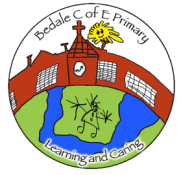


# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to you all for working so hard with home learning. As the lockdown progresses, I continue to be stunned by the work that is happening at home and in school. I have seen some very interesting fancy dress costumes, some wonderful creative art lessons and some fabulous news reports from our Year 2 pupils.

Both staff and parents are working tirelessly to make the best of the situation for everyone and it is lovely to see so much fun coming from the lessons that are planned so thoroughly.

As you will know by now, our home learning involves a mixture of live lessons with pre recorded lessons. We appreciate all children learn in different ways and at different rates and please do not worry if some of the work provided does not work for your child. Everyone is doing their best and we are proud of how many of you are now fully engaged with online learning.

It has been wonderful being able to reopen this week but I am very aware the local situation is still not good. Please can I remind you all to be extra vigilant; there are people in our community testing positive still this week.

## Mrs Kendall

It is with great sadness that we have to say a huge goodbye to Mrs Kendall, who has decided to resign from her post as a midday supervisor at school. She has been a cherished member of our team for just over twelve years and we all wish her the very best in her retirement. All the children will miss her very, very much and I cannot thank her enough for her kindness and patience with all the children over the years. We hope to do a proper celebration for you in the not too distant future Mrs Kendall. With much love from all the children and staff at Bedale.

## New Staff

We have appointed two new General Teaching Assistants at the start of term to work with our team. We have been fortunate in that Mrs Illingworth has been able to start already and is based with our Year 5 team. Mrs White will be joining us at the beginning of February, and will be based with our Year 1 children. We hope they will be extremely happy working at Bedale with our delightful children.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

### School Lunches for Key Workers

Just a reminder that the daily dinner choices in school at the moment are the hot and jacket potato options. Can we also ask that packed lunches are brought into school in a disposable bag. To reduce belongings being regularly brought in and out of school, we are unable to allow packed lunch boxes in school at the moment.

### Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 1-7 February. This year's theme is Express Yourself. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good. Take some time this week to express yourself! We would love to hear about it. Send any photos or examples to [admin@bedale-ce.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bedale-ce.n-yorks.sch.uk) if you are happy for us to share on our school Facebook page to inspire others. Mrs Hopps will be producing a flyer with some supportive ideas next week to inspire us all.

### Reception News

The Early Years children have been learning all about Julia Donaldson books over the last few weeks. Their work has been fantastic both at home and at school. Thank you so much for the wonderful work you have been uploading daily to Google classroom and the way you are supporting your child's learning at home.

In English, the children have worked so hard on capital letters and lower case cursive letters the last couple of weeks. We are delighted to see such progress with this. Rhyming words have come on well too and the high frequency tricky word work has been fantastic.

In Maths, the part whole method has been very good and we can see children really understanding that there are different ways to make up the numbers.

We have been super impressed with all of your topic work and the way you have crafted and painted and really produced some lovely pieces. We know how much work this takes!

Thank you to those families who have joined in with the live sessions. These have been fun and a good opportunity for the children to see each other and listen to a story or take part in an activity.

Next week we are thinking about healthy living and the week after we are learning about birds and taking part in a national project. Thank you again for all of your time and support over the last few weeks.

Year one have been busy at home finding out about different plants. They made wonderful collages from natural materials and went out to spot different deciduous and evergreen trees in the local area. With Mr McHugh they have been using the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and he has been very impressed by their use of adjectives in their writing. It has been great to see so many children at our live sessions. We have done some step-by-step drawing in an online art class, a scavenger hunt using adjectives and met each other's pets.

### Year 1 News

We have had a very busy few weeks with our online learning. We are delighted with the amazing Great Fire of London news report the children have created at home. We had some fantastic news reporters retelling the events live, and there were some creative backgrounds seen.

## Year 2 News

The children have had fun creating lots of different artwork, singing in rounds with family members, learning about firefighters in the past and even joining Joe Wicks to do some tricky workouts.

We have been overwhelmed with the amazing work being produced and are thrilled with all the super attitude and commitment too. A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents and adults helping at home. We look forward to seeing you at our live sessions at 1.30 for either story, bingo, well-being or our dress up Friday Quiz. What will Mrs Hall be this week?

## Year 3 News

'We will rock you' is proving to be a popular theme with our learning this term! We have loved reading your writing about 'Stone Age boy' and are looking forward to the diary entries. Stone Age PE with Mr Holmes was certainly fun, and we even hear that many of you have been inspired to listen to some rock in our music lessons. Live lessons have included: sharing our favourite books, maths bingo and scavenger hunts.

We have been so impressed with how hard the children have been working during this very strange half term. The children have been writing leaflets all about the Yorkshire Three Peaks and have produced some amazing work, presenting their final versions in lots of different ways. Also linked to our theme of mountains, the children created some fantastic contour maps in our geography work (see the back page for some excellent examples). We have really enjoyed the live sessions each day too where we have listened to story, shared things from home and had lots of fun on quiz

## Year 4 News

## Year 5 News

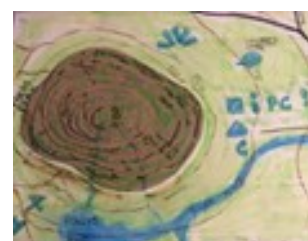
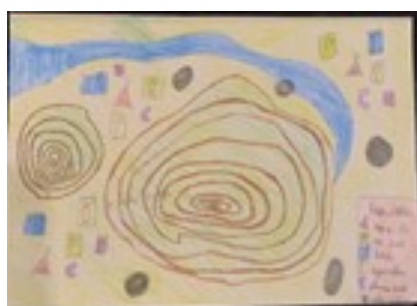
This week, Year 5 have been working hard on translating shapes in maths and we have had fun completing a Kahoot quiz online to test our knowledge. In writing, we have been learning about Gilgamesh, a historical character, and we have been comparing him to a modern day superhero. In PSHE, the children have learned about dental hygiene. I think some have decided they need to make some improvements to care for their teeth!

During our remote learning live sessions, we have had a quiz in fancy dress and a scavenger hunt!

The children in Year 6 have kept their teachers dangling in suspense and completely terrified, in equal measure, through their spectacular writing this half term. The Lighthouse stories were packed full of tension, which was only improved through their skilful retelling. The spooky adverts for the Whitby Hotel (home to Room 13) were so persuasive we feel compelled to share our next holiday with Dracula! Well done all and please do look out for the good examples we share on Google Classroom. We are very impressed with how you are all navigating this way of learning - keep it up.

## Year 6 News

Some pictures of the wonderful work produced by our children at home.



Mrs Hall, Mrs Durham and Mrs Hutchinson taking remote learning on google classroom to another level!

