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A message from Mrs Yarnold

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the start of term 4 there has been some lovely Spring sunshine. I do hope that over the half term holiday you all managed to enjoy some outdoor time.

Following the government announcement, we now know that March 8th will be the date when all children can come back to school. All the staff at Cathedral Primary School cannot wait to see everyone again. Class teachers are planning transition activities to make sure your children feel happy and safe at school. It will be so nice to have a sense of normality returned. Although we still have to follow guidance to keep us all safe the teachers are once again working creatively to ensure that all children have wonderful learning experiences.

We are once again so proud of the way in which our staff and children have embraced the challenges of remote learning by making the start to term so positive! We have seen brilliant "wow" activities for the Egyptians in Year 3, amazing home learning responses to the "Lest we forget" topic in Year 6; Year 5 have been engrossed in learning all about Ancient Greece; Year 4 have been writing amazing poetry based on the book "The Lost Words"; Year 1 are trying to answer the question "Could you keep a lion as a pet" and Reception have been doing some fantastic work on their Traditional Tales.

Before school fully reopens I would like to say a big thank you to everyone in our school community for their ongoing support. The children have shown such a huge amount of resilience and confidence to learn in a different way during this period of time and we are very proud of them all! Parents, you have adapted your lives and taken on the challenge of remote learning. All of your hard work and support will help make a difference to your children and how they adapt to school learning. A huge thank you for all the positive messages you have sent to us at school, it has made our staff feel very valued. We also want to say a huge thank you for the hamper of gifts that were delivered to school. And of course a big thank you to the staff who have worked incredibly hard to support both remote and in school learning. I am very lucky to work with such a dedicated and hardworking team.

Just a reminder that the school will be closed to all pupils on Friday 5th March to prepare for the full reopening on Monday 8th. Further information regarding the reopening of the school will be sent out next week.

We hope that you are all keeping well and safe. Thank you for your continued support,

Best Wishes

Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team



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Reception

February has been a fun and creative month for Reception both in school and at home. We finished our Space topic and have started a new topic called 'Once Upon a Time'. This week we have been looking at the Gingerbread Man; some of us have been inspired to make Gingerbread Men at home. (We are glad they didn't try to run away!!)

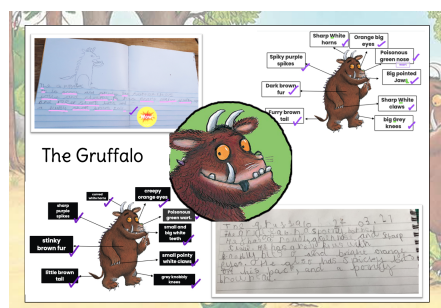
We look forward to some springtime arrivals into March.... but that is all we can say for now!



Year 1

Year 1 have been busy at home completing a Forest School activity on Seesaw. The children were given the task to make a bird feeder using a cardboard tube, honey and seeds. The results were great!

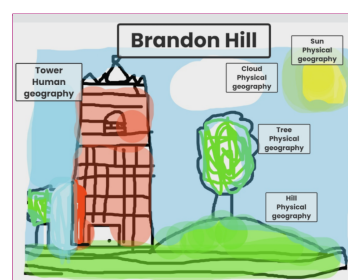
In our English lessons, we have been focusing on the story of 'The Gruffalo' and writing non-chronological reports. Here are some examples of the amazing character descriptions the children have completed. They have used lots of super adjectives in their writing and really developed their vocabulary!



The Year 1 Team are really looking forward to having everyone back very soon.

Year 2

The 'Great Fire of London' topic is a hard one to follow but 'Creation Station' has been a hit this week! We've been putting on our geography hats to explore our brilliantly creative city. We've learnt about physical and human geography, shared our favourite places in Bristol and even created artwork inspired by local artist Jenny Urquhart.





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Year 3

We kicked off Term 4 with a BANG in Year 3 with our Ancient Egyptians WOW day! We launched our brand new topic with costume making, pyramid making, mummy creations and learning about the Egyptian Gods by designing our own Top Trump game! It was such a fun day! Check out our photos!

Both classes have been working so hard since Christmas. We have been really impressed by the effort and enthusiasm shown by children at home and in school so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for their hard work and their families for the support shown during these strange times.

