



# Samlesbury CE Primary

LEARNING GROWING & INSPIRING  
THROUGH GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE

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GROW..'

## February 2021

**We are delighted that from the 8th March, we will be welcoming all the children back to school so only one more week of home schooling. Let's make this a last, fantastic week of learning at home and in school! As I wrote in the letter I sent to you earlier this week, school will be running exactly as it was in the autumn, with Covid safe procedures and cleaning in place as before..**

**Breakfast club and afterschool club will be running as normal.**

**Multi skills on Tuesday is not starting yet but should be after the Easter break.**

### SAMLESBURY NEWS

#### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN CLASSES THIS HALF TERM ?

Here's a small snippet of some of the fantastic learning which has been going on in school and at home this half term.

#### INFANT CLASS

It's been another busy month in the Infants - everyone has worked hard and continued to show a wonderfully positive attitude to learning at school and at home.



Reception continued their work on traditional tales, predicting what type of plant might grow from a mysterious magical bean and invented amazing porridge recipes for the Three Bears Cafe.

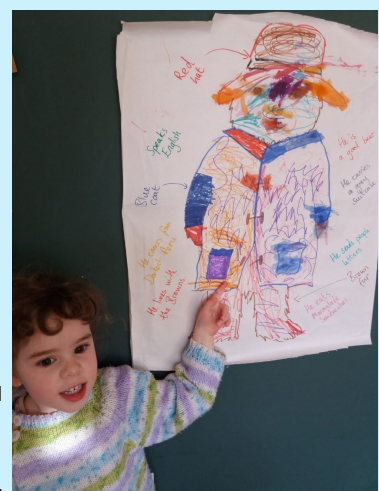
Year 1 and 2 found out about an Incredible Book Eating Boy and wrote some fantastic letters explaining why he shouldn't eat their favourite book.

After exploring different types of paper and techniques such as collage this half term, we moved on to creating our final paper creations in art - papier-mâché toys! In school, we discovered first hand what happens if you use too much glue, and ended up rather sticky...

We also came to the end of our 'Toys from the Past' topic in History, and it has been lovely to see the children involve their families in this learning and talk about the toys that parents and grandparents played with when they were in school.

We also celebrated Safer Internet Day, exploring the story of Detective Digiduck and how we can check if what we read on the internet is true - we made Digiduck masks and became internet detectives too!

This half term, we began our new Paddington topic, which is off to a great start! In English we have been enjoying reading the story by Michael Bond and thought about what we would do if we found a strange bear in our classroom - lots of children thought it would be a great idea to keep him as a pet (we'll have to ask Mrs Sutton of course!).



**YEAR 3/4**

We continue to be super impressed with the way all the children in Years 3 and 4 have accessed their learning through February, whether they were joining us through live classes at home or were physically in the classroom. We want to say a massive well done to all the children and a big thank you to all parents and carers who are helping everything go so smoothly - we know it's not easy!

We finished last half-term with a few special sessions, for example Internet Safety Day when we explored the theme of 'An Internet we can trust'. The children spent time finding out how to tell the difference between 'Fake news' and 'real news'. We also explored the importance of not sharing information about ourselves online.



Following that, we explored Chinese New Year which saw us finding out more about this celebration, learning how to count to ten in Chinese and some of us even had a go at learning how to do multiplication using the Chinese method. We also had an eye-opening lesson exploring our half-termly value of justice in more detail. We were shocked to discover that not everyone in the world has a free choice in the religion they follow and we talked about the injustice of this. We learned about the life of Brother Andrew and how he risked his own life to take Bibles to people around the world who were not allowed them or could not get one. We found out about Open Doors which is an organisation set up to support Christians around the world who are persecuted for their religious

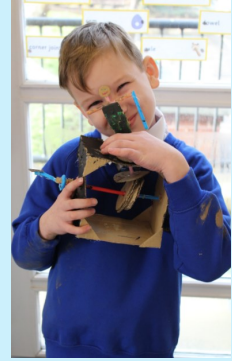
beliefs.

As well as our special sessions, we have also...

