

St Benedict Biscop Newsletter



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Value for Summer 2: Respect



We hope you are all well and keeping safe.

This week we have invited all children to join Class Dojo. The response already has been really positive and it provides another safe way for children and parents to communicate with their classes. We will begin to develop how we use this over the coming months so that you can communicate quickly and safely with your child's class and receive updates on how they are getting on.

It has been lovely hearing from our home learners this week. The weather has certainly been challenging so pictures of muddy puddles and lots of fun have shown how you are all making the most of it! We are still crossing our fingers for more sunshine soon though!

Our Christian Value - Respect

This half term our Christian Value is Respect and we are thinking about people that we respect. Lichfield Diocese have produced a fantastic 'People of Faith' resource around Martin Luther King which we would encourage you to share with your children

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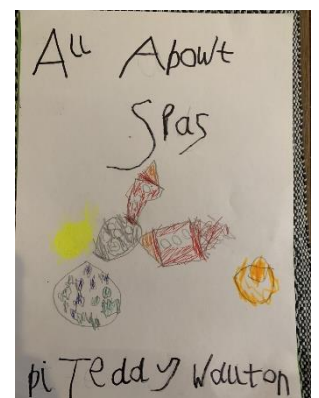
With the news currently and the discussion around Black Lives Matter, this is a helpful way to begin this important discussion with our children. If you complete any of the activities with your children at home we would love to see what they produce.

Charlie has been an absolute super star practising his name and his number formations at home. Here he is in the great outdoors! We shared this photo with his friends in Nursery, they all agreed that it looked like he was having great fun!



Jessica has been sharing her growing knowledge and understanding of healthy eating. Jessica told us: "Sugar can make you have cavities, you might have to go to get your teeth out if you don't brush your teeth after eating sugar."

Teddy has absolutely blown us away with his non-fiction book about Space this week! He has worked extremely hard on this and has included so many interesting facts. I have learnt lots from reading your book Teddy, thank you. You should be very proud of what you have produced, we certainly are! You are a superstar.



Darcy has settled back into school brilliantly. She always shows a positive attitude in school, following our new school rules and working incredibly hard to better her work each day.

Logan has really impressed us with his positive attitude this week. 😊



Logan is always able to make those around him laugh – he has an excellent sense of humour. He has been helpful at home and has maintained a positive attitude towards his work. Daddy was especially pleased to report that Logan has not lost his beaming smile during lockdown.



Matilda has been making us proud with her excellent work at home. She has been very creative and has completed the Skittles rainbow experiment as an extra science session! 😊



We are also proud to report that she is taking good care of everyone at home, including Paddington who went to stay with her for lockdown!



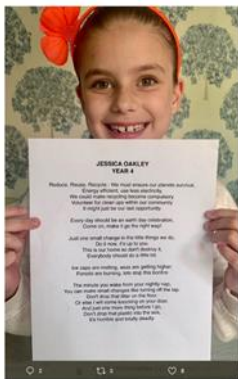
Well done Matilda – you are doing a brilliant job!

We have been happy to have **Zoe** back in school recently. She has started back with an excellent attitude to her learning and should be credited for her perseverance throughout the week. Miss Tromans and Mrs Willetts have told us all about your super work Zoe – we are really proud of you!

Well done! 😊

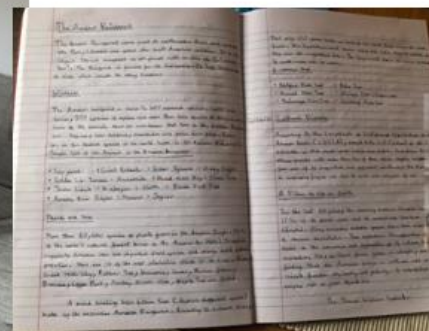
Bobby has impressed us with the great attitude he has shown towards his work this week. He worked particularly hard learning a new method in his multiplication work in maths and has also been eager to go on TT Rockstars to practise his tables. In Forest School, he threw himself into the challenge of using his senses to help him complete a scavenger hunt. Well done Bobby!





Jess has been working so hard at home over the whole duration of lockdown. She can't be faulted for the amount of effort and enthusiasm she is putting into her work, whether that be work set by school or other tasks she is completing. One thing Jess should be very proud of is a Global Rap that she wrote and sent via twitter to Oak Academy, she then received some lovely feedback congratulating her on her great use of language. I 100% agree with the feedback given, a lot of time and thought went into this. Well done Jess, keep up all your fantastic work.

I have chosen **Thomas** as my star of the week. Thomas always gives 100% towards everything he does and has a truly fantastic attitude to learning. Thomas has recently enjoyed creating a project about The Amazon Rainforest. Well done Thomas - you are a superstar!



I'd like to share the amazing work that **Harry** has been doing in the garden, he began in early spring and is really seeing his hard work pay off now, what beautiful plants - keep up the good work Harry!



As part of our illusions topic, **Erika** has produced some fantastic super heroes that show she has mastered the skill of foreshortening - well done Erika, these are wonderful!

Summer Reading Challenge



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

As I explained last week, 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.

We have spent the last few weeks looking at a range of options for September and our priority is that we will be able to welcome all of our children back. We have a number of options in mind all of which involve face for face teaching for every child but until we have guidance about social distancing advice we cannot finalise these plans. We will continue to update you as we are given more information. Our priority is to continue to connect with all our families and I know that you have all welcomed the weekly calls from your class teacher. All of the children should have received a personal postcard from their teacher this week and the feedback we have had has been lovely. If your child has not had a postcard please contact us and we will arrange for another one!

Thank you for your continued support and well wishes, hopefully we can all be together again soon.