

## Friday 5th February 2021

It seems like a very long time ago that the children started a new school year by planting dozens of daffodils in the school grounds but at a time when we could all do with some cheering up, they have started to bloom!



I hope this helps us all remember in these difficult times that better days are coming. I would like to extend my sincere thanks for all the hard work you are doing to support your children with their home learning.

All the staff at Whitemoor feel immensely proud of how conscientious and committed your children have been. Please remember if you are experiencing difficulties with any aspect of home learning or need any support at all during this lockdown please contact us at school.

Stay Safe

Mrs Rundle

### **Inset/Half Term**

Aspire academies will be closed to **ALL** pupils, including critical workers/ vulnerable pupils, on **Friday 12th February** for a planned Trust INSET staff training day.

INSET days are established diary dates in any given academic year and the Trust has retained this date to ensure professional development and teaching & learning best practice continues across all our academies.

Academies will then remain closed to ALL pupils from **w/c 15th February for half term and will reopen to critical worker/vulnerable pupils on Monday 22nd February.**

Eligible Free School Meals families will receive a Wonde voucher to cover the half term period.

We hope you have a restful week's break - stay safe everybody.

## Nursery

The children have set up a new shop in the nursery this week.



## Class 1

Class 1 children have been working well trying to find objects around the classroom that made noises that match the word for our onomatopoeia work this week. They have found objects that click, bang, snip, knock, drip, rip and scratch. We have had lots of fun finding the different noises in the classroom. There were so many to choose from.



## Class 2

Class 2 are doing an amazing job with their home learning! We are having lots of fun with our "Roald Dahl - Wonderfully Wicked" topic! Over the last two weeks we've been working on George's Marvellous Medicine, writing character descriptions of grizzly old Grandma, making predictions about what might happen next and drawing our own medicine bottle labels with health warnings! Year 1s have been working hard on numbers to 50, while Year 2s have become experts at multiplying.

In Science, we've been on minibeast hunts to help us learn about food chains and habitats (even though the weather's been a bit soggy!). We've been active outside and worked on dance routines moving like animals indoors! We're enjoying our history too, learning about the life of Roald Dahl, World War II aircraft and what it was like to be an evacuee!

Well done, Class 2 - you are all superstars and we are so proud of you!

## Class 3

Class 3, have produced some outstanding pieces of home learning. In maths, we have been learning about tallies, bar charts and fractions.

In English, we have been using persuasive writing to tempt the reader to buy their healthy snack.

In science, we have been brainstorming ideas for the Virtual Ogden Trust Science Fair that is due to finish for entries at the end of the month.

As well as all of this, we are eagerly awaiting the start of the Aspire Sumdog contest that will start on Friday 5th at 8am. (Details are on Google Classroom) .

## Class 4

Class 4 have really worked hard this week, both at home and at school! We have seen some amazing pieces of work that have been very carefully completed; so, a big thank you to all our parents and carers for their support and encouragement.

Over the coming weeks we will be working on Fractions in Maths, and in English we will be focusing on comprehension of Poetry and Non-fiction texts, as well as Grammar and Spellings . In Science we will be continuing with the topic of Materials and their Properties and will learning about Forces.

Our 'Google Meets' are scheduled for Friday mornings via Google Classroom and we look forward to seeing as many of you who can join!