

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Congratulations! We've made it to half term! I know from my conversations with the children, staff and some parents that we are all on our knees and will be grateful for a few days away from remote learning!

Whole School

I am hoping that everyone has received their cards in the post by now, if your child's has not arrived, please could you let me know so I can post another one.

It has been lovely to see and hear about the adventures of the Ibstone puppies this week, seeing the children's faces in the photos you have sent provoked a few tears here. I am so proud of all of our children and how they have coped during this period of remote learning, I think we are all in agreement that Lockdown 3.0 has been the toughest yet.



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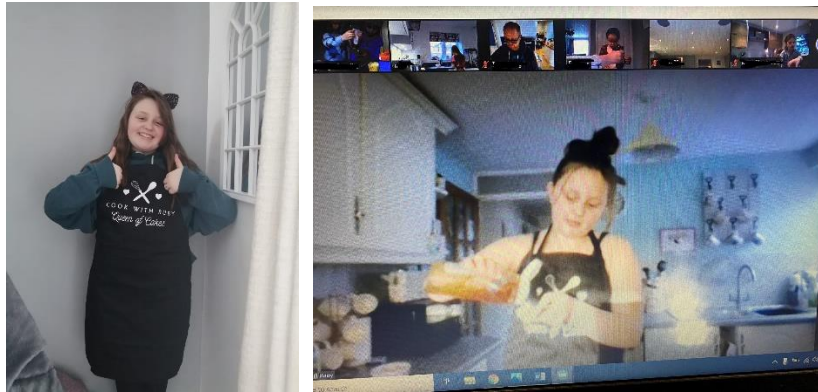


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Cook with Ruby

A huge thank you to Ruby for organising Cook with Ruby, it was a super session and everyone really enjoyed taking part! They also enjoyed eating the chocolate nests too! Watch this space for more sessions!



Safer Internet Day

The children have been telling me how much they enjoyed their Safer Internet Day challenges, the KS2 children have reported that the internet safety game is really good and that they now felt safer being online. If you would like more resources to explore as a family, please take a look at:

Childnet - <https://www.childnet.com/young-people/primary/get-exploring>

Think u know - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Internet Matters - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

This is an amazing resource with online safety guides for almost every app/ social media stream and game, it is free to sign up to and very easy to use

National Online Safety - <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/training/>

What we have been learning this week....

Ladybirds have been enjoying learning about Chinese New Year, they have been making lanterns and dragons and have been creating dragon dances! They have been finding out about how the years are named after animals, it turns out there are a lot of Monkeys in Ladybirds this year! They have found out how Chinese New Year is celebrated and have had learnt how to write numbers in Chinese and how to say Happy New Year.

In mathematics, they have been exploring numbers 6, 7 and 8 using the part whole method and have been looking at the 10 frame, investigating different dots to make different numbers.



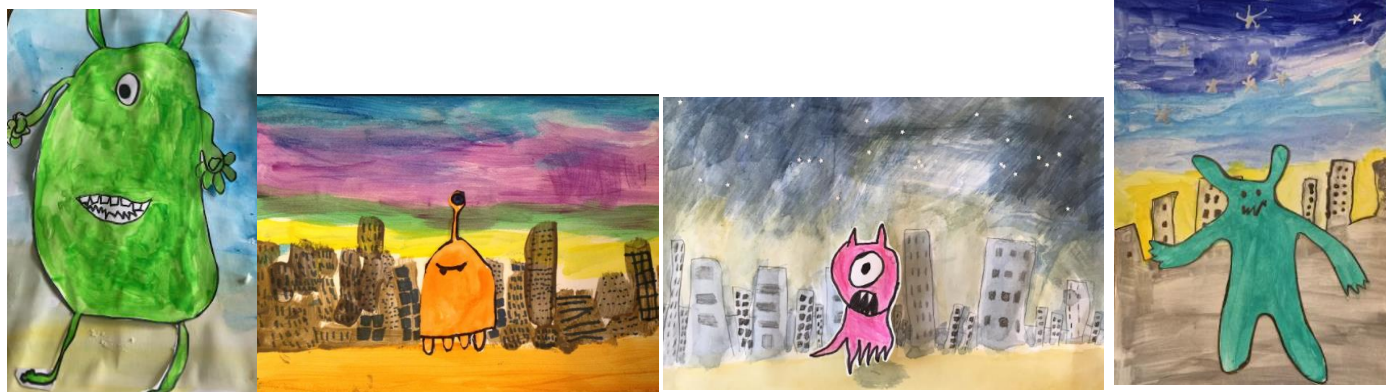
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Woodland Class have continued learning about Neil Armstrong this week. In English, the children have been looking at and identifying features of fact files. They have also written their own fact files about Neil Armstrong using sub-headings, pictures and lots of interesting facts.

