

Friday 26th February 2021

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you enjoyed the half term break and are well rested as we start the second half of the year. Thank you to all parents and carers who supported the half termly holiday homework projects, there were some fantastic examples of research presented in very creative ways and shared to our home learning email account.

Our recent 'caught reading' campaign has been a huge success with many wonderful videos and photographs sent in celebrating reading for pleasure. World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 4th March and children, whether learning at home or attending school, are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. The aim of the day is to encourage children to delve into the world of fiction, explore different genres and share our passion for reading. We will be sharing resources closer to the time on the home learning pages of our website.

As a result of the continued partial closures, the high level of personal contact with individual families weekly and the challenges of accurately measuring pupil progress until all children are back in school full time, Spring Term reports and the parent consultation evening due to take place on the 25th March will not go ahead. This means that the next parents evening consultation and report date will be the 8th July. We encourage you to speak to the class teacher during the partial closure weekly calls or book an appointment time via the school office for a call back if a longer discussion is required.

As you will be aware, the government has announced that schools will reopen to all pupils on **8th March 2021**. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back all pupils to face-to-face education. School attendance will be mandatory which will mean that our usual attendance systems and rules will once again apply, including parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with Hackney Education's codes of conduct, non attendance without due reason will result in unauthorised absence. Any absences should to be reported by calling the school office before 8.55am. First day calling will take place to ensure the safeguarding of all pupils. Further information about re-opening will be shared at the start of next week.

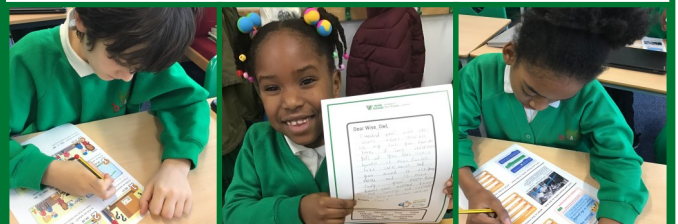
Thank you for your continued support at this time.

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## SAFER INTERNET DAY

The theme of Safer Internet Day this year was '*exploring reliability online*'. Children took part in a range of activities and assemblies, which supported them to question, challenge and change the online world, learning about how they know what to trust when online.



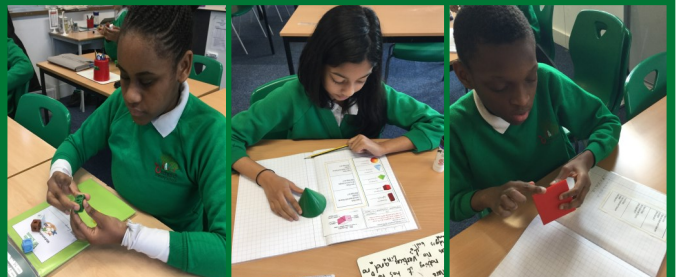
## EYFS SNOW EXPLORATION

Before half term, children in EYFS explored the snow in our playground. They built snowmen, ordering them from smallest to the largest; rehearsed writing in snow and also became detectives, using magnifying glasses to examine fresh snowflakes and their unique shapes.



## YEAR 6 3D SHAPES

In maths, Year 6 have been consolidating their knowledge of shape, particularly understanding the properties of 3D shapes, using key vocabulary to describe these shapes. They then made their own versions of these shapes using multilink cubes.



**SLEEP PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG MINDS. IN ADDITION TO HAVING A DIRECT EFFECT ON HAPPINESS, RESEARCH SHOWS THAT SLEEP IMPACTS ALERTNESS, ATTENTION, LEARNING, MOOD, RESILIENCE, VOCABULARY AND MEMORY!**

## YEAR 4 VIKING ART

During their art unit, Year 4 explored different ways to create texture, by using sponges, and varied brush strokes. Blending techniques were also used to create different shades of blue. Once all these elements were completed, Year 4 used tearing and layering to create a sea collage, before adding their long ship to the scene.



## YEAR 2 SCIENCE

In science, Year 2 are exploring different types of materials. This week, they took turns describing texture of different items, with the group asking questions and guessing what the chosen material might be. They then grouped objects according to the materials they were made of, such as: wood, plastic, glass and metal.



## COFFEE MORNINGS

A huge thank you to everyone who has stopped by to watch our coffee morning videos on our website and for the feedback about how helpful these have been. As always, we are keen to ensure content is relevant and interesting so if there are themes that you would like to see in the summer term, please let us know by emailing the school admin account or putting a request in the parent comment box in the school office.

Date	Focus
Friday 5th March	Friday 5th March: Writing: How to support your child to write for pleasure at home (EYFS focus)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Speech and Language:</b> Using stories to develop vocabulary
Friday 19th March	<i>Speech and Language:</i> How to use stories to enhance language development (EYFS focus)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Homework:</b> Strategies to support your child's homework routine

## HEALTHY BODIES!

With lockdown and social distancing measures still in place we are all spending more time at home, which is why physical activity is more important than ever. The NHS states that to be healthy children should:

Have 60 minutes of exercise per day.

Develop strong muscles, bones and good movement skills by doing a variety of physical activity every week.

Do exercises at different intensity levels, the best is the kind that makes you breath faster and feel warmer.

Aim to spread activity throughout the day and break up long periods of not moving with some activity. Try creating a timetable of different activities each day and adding something new each week. Have you tried: jogging, cycling, ball games in the park, a nature hunt? Send your pictures of activity to the home learning email account for a chance to be featured on our social media accounts!

## KEY DATES

### Spring Term 2021

#### Staff Training Day:

Monday 4th January

#### Children's Start Date:

Tuesday 5th January

#### Work & Enterprise Week:

Week beginning 18th

January

#### Half Term Holiday:

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th

February

#### Children's Start Date:

Monday 22nd February

#### End of Term Finish Date:

Thursday 1st April at 2pm

### Summer Term 2021

#### Children's Start Date:

Monday 19th April 2021

#### Families' Week:

Starts Monday 26th April 2021

#### Bank Holiday:

Monday 3rd May 2021

#### Half Term Holiday:

Monday 31 May 2021 –

Friday 4 June 2021

#### Children Start Date:

Monday 7th June 2021

#### Staff Training Day:

Friday 25th June 2021

#### Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):

Starts Monday 28th June 2021

#### Parents Evening:

Thursday 8th July 2021

#### End of Term Finish Date:

Thursday 22nd July at 2pm

#### Staff Training Day:

Friday 23rd July 2021

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