We cannot wait to see the children very soon!

Miss Edwards, Miss Hufford and the rest of the Year 3 Team



Year 4

We've started the term with some lovely poetry based on the book The Lost Words. We've been really amazed by some of the lovely writing. We're kicking off our new topic with a Wow Day on Monday so keep an eye out for some activities that will get us started on what we're learning this term. Miss Veuve was blown away by the huge number of different languages that the children counted in for the whole school challenge! She has also been so impressed with the French work that KS2 have continued to produce over lockdown. It's great to hear the recordings of spoken French and to see the quality of the work. A big thank you to all parents for their ongoing support and especially to those who have been roped into taking part in French conversations!

Everyone has worked so hard during lockdown and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school soon.

The Year 4 Team

Year 5

Year 5 have worked so hard with all their learning both at home and in school, and have come back from half term with a bang! We have started an exciting new topic: The Ancient Greeks and have begun reading The Adventures of Odysseus in English. So far, the children have loved the exciting stories and enjoyed discussing the Gods, Goddesses and gore!

In computing, the children are creating e-books, in which they will record their topic learning each week. Time has been ticking in Maths, as the children have been focussing on reading clock faces, 12 and 24 hour time and calculating durations.





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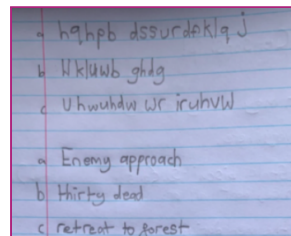


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Year 6

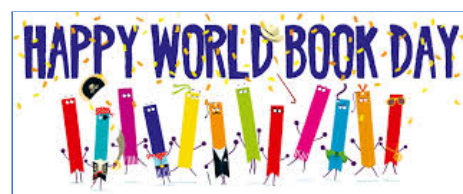
Year 6 have continued to shine with their creativity as we have begun learning about the war, writing letters from the WW1 trenches, and making model Anderson shelters from WW2. To link with our War topic, we have been making and breaking codes like Turing as he tackled the Enigma!

We have also delved into our science topic: Evolution and inheritance and have begun flower pressing to support this.



World Book Day

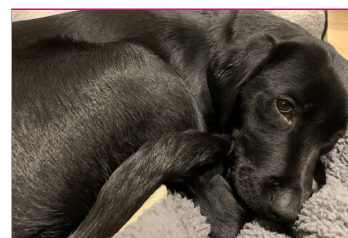
Thursday 4th March is World Book Day! Normally, Cathedral Primary School go all out for this special occasion, with fancy dress, author visits and lots of fun book-related activities. This year, things will be a little different of course due to many of our pupils still being at home. Of course, we still wanted to celebrate so there will be daily activities and challenges for all the children whether at home or in school. However, we will not be dressing up at school this year as we did not want children at home to feel left out of the fun. The children will all receive their £1 World Book Day tokens on Monday 8th March.



SEND

Bramble, our trainee school dog, is getting really big now. She is 23 weeks old. Over half term, we had a lovely time exploring the corridors when nobody was about and Bramble was very good at being calm, connected and self controlled.

We are just about to start on the next phase of her training where we will join online training each week with other school dogs from Paws and Learning (PAL) and I will learn how to introduce Bramble to different experiences in the school environment. The staff and children are amazing at ignoring Bramble if they see us, which is really helping her to focus on what she should be doing - well done everybody!



Mrs Snelling
SENCO



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CPS Governors

Hey all, I'm Troy Roe, and I was voted in as parent governor at the start of 2020, just before the Covid pandemic set in and our kids had to start homeschooling... which is coincidental I swear!! I am very honoured to take on the role of Safeguarding Governor, which is an area that I am new to but keen to learn and immerse myself in. In the short time I have been a governor I have been really impressed with the hard work and diligence shown by the school in their reaction to the pandemic, going above and beyond to try and continue to support our children in new and innovative ways. And I am proud to be able to get a chance to help alongside a great team.

Outside of school, I am a project engineer for a controls company, working in building energy management and sustainability. When school is open again, I will be around often at drop-off or pick up and open for a chat if you ever have any questions.

