

St Benedict Biscop Newsletter



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Value for Summer 2: Respect



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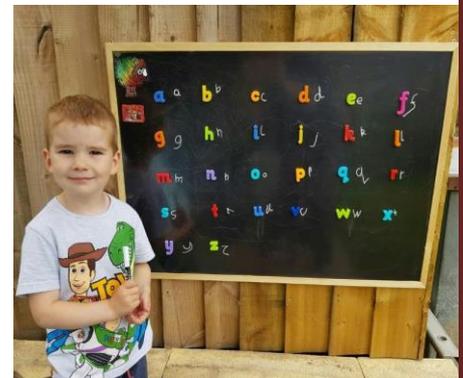
This week we have taken delivery of a number of beautiful new books purchased by FOSBB. These books will supplement the books already included in our school curriculum. The books have been selected to celebrate diversity and support our children in developing their understanding of the world around them. Our Year 6 and Year 1 children have enjoyed looking through the books and discussing them together.



Sammy has been working so hard with his home learning. He now has a calculator to help him further his love for numbers. He has also got a new interest learning all about the solar system.

Luke is working really hard at his letter and number formation, Mum says he

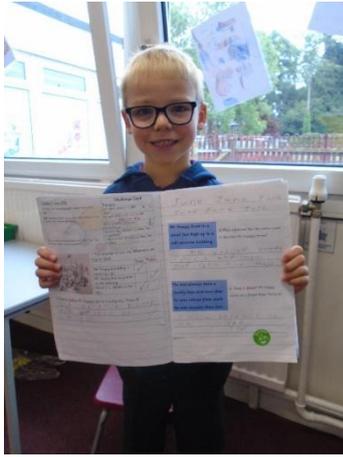
loves to practice these outside in his garden.



Piper has been a superstar during her time at home as she has learnt to ride her bike without stabilisers! I am super proud of you Piper, you are so independent. What an achievement!

Noah has been using his technology skills at home and we were so impressed with his stop motion video that he made with Daddy. We loved watching it in school, it really made us laugh! I also loved reading Noah's octopus fact file, which was full of facts and typed so brilliantly using a keyboard. What a computer whizz you are, Noah! Fantastic work.





Fraser has been demonstrating a positive attitude to learning back at school, continually thinking about the new rules in school and working incredibly hard in all lessons.

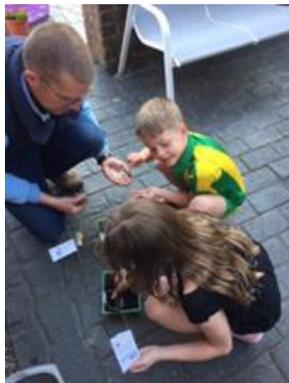
Tegan has been very active throughout the lockdown period. She has worked hard at home and has also welcomed a new addition to her family – a puppy called Honey! I was so impressed to hear that one of the first things Tegan thought of

when learning about looking after her new puppy was writing all about her, and her different needs, for our school project.

Tegan, I am so glad to hear that you are working hard at home whilst also taking good care of this new arrival. I know very well just how busy puppies can be!



I am sure that your project will help anyone else who needs to learn about looking after a new puppy. Keep up the brilliant work – we are really proud of you 😊



Thomas was really proud to tell me about all of the wonderful work he has been doing at home. He is really enjoying our maths work in particular and is making the most of the challenges set. As an active child, Thomas also continues to maintain his high levels of activity whilst at home. He has been swimming, walking and generally staying fit and active. He has maintained his happy approach to life and continues to make those around him smile.

Well done Thomas – we are so proud of you!

All teachers communicate regularly with our children. **Maisie-Jo** is currently in a bubble with Miss Atkinson and Mrs Bloomer, so we were incredibly proud to hear of her amazing work completed in school. She has really enjoyed her James and the Giant Peach focus work and has shown increased confidence and enthusiasm when reading aloud in a group. She has demonstrated our value of 'perseverance' in her maths work too. What brilliant fractions work Maisie-Jo!



A huge well done from us. Keep up your amazing work. 😊



Jess has shown a super attitude towards her work in school this week. She worked really well when creating a dance in PE and impressed everyone with her confidence when performing it to others by herself. She has been eager to practise her tables on TT Rockstars. She has also really enjoyed developing her computer skills as she worked hard on a story for her English work. Well done Jess!

Jack has been working exceptionally hard in all lessons this week showing a positive, hardworking attitude in all areas

of his learning. In particular, he has shown great enthusiasm and a secure knowledge when learning about 3d shapes and their properties in maths. Keep up the hard work Jack!



I have chosen **Maddie** this week for her effort and determination towards solving tricky percentage problems in maths. Maddie has had a positive attitude towards all activities. She has also been kind and helpful, including younger children when playing socially distanced games. Well done Maddie!

I would like to share **Olivia's** artwork this week, she worked carefully on her technique to produce a

skilled drawing that demonstrated an understanding of perspective.

I was pleased to hear about **Archie's** hard work in his garden at home, he begun planting in early Spring and is now seeing the results of his care and attention with the plants that are now growing.



Summer Reading Challenge



I know that many of our children have enjoyed the library service reading challenge in the past. This year they have adapted the challenge so that it can be completed online. If you child is taking part in the challenge please let us know about the books they have discovered.

The all-new digital Summer Reading Challenge is launching earlier than usual to keep children reading over the summer and to support families with children already at home.

- Launched on 5 June children sign up at www.silysquad.org.uk and create a profile.
- They set their own challenge to read any amount of books.
- Each time they finish a book they add it to their profile and write a review.
- There are downloadable activities, games and puzzles and new content added each week.
- Once children have completed the Challenge they receive a downloadable certificate.
- The Summer Reading Challenge helps to keep children reading over the summer and encourages them to become independent readers.
- Reading for pleasure supports mental wellbeing, boosting children's confidence and self-esteem which is so important now more than ever.

Staffordshire Libraries is working within Government guidelines to safely re-open libraries and there will be updates on this as soon as possible. In the meantime there is a wide range of children's e-books and e-audio books that can be downloaded from the library catalogue at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries/Library-services/eLibrary/eLibrary.aspx>

If children are not already library members it is really easy to join online
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/JoinYourLibrary

School is now full for children of Key Workers and some additional children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We are continuing to set home learning which is accessible on our website and can also provide paper copies of work for you if that will be easier, please contact the office if that will help.

Many parents are now asking us what learning will look like in September and we cannot give a definitive answer until we have guidance about social distancing advice. We will continue to update you as we are given more information. As a school we are planning for a range of scenarios and looking at options which range from all children in school to rotas and online learning. Our priority is to connect with all our families and if you have any concerns or feedback about your child's learning at home please be honest with your class teacher when they call. We cannot always accommodate your needs but we listen to all feedback and try to find the best solution for as many families as possible.