

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

I would normally be writing to welcome you back from the Easter holidays, however, our lockdown continues and instead we have welcomed the children back to Google Classroom. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to share with you how much we all love seeing the photos of the children's work and the photos and videos of them engaging in their activities. We are really impressed with the work you are doing at home and appreciate that it is not easy.

I hope you all found time to watch our Worship Wednesday posted in the whole school classroom during the holidays, thank you to all my helpers for making it so special. If your child would like to share a prayer in our future Worship Wednesdays, please send the videos to me.

I have had emails from several parents who have needed a bit of Mrs Long support at home, I am more than happy to support you all during this time, you are not alone. I am only an email away and I am happy to set up a Zoom with you and your child/children if you need any reassurance, extra help, support or gentle persuasion!

It has been wonderful to see so many of the children joining Story Time on a Tuesday and Thursday. I have already received some requests for Tuesday story time! Email invites will be sent out to everyone at 3pm on the relevant day.



There was a good turn out for Pilates too and Mrs Hunt is going to run a weekly session on a Friday afternoon at 1.30pm. The email invite will go out to all families and will be sent to the oldest child in each family. This should arrive at 11.30am on a Friday morning.

## What have we been learning this week...

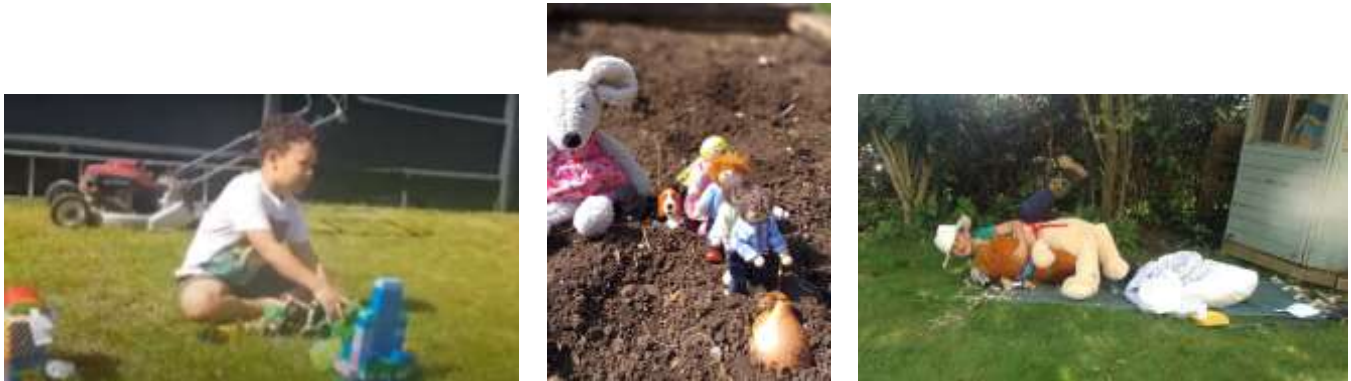
Ladybirds have been listening to the story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', they have been retelling the story, acting it out in person and with toys and they have been going on their own bear hunt using a story map. In mathematics, they have been looking at number bonds and the different ways they can make numbers.



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Woodland Class have enjoyed learning the story map for The Enormous Turnip, we have enjoyed seeing the videos and photos of the children acting the story out! They have also written recipes for soup and have had a go at making their own vegetable soup. In mathematics they have been tackling revision challenges and have had to recall lots of their prior learning to help them.



The children have also been designing their dream garden, planting seeds, looking at plants and drawing and labelling the parts of a flowering plant!



Kestrel Class have started looking at 'Beware of the Iron Man', they have looked at the vocabulary used in the text and have learnt the text map on Zoom! They are focussing on the description of the Iron Man and we are all looking forward to seeing their drawings of the Iron Man later on! In mathematics they have continued their work on fractions and have been recording tenths as decimals!



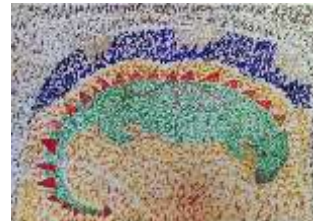
Kestrel Class have also been designing and making boats, thank you for the videos of their maiden voyages!



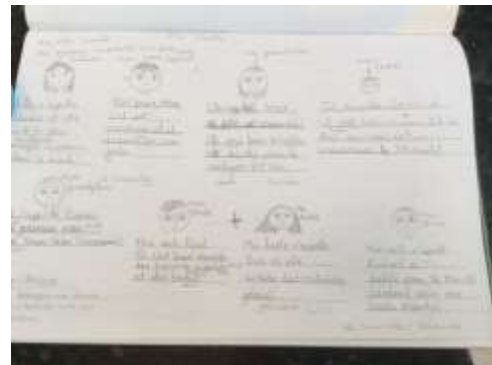
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The whole of Key Stage 2 have been looking at Pointillism and have had a go at creating their own pictures in this style.