- finished our artwork based on Lowry and will be putting together an art gallery to display all the amazing work
- found out more about the story of David and learned that eventually he did become King. We had lots of debates about the rights and wrongs that happened during the story of David and Saul and we especially loved sharing our ideas on our class blog on Purple Mash
- found even more songs and dances to keep our minds and bodies active throughout the day
- started a research project into a desert of our own choice to finish our geography topic
- started our new Science topic, 'Sound' and began sharing our ideas of how we think we hear sound
- continued to boost our fitness through our regular workout sessions in PE and began exploring how we combat defenders in invasion games

**YEAR 5/6**

This month, 5/6 have been working incredibly hard on our automata both at home and in school! Over the course of the half term, we have built up enquiry and design technology skills: looking at automata and figuring out how they moved; examining cams and followers to see different movements; designing our automata, to scale (Miss Gill was incredibly impressed), and finally making our final product. It was a long process to go through, but our final Viking Automata are amazing. There was fantastic individual and teamwork from everyone; it was lovely to see the whole class trying to help each other out and troubleshoot problems at home and in school. Take a look at some photos of our final products on the next page...



## OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

### TOAST AND MILK

This can now be booked on Parent Pay £1 per week as usual, £3 to cover the rest of the half term when children are all back in school.

### PARENTS EVENING

Parent's Evening will run over two evenings as before on **Monday 22nd March 3.30pm to 5.30pm** and **Wednesday 24th March 3.30pm to 6.30pm**, and will be via Zoom again this term. Please contact Sandra next week to book your Zoom meeting time.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday the 4th of March will be an off timetable day focused on the joy of reading books! We love reading in school and reading is a key part of every day in school for pleasure and to help us learn. There is nothing better than a good book!

There will be no dressing up this year, as it's an expense we feel is unnecessary given the situation we're in, but that doesn't mean we won't be having a fantastic day in school and I hope at home too. Class teachers will be sending information to home learners about the day with their usual weekly email.

### CLASS PHOTOS

It's been a while but on April 14th, we will be having class photos taken. Covid safe procedures will be in place. It'll be wonderful to have up to date photos of our classes up in the entrance area.

### MUSIC LESSONS

Piano lessons will start on Wednesday the 10th but we have not yet had confirmation for drumming—we will let you know the start date for this by the end of next week.

### FOSS SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL

Some of the funds raised at FOSS events in the Autumn Term have been used to support our children. So far this term we have replaced old globes in each class, purchased a licence for new worship songs: Fischy Music (we can't wait to start teaching the children the new songs!), a set of atlases suitable for our infant class. We've also purchased several bigger items for our EYFS outdoor provision: x2 large outdoor chalk boards, x3 TUFF tray covers and some extra large measuring cylinders. We're planning on using more FOSS funds to develop class reading books to match topics being taught, both non fiction and fiction. Thank you FOSS!

### HOME LEARNING - COMPLETED WORK

We've had some requests about what to do with the completed work. Please keep all work and send it in with your child on their return to school. We'll be putting topic work into their topic books as these stay with the children to form a learning journey throughout Key Stage 2, so it would be helpful if your child could collate their work into subjects as this will make it so much easier to transfer to books on their return! Thank you.



## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 5th - 14th MARCH

This year we aren't having a Science week in school during the Spring Term. Instead, we will have a Science week in the summer term when everyone is back in school. In the meantime, if you want to join in with science at home next week during science week, then go to the website below which will provide you with a whole host of ideas of what you can do at home!



<https://www.britishsienceweek.org/>

## ONLINE SAFETY GUIDANCE FROM THE DfE

The government have recently updated their online safety advice for parents called: **Coronavirus (COVID-19): support for parents and carers to keep children safe online.** If'd you like to access this publication please click the web link below.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online?utm\\_source=25%20February%202021%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online?utm_source=25%20February%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

## Stars of the Week & Headteacher's Award for February



Date	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award
5.2.21		Zakariyah Y1
26.2.21		Alex Pattman

## WORSHIP AND VALUES THEME THIS HALF TERM:

### Humility



Humility is one of our values which can be a little more difficult to understand. Humility is not about

letting everyone go before you or being passive, but rather it's about being compassionate, caring and sharing; knowing that you are no more important than anyone else.

The Queen said yesterday (Thursday 25th Feb) that as a country we all need to think about how our actions affect those around us so that as a country, we can beat the pandemic more quickly.

**If everyone had this attitude what would life be like?**

Worship takes place in class each day with bible stories, Picture News to explore our Christian values in real life situations as well as collective worship all together and celebration worship on a Friday which Y6 still