

St Michael at Bowes CE Junior School Newsletter

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Spring Term
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Dates for your diary:

- Half term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February
- Virtual parent/carer coffee morning: Monday 1st March at 9.30 a.m. for an informal catch up chat.
- British Science Week: Week beginning 8th March (More information to follow)
- Virtual Parent consultation: Week begining Monday 22nd March (more information to follow nearer the time)
- Easter break: Friday 2nd April (Good Friday) to Monday 19th April
- INSET Day: Monday 19th April
- BACK TO SCHOOL after Easter break: Tuesday 20th April

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

The English Team have reinvented the Mystery Book Club, which

started last week. This week some very happy pupils received a special package! They are sworn to secrecy and can't tell anyone that they have the book or what book it is.

Keep your eyes peeled for a very important package that could be delivered to you soon. There may well be some extra books shared across the school as we creep closer and closer to World Book Day!

If you are interested in receiving the book, please let Miss Iesini or Mr Upson know.



We now have a beautiful book vending machine at school! The machine will soon be filled with lovely new reading books for children to 'purchase' with a special token they can only receive for excellent effort in learning. The vending machine was specially designed for us and is modelled in the photograph by Aiden and Haaris



in Year 5. More photos to follow when the machine has been filled.

VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING

After half term, on Monday 1st March at 9.30 a.m. we will be starting our first virtual coffee morning. It is an informal drop-in for a catch up chat. Please use the link below to log in via Zoom. We look forward to seeing you.

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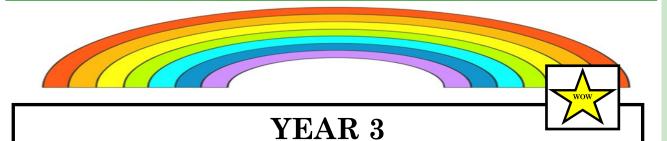


REMEMBER TO ALWAYS SOCIAL DISTANCE AND WEAR A MASK WHEN DROPPING OFF/COLLECTING YOUR CHILD



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SMAB REMOTE LEARNING



Last week a few of our Year 3 explorers ventured outside and created their own natural art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.

David (3T) made a snow angel with his family, Andras (3T) created a beautiful piece of artwork around a local tree.

Year 3 are currently thoroughly enjoying their topic on the Ancient Egyptians – they wrote instructions on how to mummify an orange. Children either watched a demonstration or carried out their own mummification to help them with this type of writing.

Many children in 3M were inspired by Andy Goldsworthy as part of our first 'Screen Free Friday'. Magi, Christos and Stefan used natural materials from their gardens and from local parks to create their own masterpieces.



YEAR 4

In RE, Year 4 have been looking at the religion of Islam and their lesson last week focused on the importance of the Mosque. They spoke about places that are important to them and one of the tasks was to create a Mosque using items that they had at home. There are some brilliant models which include all of the key parts. Well done 4H!

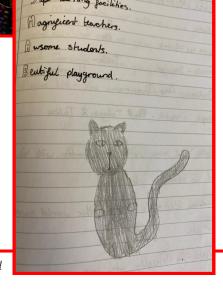
In their English lessons they have focused on balanced arguments and there have been lots of impressively shared opinions, including why killer whales should or should not be kept in captivity.





Positives	Negatives
People can see them do tricks in the water.	It's not nice to keep animals trapped in cages full of water because they have feelings to!
They are <u>nice cute</u> animals and people think they are entertaining when they joyful in the water	They will get bored from being in a cage and not socialising it can be very boring for them.
Killer whales are very special talented sea animals.	It's bad for them especially them not being in their normal habitat and only being with a few fish next to them. :(
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SCREEN TIME SHOULD BE LIMITED!

<u>For</u>

- screen time should be limited because your eyes will start to burn;
- screen time should be limited because you won't get fresh air from outside;
- screen time should be limited because it will take longer than normal to sleep;
- screen time should be limited so you can spend more time with your family;
- screen time should be limited because if you have internet it will make you play more longer on mobiles and;
- screen time should be limited because it is not good for your health.

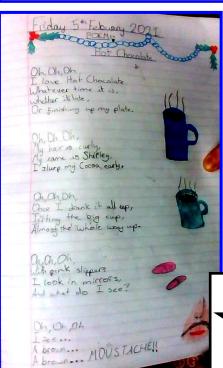
YEAR 5

This week in English Year 5 have been writing about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. Joe (5L) has written a thoroughly delightful beginning to his story, and his teachers cannot wait to read what happens next.

Also this week Year 5 have had their creative hats on and have produced some excellent work.

Lucy wrote a lovely poem about Screen Free Fridays.

Esmeralda made a stationery organizer.









YEAR 6

English/Topic

Year 6 have been studying propaganda during WW2, focusing in particular on artist Abram Games! In this task, pupils were asked to create either a war-themed poster or modern poster that had elements of Games' unique style! The posters were simple yet striking often showing contrast in colours and form. I'm sure you will agree that year 6 have done him proud!

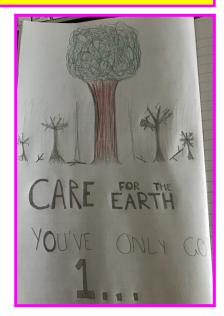
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Elsewhere, year 6 have been studying Sikhism. In their most recent lesson they looked at the birth of the Khalsa- the pure ones, the story of Guru Gobind Singh's test of faith and the creation of the beloved five- the first members of the Khalsa. Year 6 created comic strips to retell this story of sacrifice and reflected on their commitment.















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