

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another difficult half term, I want to say a thank you to all the parents and staff for all your hard work and perseverance. We do fully appreciate that it is not easy at the moment, in particular to educate at home, and this can cause anxieties for parents and children. The staff are available for your queries, support and advice if needed. Please remember though, this is not a long term situation and whatever you can do with your child is appreciated. If you find the work on seesaw hard to access for either you or the children, we will print off the resources that you need. Please just let us know if you would like us to do this for you.

The Government are proposing to publish an exit plan on February 22nd, after already receiving the information that we will not return to school prior to March 8th at least. Once we know when the school is able to open fully and safely, we will have the time to put arrangements in place and adapt the risk assessment. We will then be able to inform you, in a timely manner, what the new arrangements will be. We are missing the children who are not in school, and look forward to a time when the situation feels more normal.

I hope that you as families will be able to have a restful and relaxing half term.

Take care and stay safe.

Jane Bassett
Acting Headteacher

Well done to our Accelerated Readers.

100,000 words

Jasmin Field, Esme-Rose Lawson, Theo Blackford-Ede, Olivia Cook,
Travis-Blake Lawson, Max Walton and Tyler Wise.

250,000 words

Stanley Hagger and Lily Grylls.

500,000 words

Oliver Wadham.

1 Million words

Gustas Silevicius.

Well done to our Legendary Lockdown Learners who have shown excellent attitudes towards their learning either at home or in school this week.

Ashburn Class

Benjamin Williams for showing such great resilience and determination in all of his Seesaw learning. He has shown such creative flair too, and really taken care of his mental health by continuing all his extra sporting activities. Well done Benjamin.

Eloise Lidster for showing a fantastic commitment to her lockdown learning. She pays careful attention to detail and produced some excellent pieces of creative writing which she has read to us on Seesaw. This writing really was magnificent and sent shivers up my spine by the precise choice of vocabulary. Can't wait for the next instalment Eloise.

Dart Class

Ethan Staveley for his hard work both in school and at home. He consistently embraces the learning challenges on Seesaw and at school. Mrs Levey and I have been very impressed by his vocabulary choices in his writing tasks.

Harvey Windley-Taylor for embracing the challenge of remote learning. Mrs Levey and I enjoyed his thoughtful answers to the picture comprehension task and his careful zentangle drawings.

Tavy Class

Tia Bailey for embracing challenge of home learning and taking on every piece of learning with energy and creativity. Whether it is through your writing, photos or videos, it is a pleasure to see your work. You have persevered when it has become difficult and completed extra mastery tasks when you have been successful. You are really showing the Team Tavy growth mindset. Keep shining bright!

Phoebe Wadham for your effort and creativity when completing your learning. You have really embraced our topic 'Moon, Zoom!' by completing some fabulous pieces of work, including creating a solar system model! You have also shone bright during our Mental Health Awareness Week, creating your own life-sized superhero cape and using your happiness jar. Thank you for all your hard work!

Tamar Class

Lily Grylls for persisting with your on line learning, always willing to have a go, listening to feedback and making such fabulous progress. Your enthusiasm is contagious Lily. I love how you have collaborated over Seesaw with your friends. Keep up the good work!

Libby Manning always the first one on seesaw in the mornings. Ready to make progress with your dedication to your learning. You listen to feedback to move your learning on. I love how your motivation and personality shines through in your home learning.

Bovey Class

Trixie Trays has been grappling with all of her home learning activities as well as showing us all some of her hobbies that she enjoys at home such as riding her bike. She is challenging herself every day to complete the activities to the best of her ability. Trixie has a brilliant, positive attitude which is really shining through with her work.

Ella Parker has been working really hard with her home learning. She has shared videos and pictures with the class which has inspired them to grapple with the activities being set too. Ella has also showed her positive, growth mindset attitude at all of our zoom calls; this attitude is supporting Ella to make progress in all aspects of learning.

Meavy Class

Frayah Jowitt and **Tommy Underwood** for their brilliant home learning. Frayah has done some amazing reading at home, as well as lots of other activities, and Tommy has been a real Tryatops with his learning at home, and is trying especially hard with his letter formation. Well done Frayah and Tommy!

Torrige Class

Bethany Reeve for the way you have settled in to Torrige Class, even in this tricky situation! It has been great to see all of the effort you have been putting into your learning in school and at home.

Isabelle Blackford-Ede for the way you so thoughtfully respond to all online activities. I can see the resilience you are showing with your learning. Keep it up!

Plym Class

Tyler Harrison for always listening to feedback and editing your work to ensure it is completed. Well done! **Tyler Wise** for working really hard to get his 100,000 words in reading. Keep your reading up!