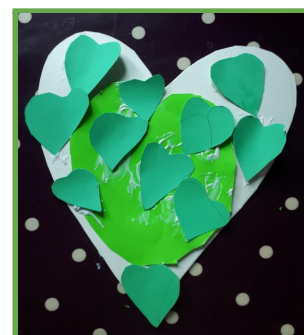
The Green Team

What a fantastic Earth Week! Our children continue to show a high awareness and concern for our world and we were blown away by their dedication and commitment to securing the future of our planet.

We loved seeing the variety of creative ideas for green hearts which were displayed both around the school and in windows at home.

Mrs Morris is just putting the finishing touches to a compilation of children's pledges and ideas and it will be live on the website soon!

The Green Team



Forest School

Hi All , I hope you are getting some time to break away from the screens and getting outdoors to enjoy the natural world. Have you noticed the beautiful snowdrops and daffodils popping out to give us that hint that spring is on the way?

I hope you enjoy the whole school challenge from Forest School this week, it's great fun to do and helps out our feathered friends.

We are looking forward to seeing you all back at Failand very soon.

Jon and the Forest School Team





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From the Office

Parent Calendar ➤ We have slightly changed the parent calendar on the website. We now use a Google calendar. This can be added to the calendar on your mobile phone by clicking on the '+' at the bottom right hand corner of the calendar. Please remember to [check the calendar](#) regularly for upcoming dates and events.

Parents Evening ➤ You should have all received an email about Parents Evening which will be taking place on the 23rd and 25th March. The booking system will open at 7pm on Monday 1st March and close at midnight on Saturday 6th March.

Bookings ➤ Don't forget to book your lunches via Parent Pay (by midnight on Saturday for the following week) and Breakfast Club via School Cloud (confirmation of this booking is payment on Parent Pay). If you have any problems with this, please email the office.

Water Bottles ➤ Just a reminder that all children need to bring a water bottle into school every day. No other toys or personal items should be brought into the classroom.

Times of the School Day ➤ Full details of the school reopening including the drop-off and pickup times and locations will be sent out next week. Below is a quick reminder.

The doors open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am Reception arrive through the Reception Gate, Years 1 and 2 enter via the main entrance. Years 3 to 6 enter via the side entrance.

Year Group	Pick up Location	Time
Reception (Rock & Pop)	Reception garden gate	3:00pm
Year 1 (Hip Hop & Disco)	Main entrance	3:00pm
Year 2 (Folk & Jazz)	Main entrance	3:10pm
Year 3 (Reggae & Country)	Parents wait in the Tump not the slope	3:05pm
Year 4 (Soul & Motown)	Parents wait in the Tump not the slope	3:10pm
Year 5 (Opera & Blues)	Bristol Cathedral (west end)	3:15pm
Year 6 (Choral)	Side entrance	3:15pm



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CPS PTA

As we look forward to the children returning to school in March, we also look forward to planning some activities for the children and our community for the remainder of the academic year. Last September, the PTA pledged to support the school with class WOW days and the literacy programme and we hope that when things return to some sort of normality, the children will have an opportunity to properly enjoy these.

The PTA AGM will need to be held towards the end of March. This is when the Committee members are elected/re-elected and the PTA accounts are finalised. We plan to hold the PTA virtually and will be sending out details of the meeting via email in due course. Please get in touch if you would like to stand for any of the Committee positions (Chair, Vice, Secretary or Treasurer – details of which can be found on the school website under Parents > PTA). We hope to see you at the meeting.

In the meantime, please continue to share activities, support and the used uniform on the CPS PTA facebook page and class WhatsApp groups. Book Club will be meeting too this month – details of how to join are on our facebook page or contact Zoe Armitage-Norton. Thank you as always for your continued support and positivity.

All the best,
CPS PTA

Email: cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com or find us on facebook: CPS PTA.

Music

Bristol Beacon are running a city-wide project called “A Song for Bristol” to encourage creative responses to the events of the last year. We are delighted that our Year 5 bubble in school are taking part in this project, with a tutor from Bristol Plays Music coming in each Monday to work with them to develop their own composition. The first session this week went really well and we look forward to seeing their creative output.