

# **Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School**

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#### Dear Parents,



This week Reception have been learning about the Chinese New Year. They have been busy making dragons and lanterns as well as eating noodles and prawn crackers. Miss Frank appreciated receiving the photos and samples of learning. I have also seen the wonderful learning from Oliver, AxI and Eliza. Oliver made this beautiful dragon and is now hidden inside!

Miss Horth has been impressed with the learning about Space in Year 1. Blake has done an amazing poster showing all the planets in our solar system. Jana has enjoyed snowy walks this week and Pippa and Jana have both enjoyed baking for the family.

Mrs Manners was pleased to receive lots of examples of good work. Examples include Beatrice's super column addition, Elsa, Hugo, Maddie and Fred's excellent descriptive adventure story writing. It's been a super week for the class.

In Year 4 Mrs Dewar has introduced a maths topic on fractions. Many parents appreciated receiving the video introducing the topic and Leo enjoyed arranging his toys to help him find fractions of amounts.

A few examples of some of the great learning that is going on, well done to all of you. Many thanks to the teaching team for the preparation and guidance given to all our families and a huge thank you to all of you who are continuing to support your children at this difficult time. As I have previously mentioned, we are all aware this is no mean feat, thank you!

Today is the last Friday of the first half term. Learning will not be posted online today. This week's learning will remain available throughout half term week. The following week's work will be uploaded on Friday 19 February by 5pm.

Everyone has enjoyed the focus on Well-Being this week. There have been many examples of participation in the activities. Thank you to Miss Pugh for organising the week, Mrs Dewar for organising the running challenge and Jess Thompson for leading the art sessions today. I am very much looking forward to seeing the art work. Please send photographs of your pieces of art to your class teacher so that we can celebrate them on the website.

One of the focal points of the week has been to attempt to reduce some digital hours. This is a very hard ask when currently our main form of communication is through the wonderful world of technology. We should not lose sight of the incredible contribution technology makes to our lives, particularly at the moment. However, we are also conscious of some of the less desirable elements. Young children benefit from restricted screen time and parents and carers should be carefully monitoring what their children are





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accessing on devices. Please see below for some very useful resources and information on protecting our young people online:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

At this time of year teachers would normally be writing the full written report which traditionally has gone out just before the Easter holiday. This year we are changing the arrangement in light of the current circumstances. Teachers will hold a Parent's Evening by telephone during the last two weeks of the Spring Term, starting on the Monday 22 March. It is hoped that by this time children will have been back in school for some time. Teachers are planning to write a full report in the Summer Term. I would like to remind you that the school office is open and staff are available during normal school hours. If you would like to get in touch with your class teacher at any time you can email them or contact them through the school office.

World Book Day is on Thursday 04 March. We are planning a number of events around the date. We continue to work in partnership with RBWM Library Service. They have organised 'Meet the Author' sessions with AF Harold for Year 3 and Year 4 on Thursday 04 March and Zerah Hicks for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Friday 05 March. AF Harold has written many children's books, including a series of books about *Fizzlebirt Stump*. Zerah Hicks writes for younger children and titles include, 'The Problem with Problems'. If you are able to access any materials from these authors before the workshops your children will benefit even more from the experience. Further details on the week's activities will come out after half term.

We will not be asking the children to dress up this year but instead we will be asking the children during book week to use household items to make a book character. We have included some examples using the following link to help inspire them!

This is the link: https://www.worldbookday.com/fun-craft-favourite-characters/

Please find attached to this letter the Clewer Cluster Newsletter. The newsletter includes some excellent ideas for half term.

I look forward to working with you all again after the break.

Kind regards,

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#### **Zoom Timetable**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30 Year 1	9:30 Reception	9:30 Year 1 (Phonics)	9:30 Reception	
(Phonics)	(Phonics)		(Wellbeing)	
10:30 Year 3	10:30 Year 4 (SPAG)	10:30 Year 4 (Well-	10:30 Year 3 (SPAG)	
(SPAG)		being)		
				10:00 ALL (Whole
				School PSHE
				Assembly)
11:00 Year 2 (Phonics)	11:45 Year 2 (Phonics)	11:45 Year 2 (Phonics)	11:00 Year 2 (Well-being)	
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1:15 Reception (Phonics)	1:15 Year 1 (Phonics)	1:15 Reception (Phonics)	1:15 Year 1 (Well-being)	
			1:45 ALL (Rev Sally	
			Assembly)	
2:15 Year 4 (SPAG)	2:15 Year 3 (SPAG)	2:15 Year 3 (Wellbeing)	2:15 Year 4 (SPAG)	

### **Zoom Protocols**

- Always enable your child to take part in a live session in a public space in the house. If the session is a teaching session it helps if the child is sat at a table
- Always ensure an adult is either next to and supporting the child or at least within ear shot and visible on screen if your child is more independent
- Children must be on mute at the start of the session and invited to join in by the host
- Children must not use the chat function unless invited to do so
- If you or your child are upset or concerned by any content or event happening during a live session,
  please report it to the host or the school office immediately. The following link has useful
  information for supporting children on line <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/</a>