Exe Class

Carly Barlow-Miller has consistently been putting effort into all her work throughout this lockdown. It has been great seeing her embrace all her challenges in her own unique, creative way!

Christian Vittery has shown self-discipline by embracing all the challenges given to him. He has used a range of strategies to complete his daily tasks. Keep up the fantastic work!

Mardle Class

Sayed Mohammed Alqarooni for working so hard and consistently putting in 100% effort with all his learning at school. His love of science and his recall of interesting facts about Space has really impressed us!

Alex Fairweather for working so hard remotely and uploading work of a high standard each and every day!

Mole Class

Theo Fairweather has been super busy at home with all of his learning, it is just lovely to see all of the amazing things he has been up to. Theo tries so hard and is always trying to improve his learning. Well done Theo! Thank you for your awesome efforts!

Ophelia Parker has been working so hard. She has been so busy with lots of incredible learning at home, it has been a joy to see everything she has shared. Thank you for your really positive attitude and amazing work! Well done Ophelia!

Taw Class

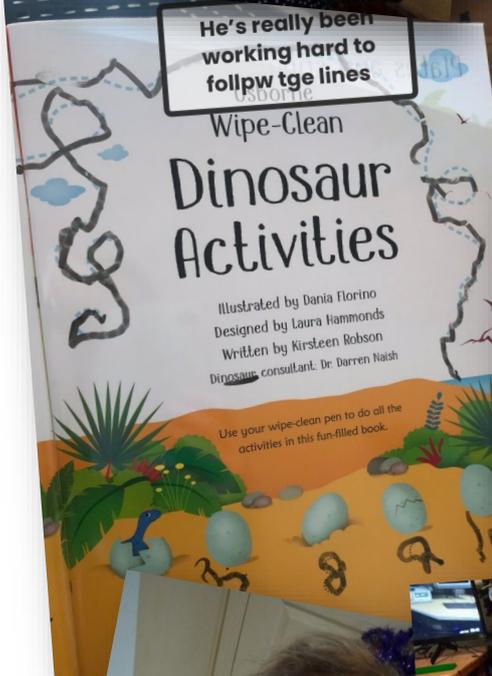
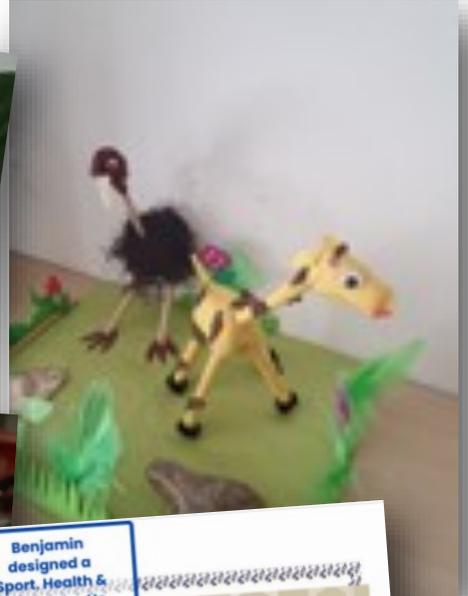
Tommy Wines and **Sam Heywood** for their enthusiasm in all the activities they have uploaded, their efforts in extra home learning (Mrs Short loves to see all the other stuff you get up to too, after all there is learning in everything we do) and their completely gorgeous smiles in their pictures. Great job boys! Your grown-ups are all very proud of you!

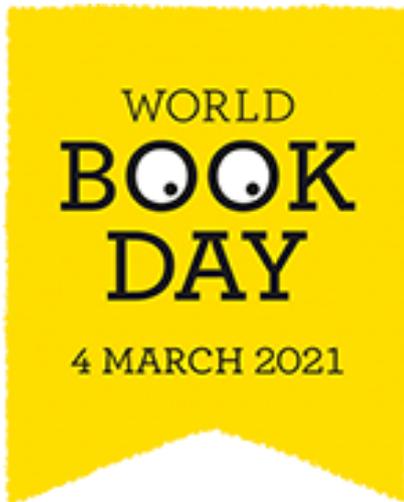
Teign Class

Harley Harris has shown such great perseverance with his remote learning. I can see that he is putting in the maximum amount of effort and really cares about his learning and making progress. I admire the way he has kept on going through these challenging times.

Kyla Powell is such a reliable and hard working learner. She never fails to be on Seesaw each day, completing the activities with care and attention. She is an unsung hero of remote learning in Teign class and it is such a pleasure to see her dedication towards her learning.

Here are a few of your lockdown photographs.



