



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 4 - Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you will have been aware of a letter written by a head teacher this week that struck a chord nationally with many families. I would like to echo the sentiments of that letter by acknowledging how each family faces different challenges as indeed does each teacher. We are all carefully balancing the demands of school work with the mental wellbeing of our children and the latter must always come first. Please know that we are impressed by the resilience and tenacity of our families and we are here for you if you need us.



Next week is **Children's Mental Health Week** and attached to this newsletter is a calendar of short activities which can be shared as a family. Teachers have highlighted this in next week's timetable as well as 'Fancy dress Friday'. You can make donations to support the work of this charity at:

<https://donate.place2be.org.uk/?dotype=single&sam=20-50-100&option=personal&value=Childrens-Mental-Health-Week>

Parents and Friends are funding a story telling day on **Wednesday 3rd February** which will launch some activities for each class. You will be sent a link by your child's teacher. Our storyteller is Chris Connaughton, a local author and actor who will present the following stories:

9am Ladybirds and Bumblebees – The Gingerbread Man

10:30 Grasshoppers – The Gardener and the King's Storyteller

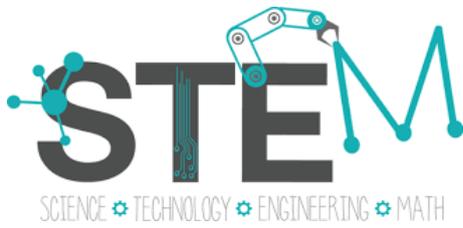
1pm Dragonflies and Scorpions – The Firebird

The focus will be on oral storytelling and feelings.



Student teachers

This year we have been very privileged to welcome trainee teachers to our school. Mr Rosier and Mrs Cox have been working alongside Mrs Musselwhite in year 4 and next week Mrs Mudge will be teaching with Miss Hill in Grasshoppers. Mrs Cox will return to her first placement school after half term and we will welcome back Mr Rosier. I would like to extend a heartfelt thankyou to Mrs Cox who has had to deliver all of her lessons by zoom as well as working in school to support key worker children. We will miss her calm, friendly disposition and wish her well for her future career in teaching.



6PH STEM WEEK

After half term we will be completing a week of science and engineering challenges that are suitable to do at home and will provide practical ideas for families to explore. We would like to ask any parents whose jobs link to science, technology, engineering or maths to join us on a short zoom to chat about their jobs and answer questions from our learners during the week beginning Monday 22nd February. If this might be you, please contact your child's class teacher. We would be hugely grateful for parental contributions.

Our remote learning this week in pictures



Can you spot the show and tell guest?



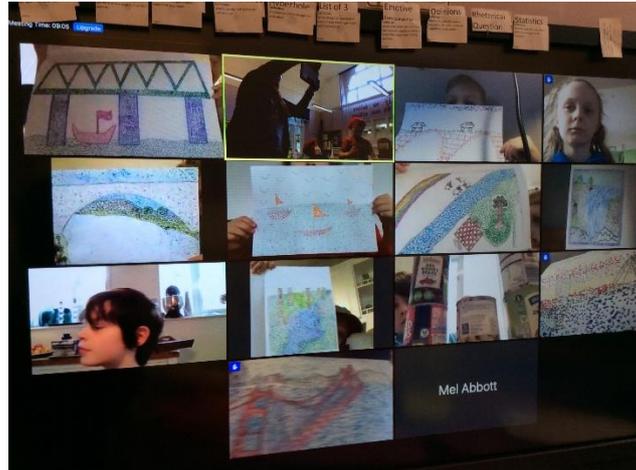
Our morning learning in Ladybirds



It's the end of the week quiz in year 3



The hat game and scavenger hunts in Y1 and Y4



Pointillism gallery and bridge building finale!

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Enjoy your weekends and we look forward to working with you again next week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite

(Head teacher)