

Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

15th January 2021



Dear All

We have been very, very busy this week organising home learning as well as teaching small groups of children who are in school. So much has happened! Many of you will know that we are now lending out school Chromebooks to children in Key Stage 2 and iPads to younger children. This is a huge challenge but it means we can improve home-learning and make use of better platforms like 'Google Classroom'. More details are on the individual class blogs on the website.

Almost all children are engaging really well with their home learning - well done. If you are struggling with technology or anything else then please get in touch as soon as possible. We will try our best to help.

We have also been delighted to receive work sent in by children from home. Please keep this coming and remember to send it straight to teachers - the year group email addresses are also on the blog pages.

We are celebrating a home-learning superkid and a school superkids each week for the moment. Check the names below. Could this be YOU next week?

Ruth is setting up some separate zoom meetings for parents; these will happen between 12 and 2 p on different days and will focus on home learning. The next few meetings are listed on page 3 of this newsletter. Best wishes and stay safe,

Sue Ramsay,
Headteacher.



It was so great to see so many of you on Zoom for today's Celebration Assembly - thank you for joining! Sorry to those who had troubles connecting to the meeting, we'll fix these problems ready for next weeks assembly.

SUPERKIDS!



Home learners

Reception - Sumaya

Year 1 - Amar

Year 2 - Mikel

Year 3 - Andy

Year 4 - Veeksha

Year 5 - Zahra

Year 6 - Hassan

School learners

Reception - Yousef

Year 1 - Sara

Year 2 - Khalid

Year 3 - Rizan

Year 4 - Yousef

Year 5 - Binta

Year 6 - Phablo

Reception

Reception enjoyed the story 'Whatever next' this week. In phonics we learnt new sounds and tricky words and had lots of practice blending with our 'Robot Arms' As Mathematicians we learnt about 'Zero' and practised careful counting with Super Sid! Please make sure you have watched all the learning from this week on Tapestry. The videos are also suitable as extra practice for in school learners. If you have any questions, problems etc. email HMYR@bristol-schools.uk Home learners - collect your learning pack from the office if you haven't already – these things will be used in your learning activities next week.

This week we learnt the story of 'The Magic Hat!' We had different adults read us the story and then we had a go at writing

Year 1

the story. Thank you Year 1 parents, you have been working so hard!! Over the weekend please try your new bug club login and your numberbot login. If you have any issues then please email Mrs Wilkinson (see the blog for our Year 1 email address).

This week we enjoyed our book 'Traction Man' and we thought about exciting adjectives to describe characters. In Maths, we learnt about the multiplication sign and used it in number sentences to describe groups! In Enquiry, children have been doing lots of learning about materials! Make sure you log in to bug club to read daily! We will share a video with you next week on how to get the most out of your reading. Practise counting to 100 and backwards every day. Count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Year 2

Year 3 It has been a strange couple of weeks but the Year 3 staff have been so impressed with how well children have got on with their home learning. This week we have worked hard at our division in maths and looked at what happens when our groups aren't equal. We explored who the Anglo-Saxons were and did lots of writing about our story 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. Please make sure your child is reading 5 times a week on bug club. Let us know if you need help logging in. Make sure your child is on time for our daily learning calls in the morning and the afternoon!

Year 3

This week as mathematicians we continued to work on our times tables and began to use written methods

Year 4

to multiply larger numbers. As readers we continued to enjoy our class book 'Varjak Paw' and as scientists we learnt all about how we hear sounds. Help at home by practising times tables as much as possible and reading together with your child.

Year 5

All the Year 5 staff have been so impressed by the learning we have seen this week. This is a difficult way to start the term, but children at home have been absolutely fantastic at engaging with Zoom calls and sending in their work, and children in school have showed real determination and worked incredibly hard. We are very excited to start Google Classroom with you all next week. **Whilst the children are at home it is very important they continue to practise reading aloud. Log into bug club and read**

This week we read 'Floodland' with a special guest reader: Ms Ramsay. We practised upgrading sentences, using different conjunctions and then focused on the characters in our novel.



As mathematicians we have been dividing, calculating with fractions and have now moved on to using decimals. As scientists and geographers we have been learning about different types of renewable and non-renewable energy and how we need to change our consumption to save our planet. **Make sure your home-learners are on time for their online meetings (which will be on google classroom next week!)**

Parents' zoom meetings

This week we trialled some lunchtime meetings for parents who are at home with children. The aim is to give you a chance to feedback, ask questions and get support. So far we have invited parents in years 1, 2 and 3. Here are the meetings over the next couple of weeks (we will text you a reminder!). We haven't scheduled a Reception meeting yet because we know parents are in touch regularly.

Tuesday 19th at 12.00	Year 4
Wednesday 20th at 12.00	Year 5
Wednesday 20th at 1.00	Year 6
Friday 29th at 12.00	Year 2

FUN HANDWRITING activities for kids



We also plan to run two special parents' meetings about ways to tackle times-tables and to encourage writing. Watch this space!





Food Boxes



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We believe that children not in school who are eligible for means-tested free school meals will receive vouchers from 25th January. We will continue to provide food boxes from school on Tuesday afternoons. These are for anyone in need or anyone finding it hard to get to the shops. Please reserve a box before Monday by calling the school office or emailing friendsofhannahmore@gmail.com We will text you to say if we can help.



#LIFTUPLOCKDOWN

1 DEC, 2020

#LiftUpLockdown aims to support our collective wellbeing through a series of events and activities, that draw on the 5 ways to wellbeing as inspiration.

EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST....

Our wonderful local community, supporting everyone in the area and putting local people in control in order to build healthy and happy neighbourhoods. Check out their 'Lift Up Lockdown pages here

<https://eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk/news/liftuplockdown>

Help from Bristol City Council

There are ways you can help others, or get help, during the coronavirus pandemic. People in urgent need can call the #WeAreBristol helpline to receive food, medicine and other necessities: 0800 694 0184 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm and Saturday to Sunday 10am - 2pm). You can find more information for the public on all aspects of the coronavirus pandemic on the [Bristol City Council website](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/coronavirus/what-you-need-to-know):

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