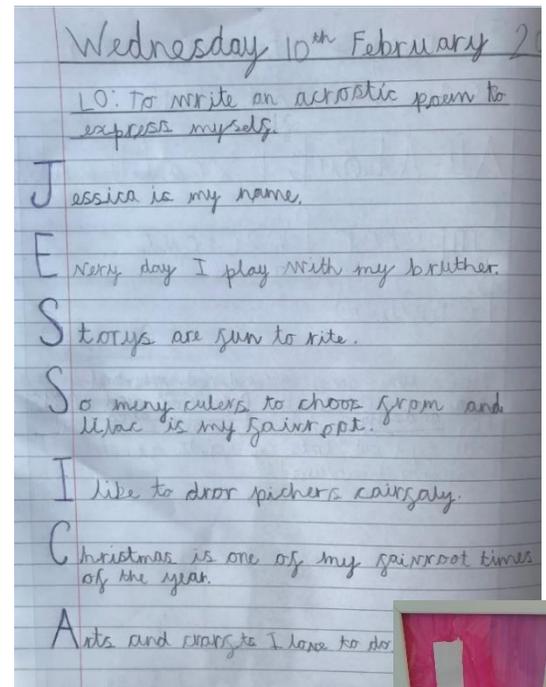
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SPREAD A LITTLE HAPPINESS

Year 2 spent some time considering what brings them joy and created their own happiness boxes. Lots of cuddly toys, books and photographs featured in the delightful box of wonders.

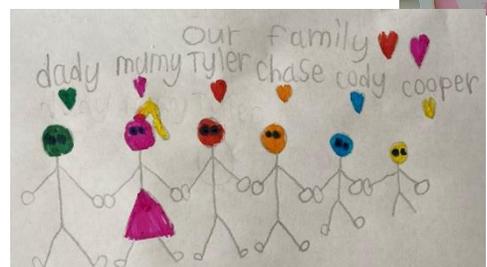


YEAR 2 EXPRESS THEMSELVES



BRINGING SUNSHINE THROUGH OUR SINGING

We are grateful to Mrs Pakes, Ms Brooks and Miss Wells for leading a singing assembly this week. We had a great turn out with around 150 children on line joining in songs that were chosen to bring a bit of joy to our school community. *Bring Me Sunshine*, *Positive Thinking* and *Lean On Me* all featured and were enjoyed throughout the school and at home.

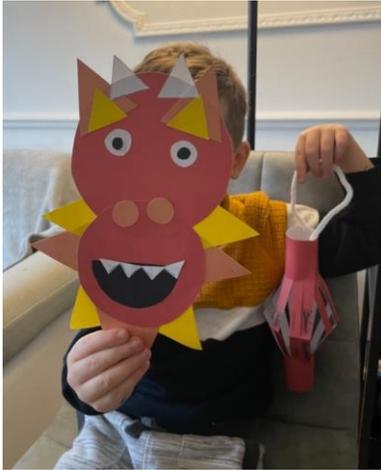




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RECEPTION CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR

Reception have been finding out about Chinese New Year. They found out they were either born in the Year of the Goat or the Year of the Monkey!



KEEP FIT AND HEALTHY THIS BREAK

The whole of Kingston is being invited to walk, scoot, run, cycle to Kingston, Jamaica, which is a total of 4,672 miles. Every child, family and members of staff are invited to take part and record their distance on the [Kingston Activity Challenge template](#) and bring it into school on our return from lockdown. Tweet your photos (selfies, scenery, distance covered) during your activity to @SGOkingston

If you don't have a fitness watch/app to record your distance, pre-plan your route using www.mapmyrun.co.uk or www.plotaroute.com. Alternatively, carry on with your The Daily Mile Back-to-school Bingo. Wrap up warm, head outside and see if you can complete your bingo card [link](#).

WHOLE SCHOOL TIME CAPSULE

When we return after the half-term break, the whole school will embark on a project to capture some of the more significant events, emotions and symbols of living through lockdown as a school community. Poems, art and DT and letter-writing will feature. Some of you or your family members may even be the subject of an interview.

YEAR GROUP EMAILS

Just a reminder - if you want to communicate directly to class teachers, it is best to use the year group email and not the email on the Google Classroom.

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reception@elp.rbksch.org

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Please ensure you adhere to the latest **government guidance** on physical activity



Kingston Activity Challenge

We are inviting all Kingston school children, staff and families to join our activity challenge.

Together, can your school walk, jog, scoot, cycle from Kingston Upon Thames to Kingston, Jamaica?

Did you know....

It would take 1 person 62 days & 19 hours to complete the challenge at a pace of 3.1mph!



Did you know....

It would take Usain Bolt 8 days & 7 hours to complete the challenge at his 100m pace of 23.4 mph!

4,672 MILES