

Wow we have made it to half term! It has been a very long half term and I know everyone is more than ready for this break. The children have worked their socks off right up until this last day. This has been a half term quite unlike any other. This time last year the idea of 'bubbles', face masks, social distancing and no Nativity Plays would have seemed like madness but now it is the reality we are living in. Although this is an anxious and upsetting time, in many ways it also shows us how 'challenging times' bring out the best in many people. I have said it before but the children have demonstrated such resilience and understanding since they returned to school in September. At long last it has felt like we have had the 'heart' of the school back to have everyone in together. None of us know what the next half term will bring and what new challenges we will face but we will continue to take one day at a time and try our very best to keep everyone in our school community safe whilst also providing the children with the learning experiences they deserve.

The staff definitely deserve a rest now that we are at the end of a very long 8 weeks. It has been a very intense time for them all in school and as always I never doubt that they will rise to the challenge and go above and beyond as they always do. Please give teachers a break over half term and if you need to contact anyone in the school urgently, please do so via the school office email. I will check these daily.

Thank you for your continued support. The most important activity you can do at home over the holiday is to read with your child & listen to them read. Doing many of the normal holiday activities we will not be able to do as we are in Tier 3, so take the time to enjoy some books together and get lost in the magical world of imagination!



Wirral has been placed in the 'very high' alert tier level, to tackle the spread of Covid-19.

- People should avoid staying overnight in another part of the UK.
- You must not meet socially with friends and family indoors in any setting unless they are part of your household or support bubble. This includes private homes.
- You must also not meet with people outside of your household or support bubble in a private garden or in most outdoor public venues.



'Be Bright, Be Seen'

You will be aware that the clocks will be set back an hour on Sunday 25th October, signalling the end of British Summer Time. In order to highlight children's increased vulnerability on the roads at this time of year, Wirral Council's Road Safety Team are promoting the 'Be Bright, Be Seen' campaign. They are encouraging children to wear something bright when out in the dark so they can be seen.

You can find out more about the national campaign online, and there is a game children could play if you follow this link: <https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/be-bright-be-seen-game/>



As the term progresses, the safety of everyone in our school community remains a key priority, especially with an increasing infection rate in our region. Our stringent risk assessment continues to constantly be reviewed in relation to guidance received regarding Covid-19. You can find this and all our latest updates on the Covid-19 page on our website. If your child needs to self-isolate you will also find on our 'Remote Learning' page, all the links you will need to support them when working at home.

Make sure you check out our Twitter and Facebook pages to see all the wonderful learning that has been happening in school.



Our Foundation 1 children had some wonderful Autumnal Fun in the leaves on the playground!

Foundation 2 have been enjoying their PE sessions and I know the staff have struggled to choose PE stars of the week as there have been so many stars!



On Monday, our Year 1 and 2 children had a wonderful time in our Forest School creating bug hotels and building team working skills.



In their Geography work, Year 2 have been learning about the United Kingdom and the different Patron Saints.

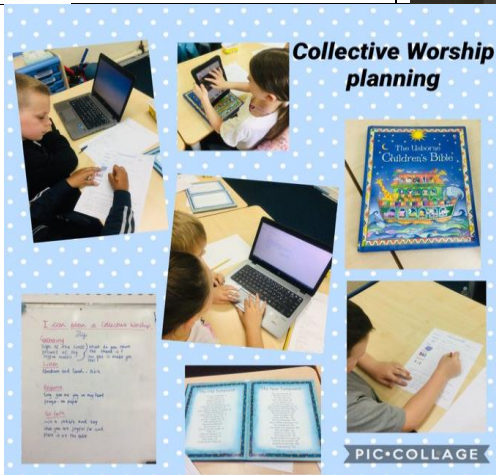


Year 3 have been reading 'The Iron Man' and have produced some excellent writing work based on this story.

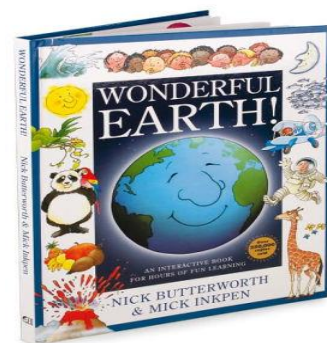


In Year 5, the children have been working hard in Science and learning about the Water Cycle. This week they have made their own mini 'Water Cycle' experiments.

Year 4 have been working in pairs to plan their own Collective Worship. Each pair were given a theme and will be ready to start after the half term break.



In Year 6, the children have been painting incredible War Horse word pictures.



RESPONSIBILITY – To link with our monthly value, our Key Stage 2 children have shared the book 'Wonderful Earth' and thought about how we are responsible for looking after the beautiful world God has created for us. The children had some fantastic ideas about how we can care for the environment and after half term, we are going to think about this again as a whole school.

Attendance – Well done to Year 4 for having the best attendance this week! Keep it up!

Foundation 1 – 98.5%

Foundation 2 – 94.2%

Year 1 – 94.7%

Year 2 – 97.4%

Year 3 – 94.9%

Year 4 – 98.8%

Year 5 – 92.1%

Year 6 – 92.1%

I hope you all have a lovely half term and a good rest.

Please stay safe. Mrs Ralph