

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It's not quite the welcome back newsletter I had planned! So here goes, welcome back to online learning!

Thank you for your kind messages of support, patience and feedback over the past two weeks, we really want to make this period of remote learning as smooth, productive and as stress free as we can for you, the children and the staff.

We all really appreciate your feedback and we are working on continuing to develop our remote learning offering further in the background. A MASSIVE thank you to all the staff who are working incredibly hard to provide so many Zoom lessons and such a varied curriculum for all our children.

A special mention to Miss Smith who has delivered her first full week of Zoom lessons having never had that experience in Lockdown 1.0. Well done!

Thank you to you all too for stepping into the role of teacher again for your child. We all know it is not easy but as I reiterated on our Zoom calls last night, you are not alone. We are all in this together and as the African proverb says, It takes a village to raise a child.

What we have been learning this week....

Ladybirds have started their Fairy Tales topic and have been focussing on Cinderella this week. They have retold the story with small world toys and puppets. They have written invitations to the ball and have chosen a character from the story to write a description. The children have all enjoyed their phonics sessions. In mathematics they have been finding out all about the number 0 and have been learning their number bonds to 5. They have also been learning about the part whole model and have started to use it to record their work!

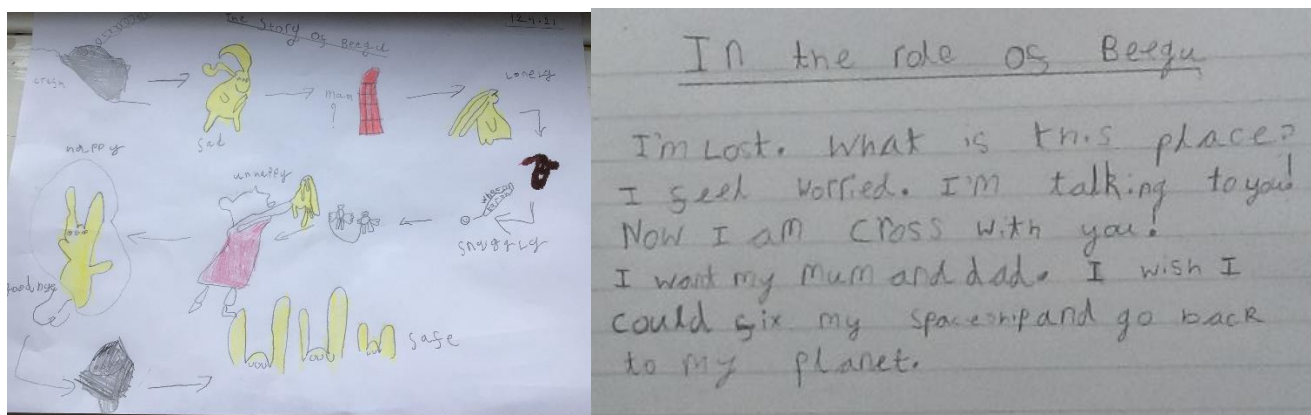
The children have enjoyed making carriages to take Cinderella to the ball, designing and making magic fruit wands and making magical fairy gardens to encourage fairy prince and princesses to visit the garden!



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Woodland Class have enjoyed learning the story Beegu by Alexis Deacon. They have written their opinions about the story, drawn some colourful story maps and have pretended that they are Beegu and have written about their feelings as if they were Beegu. In maths, Group 1 have been using number lines and number bonds to solve addition problems. Group 2 have been learning about equal groups and how this can be written as an addition sentence and a multiplication sentence. In Geography they have looked at the equator, North Pole and South Pole and have researched some interesting facts about meerkats and penguins.

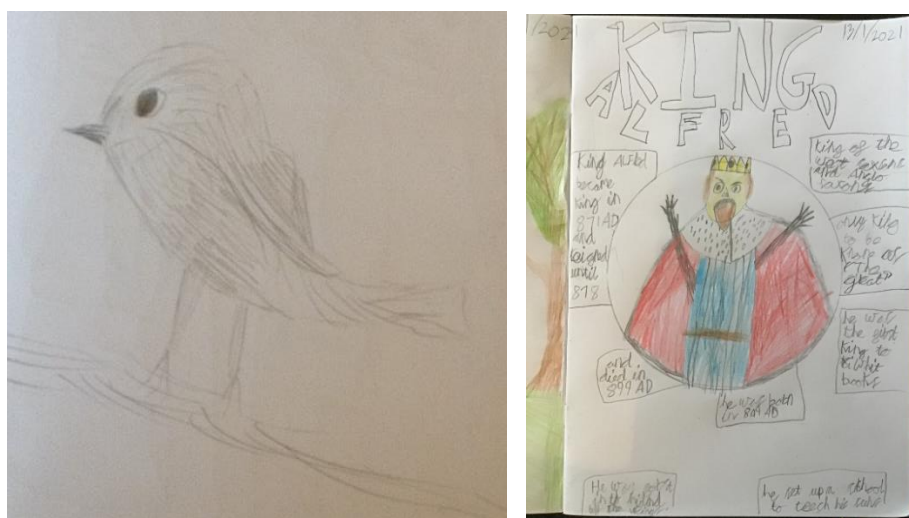


Kestrel Class have been looking at a book called 'The Promise', they have looked carefully at the illustrations to infer information and have been making predictions about the story. They have looked at using the first person to write an eyewitness account and formal language to write diary entries.

In mathematics, they have been continuing with their multiplication unit of work. Year 3 have been looking at using partitioning and short multiplication to multiply 2 digit and 1 digit numbers. Year 4 have been looking at factors and have begun recapping short multiplication with 2 digit numbers before they move onto multiplying 3 digit and 1 digit numbers.

They have started a unit of work about living things and their habitats that links with their class story in English. The children have been observing garden birds and have written a fact file on their chosen bird. They have also been sketching one of the birds they have seen and have been thinking about how shading can be used to improve detail.

The children have finished off their Anglo- Saxon /Viking topic by making a poster about one of the Anglo-Saxon Kings.



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Osprey Class have started reading Cogheart by Peter Bunzl. They have enjoyed designing their own mechanicals ( a mechanical animal).

Year 6 have been writing a persuasive article for the society papers promoting Miss Octavia Scrimshaw's Finishing Academy for Young Ladies. They had to think carefully about their Victorian audience and use persuasive language to encourage Victorian parents to send their daughters to the Academy. Year 5 have been drawing a cartoon strip to showcase the prologue of the book.

In mathematics, Year 5 have been multiplying 3 and 4 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers and have been learning to use the area model to multiply two 2 digit numbers. Year 6 have been multiplying and dividing decimals.

The children have dived into their Victorian topic and have been finding out about the lives of the rich and the poor and about famous inventions from the Victorian period.

In science they have been learning about the process of planning and recording a science investigation.

In art the children have been finding out about William Morris and have used the skills they developed last term to produce some amazing portraits of William Morris.



As an extra activity for fun, Osprey Class could 'Grow their own Rainbow' it looks as though the experiment went quite well! I will post the activity for the whole school in the Whole School area on Google Classroom, it would be lovely to see how you get on!



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## Whole School

Worship Wednesday is back and hopefully you all managed to watch the video in the Whole School area of Google Classroom.

I will also be posting some videos of some of the songs we sing in Worship. These were videoed in March 2020 before Lockdown 1.0, I can't wait for us to be allowed to sing together again!

Ibstone Book Club has opened, we would love to hear your recommendations for stories, I have uploaded some book review formats in case you want to write a book review or you could send in a video for everyone to watch.

Well done on completing your first full week of remote learning!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle" Ian Maclaren

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