Osprey Class have enjoyed being able to continue to read their class book "Phoenix" in their morning Zoom meetings! Mrs Hartigan has really enjoyed hearing the children read sections of the story to each other. They have used the book as a stimulus for non fiction writing. First they wrote instructions - how to turn a human into an Axxa. They are now working on an information text all about an astrolabe. In maths the children have used the White Rose website and have learnt all about adding and subtracting decimals. The children have also been looking at their family tree and as an extra challenge have been asked to write about their family members in French!



### Tadpole News

I know that Mrs Bridgen has kept you up to date with the tadpoles development. I am very pleased and excited to tell you that on Wednesday, 4 of the Ibstone tadpoles came to live at our house. We carefully refilled the pond with rain water to keep the tadpoles safe! They are now enjoying swimming around our pond! Fingers crossed I will be able to share photos of froglets in the next few weeks!



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## Whole School News

It is so wonderful to see all the other activities you have been doing at home, thank you for sharing them with us. We have seen Number Blocks, drawings from Harry Potter stories, whittling, bush craft, nest building, nature rainbows AND tree house building!



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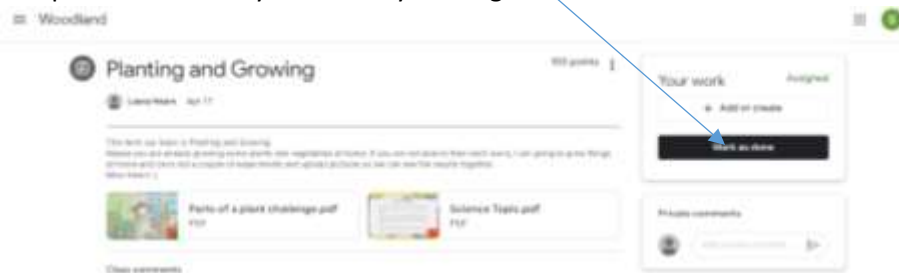
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The children who are still coming to school had a special challenge this week. They have made this beautiful butterfly rainbow. We will have this made into a permanent piece of art work for the hall as a memory of this time.



**Don't forget...**

Please remember to send us your photos and videos, we love seeing them and hearing from the children. Don't forget to click on Mark as done when they submit their work, this sends an email to the teacher to say they have completed the activity. If you are unable to submit photos of the children's work, please let us know that you have completed the activity at home by clicking on **Mark as done**.



**Take care this weekend and look out for an email that will hopefully make you all smile!**



Stay safe!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

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## The Week Ahead

All invites will be sent out on the morning or afternoon of the Zoom session

When	What	Who
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am Osprey Class Zoom	Osprey Class
	9.30am Kestrel Class Zoom	Kestrel Group 1
	10.40am Kestrel Class Zoom	Kestrel Group 2
	11.30am Woodland Zoom	Woodland Group 1
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am Osprey Class Zoom	Osprey Class
	10.00am Ladybirds Zoom	Ladybirds Group 1
	10.30am Ladybirds Zoom	Ladybirds Group 2
	11am Woodland Zoom	Woodland Group 2
	5.30pm Story Time with Mrs Long	Our new starters
	6pm Story Time with Mrs Long	Everyone
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am Osprey Class Zoom	Osprey Class
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am Osprey Class Zoom	Osprey Class
	9.30am Kestrel Class Zoom	Kestrel Group 1
	10.40am Kestrel Class Zoom	Kestrel Group 2
	6pm Story Time with Mrs Long	Everyone
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	9.30am Osprey Class Zoom	Osprey Class
	1.30pm Pilates with Mrs Hunt	Everyone

**Other useful bits of information and useful websites:**

### Smart Raspberry are offering cooking classes live via Zoom

These classes are suitable for children aged 5-12 years (older or younger children are welcome to join) and only cost £5 per family. Classes run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30-4:30pm. You can book directly through their website – please follow the links below to the respective classes:

Mondays: [https://portal.smartraspberry.com/Classes/Course+Details/?course\\_id=690](https://portal.smartraspberry.com/Classes/Course+Details/?course_id=690)

Wednesdays: [https://portal.smartraspberry.com/Classes/Course+Details/?course\\_id=691](https://portal.smartraspberry.com/Classes/Course+Details/?course_id=691)

Fridays: [https://portal.smartraspberry.com/Classes/Course+Details/?course\\_id=692](https://portal.smartraspberry.com/Classes/Course+Details/?course_id=692)

**BBC Bitesize has launched daily lessons, they are using White Rose Maths, this is what we use in school.**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

**Another list of useful websites will be sent out with the newsletter.**

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