

News from the Desk of Miss Cowcher

Well done for another great week under such different circumstances. As always it is lovely to hear from all the children and see what they've been getting up to. Reception have been reading the story 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and have been making their own boats, carrying out a floating and sinking experiment and working out their animals in the boat maths challenge! Reception and Year 1 have been very busy learning lots of new sounds with their recorded and live phonics sessions with their teachers. Year 1 and 2 have been continuing their work on Shh we have a plan! – I can't wait to see all the work produced from this project! Years 3, 4 and 5 have all been completing work based on a clever animation about a cloud maker.

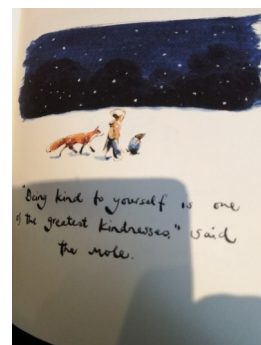
Whether it's via Tapestry, eSchools, Microsoft Teams, in school and over the phone, communication between home and school is absolutely key. We want to hear from you and I'm sure your children want to hear from us. We can all appreciate how hard it must be juggling your own work commitments alongside home schooling, please know we are here to support in any way we can – please message us and keep in touch. All the staff at Heathcote continue to work extremely hard getting lessons planned and accessible to you all at home. This week many of us have had a go at recording lessons and setting up live sessions – this hasn't been easy when we've been faced with many technical issues!!

Thank you for your patience and understanding, we're all establishing new routines and we'll get there in the end!

Stay safe, happy home learning and keep in touch!

Miss Cowcher

"Being kind to yourself is one of the greatest kindnesses" said the mole



Safeguarding Corner

Online Safety

Early use of digital technology has shown to improve language skills and promote children's social development and creativity. But it's not without risks for young children, who may come across inappropriate content or begin to copy what older children do online. Below are some useful websites to go for advice and resources to make your devices at home safer and to help explain risks to children.

Common Sense media www.commonsensemedia.org

To learn more about the games or apps you children are using, Common Sense Media covers thousands, which includes advice and reviews from other parents.

Internet Matters www.internetmatters.org

Lots of age-specific related information created specifically for parents. Includes information on how to set up devices.



News from Reception

This week the Hedgehogs and Butterflies have been busy doing lots of activities inspired by the book 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' by John Burningham. Some of the rainbow challenges they have had to complete this week include making a junk model boat, experimenting whether objects would float or sink and drawing and writing about the different characters. As always it is lovely to see what the children have been getting up to at home. We have also been busy learning new sounds in phonics in school as well as at home by pre-recorded lessons. Please keep updating Tapestry with all your fabulous work.



News from Foxes



What a wonderful week 2!

Well done to all the Fox cubs and their grownups for everything they are doing.

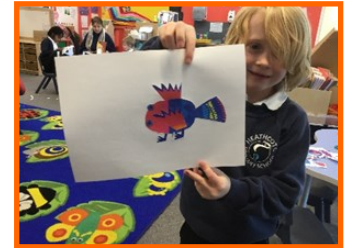
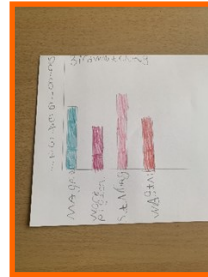


This week we have been continuing with our work linked to the book 'Shh, We have a Plan'. There have been some amazing examples of work sent in. Foxes have really enjoyed bird watching, collecting data, carrying out research about a common British garden bird, producing pictures of a bird, developing their multiplication skills, learning a new song, beginning to learn about



Judaism, using suffixes, practising spellings and handwriting, joining in with Joe Wicks...

Isla's and Ila's Birdwatching Bar Chart and Dexter's Bird collage.

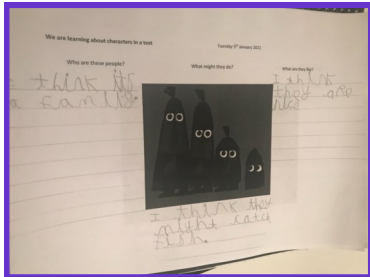


I think we all deserve a relaxing weekend! Thank you for being awesome Foxes. We miss you all!

News from Kingfishers and Otters

After a shaky start with some technical glitches' we have still managed to produce some fantastic learning.