In mathematics, Group 1 have been consolidating their addition and subtraction skills. They have continued practising their number bonds to 10 and 20 and have been using their adding and subtracting skills to solve problems based around the story Beegu. In Group 2, the children have been learning about odd and even numbers and have continued looking at sharing and grouping to solve division problems.

In art, the children have been creating their own aliens in the style of Beegu. The children have created their own city backgrounds based on the Beegu front cover and have designed bright, colourful aliens with dark outlines.



In RE this week, the children were asked to take some photos of things that they thought were beautiful in the world. They were then asked to create a poster identifying the ways that they could look after the world and all of the beautiful things God created in it.



Kestrel Class have focused on 'determiners' this week and have looked the different determiners, how they can alter the meaning of a sentence and they worked really hard to identify them with sentences. I wonder how many they can spot in the newsletter?

The children used a picture from 'Once upon a picture' to write a short story.

I wonder if you can make up a story as a family using this image. →

We would love to hear them, please send in a recording or email to [ibstoneprimary@gmail.com/](mailto:ibstoneprimary@gmail.com)

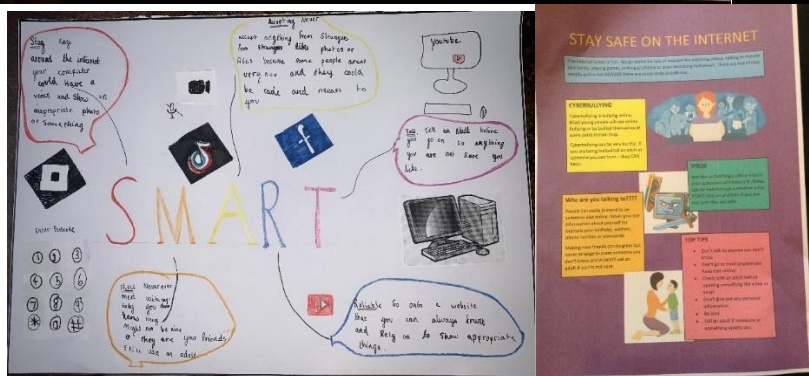
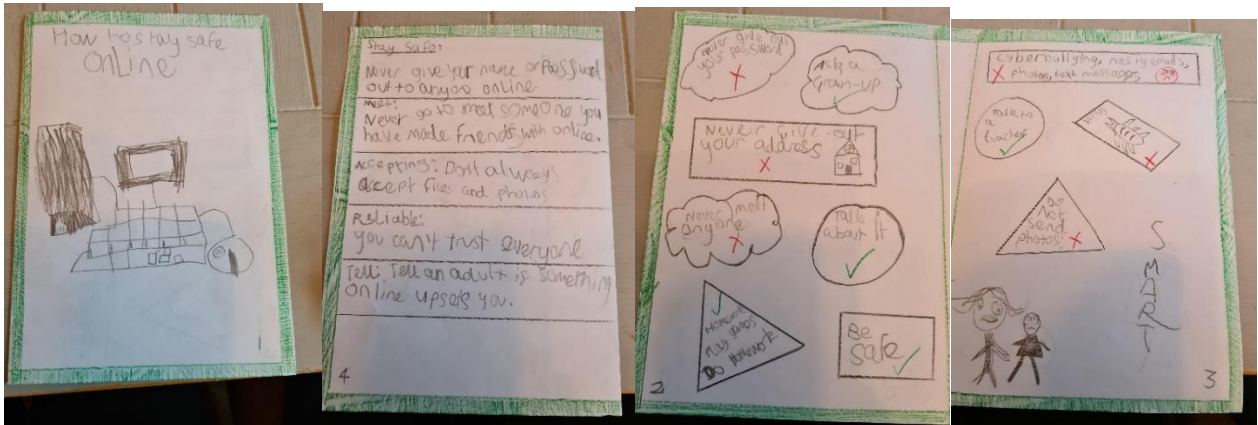