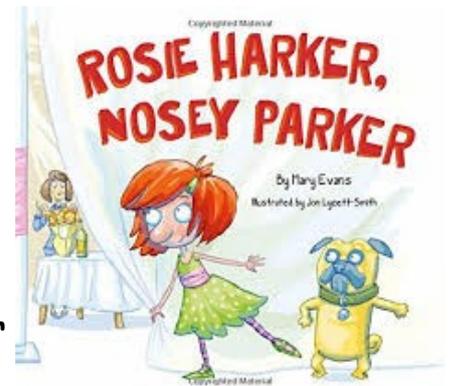


World Book Day 2021

World Book Day is a fabulous event to promote you to explore your love of reading and sharing stories. This year, focus on the ways that you can read for pleasure at home!



Maz Evans, creator of the Who Let the Gods Out series, is our spotlight author this year. In the build up to World Book Day, look for videos of your

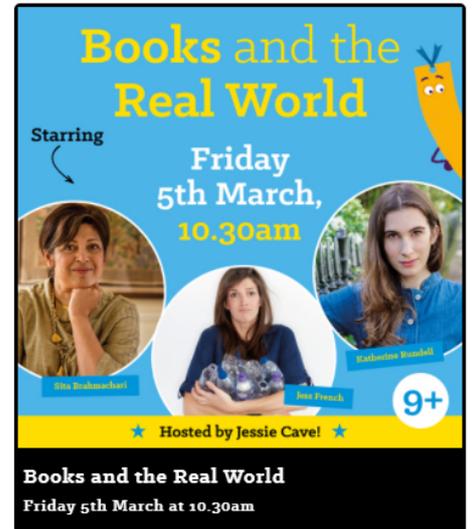
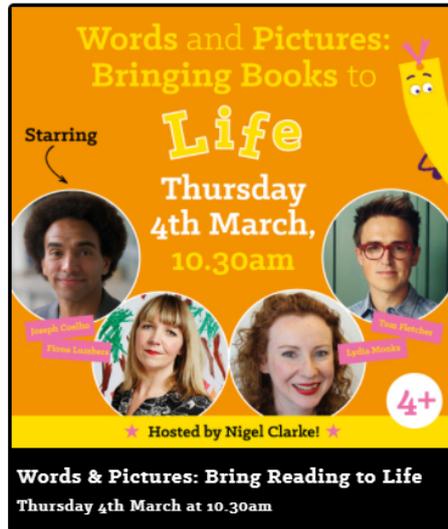
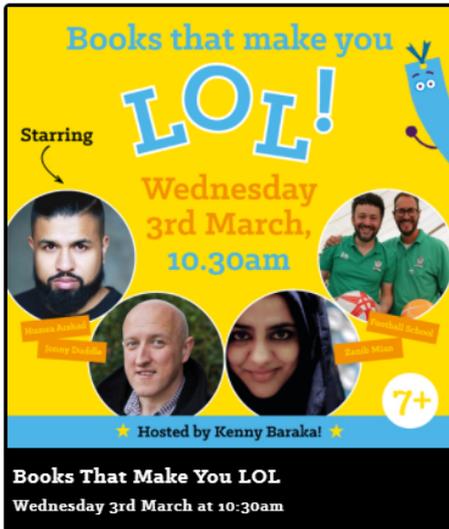


teachers reading chapters of Maz Evans books uploaded to Seesaw. EYFS & KS1 - you will be exploring the wonderful story 'Rosie Harker Nosey Parker'.

Watch the videos your teachers upload to Seesaw so that you are familiar with the story before World Book Day. You will be taking part in some great virtual workshops and you are invited to explore the book however you would like to from home. On the day, we invite you to take inspiration from the stories that your teachers are reading to you to dress up as. Please share pictures with us so we can enjoy your creativity! There will still be a competition for the most effort put into a costume at EYFS, KS1 and KS2.

Here are some other ideas for you to enjoy and take part in on World Book Day at home:

- Watch the World Book Day events running from 3rd-5th March. Find the links on the World Book Day website



- Read the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen (or watch the video below).
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgyI6ykDwds>
Plan and go on your very own bear hunt! What will you find?
- Visit the 'Share a Story Corner' with your family at home.
Which stories will you share?
<https://www.worldbookday.com/share-a-story-corner/>
- Write some **fan fiction**. Have you ever thought about what would happen if Harry Potter met the Gruffalo? Write some dialogue or a story between two characters from your favourite stories! Have fun!
- Read your favourite books together and talk about them. Send a recommendation to a friend or family member.

Enjoy spending time reading together on World Book Day and please send in any photos or creations from the week so we can share them with our school community.