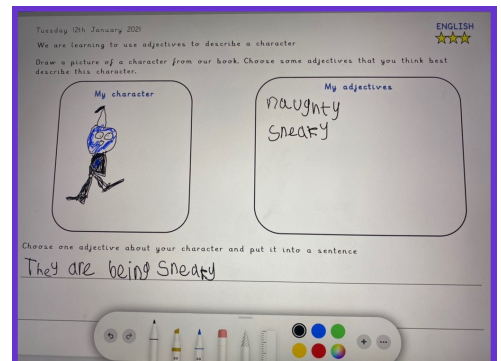
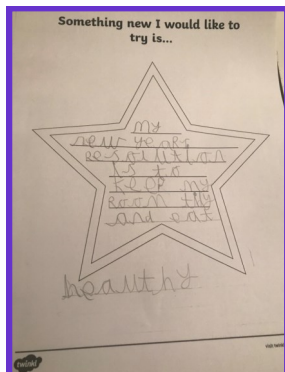
It's been lovely to see children learn in practical ways such as baking, using a whole host of skills.



The children have been working hard in phonics, using our videos to practise their reading and writing. We have been fully immersed in "Shh we have a plan" by Chris Haughton.



A big well done to all the parents, you've all done a great job in supporting your children in the best way you can.



We look forward to seeing what next week brings.

Brunswick Hub—Food Bank

We are having a big push to remind people we offer a chilled food bank service at the Hub for £5 to families who are in need. Families are provided with a loaf of bread, 4pts milk, eggs, butter, cheese, ham, frozen chicken and frozen mince (we will cater for faith or dietary needs). They can self-refer if they are struggling or professionals can refer (the family need to live in the Leamington area). We can also provide Food bank vouchers or organise collection of Co-op veg bags. The veg bags come at a cost £3.50 for a small bag and £5 large (this is open to everyone as are food bank vouchers). Please contact Sally on the details below:

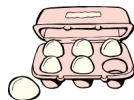
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BBC local radio stations are asking members of the public to donate laptops/tablets to be refurbished and provided to schoolchildren learning at home during lockdown.

For more information contact BBC Coventry & Warwickshire local radio or

<https://www.business2schools.com/donate> (links businesses and schools in your area)

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Parents' Bubble

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This week's top tips: Have you played Kim's Game? Great old fashioned fun (off screen) for all the family.

Kim's Game or Memory Game:

What you need:

- ✓ A tray
- ✓ A collection of objects
- ✓ A cloth to cover
- ✓ Two or more players

Everyday objects:

- Key
- Hair brush
- Shoe
- Mobile phone
- Glasses
- Pencil

Food:

- Banana
- A piece of dried pasta or spaghetti
- A chocolate bar
- Cereal e.g. cornflake
- A carrot
- Egg

Animals (pictures or small toys)

- Lion
- Elephant
- Giraffe
- Polar bear
- Camel
- Tiger

Dinosaurs (pictures or small toys)

- Tyrannosaurus Rex
- Velociraptor
- Stegosaurus
- Diplodocus
- Triceratops
- Brontosaurus

How to play:

- One player to collect a group of objects, lay them out on the tray and cover with the cloth
- When player 2 is ready to play, player one removes the cover and the player 2 has 10 seconds to look at the objects before the objects are covered up again
- Player 2 has to try to remember what is on the tray
- Take turns in playing the game and see who can remember the most.

Changes to the game:

- More players and play in pairs and one player can write down the answers
- More or different types of objects...this is the fun part, thinking of different objects, food, toys, animals, mini-beasts etc.
- Longer or shorter amount of time to look and remember the objects.
- Use words to describe the object, e.g. a long thin yellow pencil, an elephant with a long trunk.

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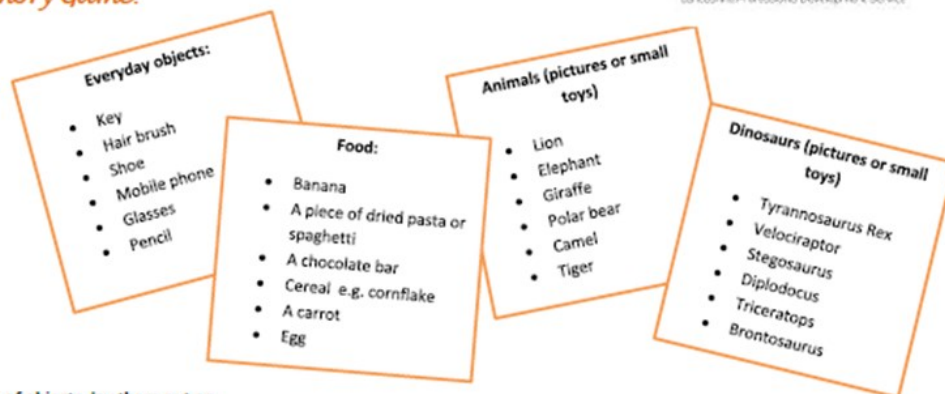
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