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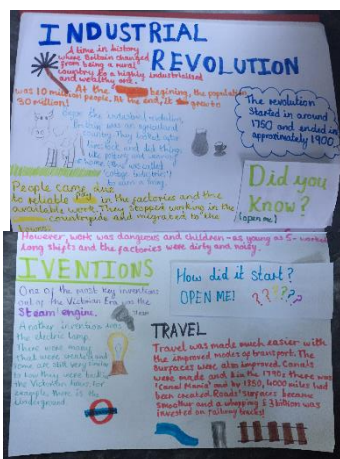
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In mathematics, some children have been using tally charts and have looked at how these can be used to represent different numbers of objects. Most of Year 3 have started to learn about money, they have recapped on coins and notes and have focused on finding the total amount when looking at a range of different coins. They have been converting between pounds and pence eg 456p is £4.56. Year 4 have started a unit of work on length and perimeter, they have been converting between mm, cm and m and km. They have also been adding different lengths, converting measurements to make their calculations easier.

The children enjoyed their challenges on Safer Internet Day and have produced some fantastic posters, leaflets and videos to help others learn how to stay safe on the internet, they included Top Tips to stay safe and explained what to do if there was a problem. They also enjoyed playing games, watching videos and taking quizzes about how to stay safe online.

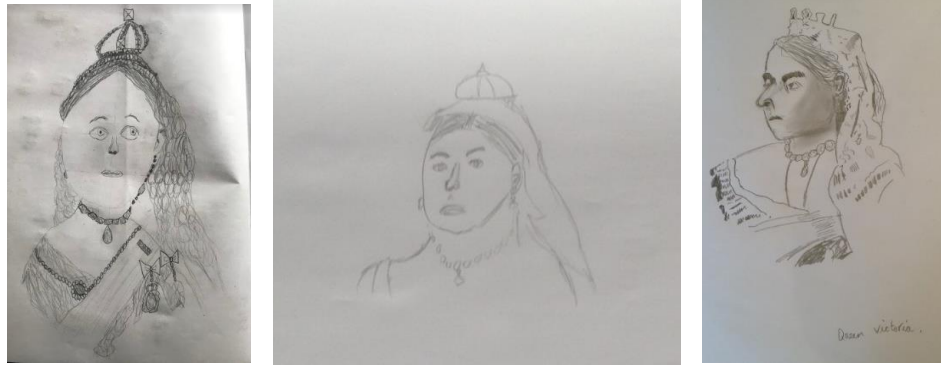


Osprey Class have continued their learning about the Victorian Era, this week they were finding out about The Industrial Revolution and the impact it had on all aspects of life. They used their note taking skills to make notes whilst listening to short video clips and reading through a presentation. Using their notes they made informative posters about The Industrial Revolution.



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The Victorian Era was named after Queen Victoria, one of the most famous queens in history. Osprey Class used their portrait skills to draw a portrait of Queen Victoria.



The Victorian Era saw the birth of the zoetrope, an early form of motion picture invented by William George Hunter. The children were challenged to make their own zoetrope using a film strip from their class book Cogheart. Well done to everyone for demonstrating perseverance throughout!



In other news:

Ibstone Family Cookbook

Thank you to those who have sent in their recipes, we are well on the way to having a really special Cookbook, we have also been sent recipes by Jack Blumenthal and Nancy Birtwhistle which will feature in our Cookbook. Please feel free to send in other family favourites if you have them, the more the merrier!

Competition

I have posted a Cookbook Competition in the Whole School Classroom, we are looking for the front cover design for our Cookbook. These designs should not have any writing on them but can be drawn or painted and should be colourful! The winner will be announced in due course.

Drama

Vocosa have very kindly offered to host some drama sessions during the holidays. We have sent out an email with dates and times, if there is enough interest then these sessions will run and are free to attend. A huge thank you to Vocosa for the fantastic music sessions they have provided this half term and for offering to host these sessions in the holidays.

Shine a Light for Lent

The staff and governors have worked with St Nicholas' Church, Ibstone to produce a Lent calendar, it contains a range of activities, reflection opportunities and stories, one for each day of Lent. It is set to schedule each day via the Whole School Classroom on Google Classroom from Shrove Tuesday (16th February) which is the day before Lent starts through to Easter Sunday. Please take a few minutes to look at this with your child/children.

Enjoy the half term break!

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