

The Owl - January 2021

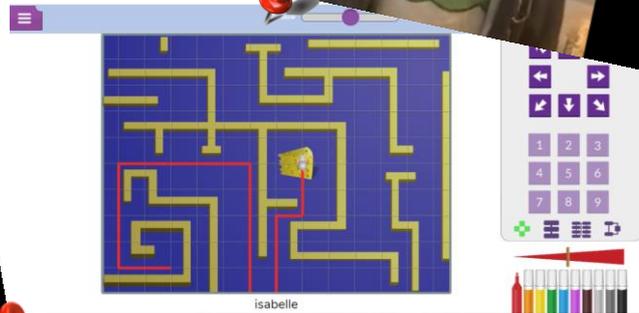
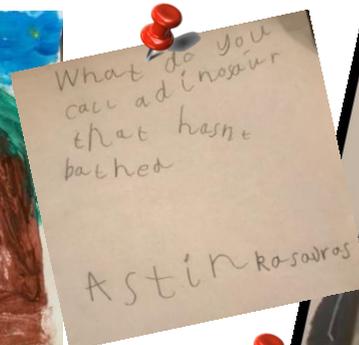


What a start to the new year it has been! While things are difficult for everyone at the moment, there is also a lot to celebrate and share. I have thoroughly enjoyed looking at the Google Classroom pages; at the wide range of curriculum learning opportunities on offer to our children. The teachers are continuing to do an amazing job in very difficult circumstances. The responses from the children show how inspirational the learning still is despite not all being together.

It is particularly nice to see the children being so supportive to each other. The announcements on the class streams show great engagement and celebration.

I have watched weather reports, science experiments, painting with home-made paint, French with fruit, joke telling, dinosaur fossils and computing to name but a few.

Do have a look at the Google Classroom pages whether your child is learning at home or at school to see **resilience** in action!



With very best wishes, Mrs Wittich

DIARY DATES

February 2021

8th Feeling Good week

10th Parent consultations for Early Years, Infants and Juniors

11th Parent consultations for Early Years

12th Home Start Dress Down Day – fancy dress to brighten our days!

15th Half term



March 2021

1st 'Take One Book' week – a celebration of World Book Day (whole school)

19th Red Nose Day

22nd and 23rd Beginner Biking for Early Years, Year One and Two

22nd and 23rd Bikeability level 1 for Year 3 and 4

26th Dance Around the World Workshop (whole school)

26th End of term at 2pm



FoRS

It has been truly wonderful this year to see so much support for Friends of Reed First School. Despite the many restrictions at the moment, there are many plans to not only raise money for the school but also provide well deserved treats for the children.

The members of FoRS I know, have been particularly delighted by the number of 'thank yous' they have received from our polite children; showing as ever wonderful manners and **respect** for others.



Mental Health and wellbeing

We have continued to enjoy our weekly Jigsaw lessons despite the classes being split between home and school. This time to chat together is particularly important at the moment and our Jigsaw theme of Dreams and Goals is really having a positive impact on the children's understanding of the importance of having **aspirations** to help look to the future. The responses to our weekly mindfulness ideas on the classroom streams have been wonderful and I have enjoyed seeing how our children and families are making sure they take some time for themselves. Our virtual tea parties have also given the children a nice opportunity just to chat. Our Infant tea party this week had a joke sharing theme and the Juniors have a challenge to bring the best treat to our next tea party after seeing home-made cakes which made my tummy rumble! The children are being very positive and many parents are telling us of the pride they feel as their children get into the routine of learning at home. While there is often a focus in the media around children at home, it also important to recognise the mixed emotions our staff, families and children have in coming to school. **Feeling good week** will bring further opportunities to think about the wellbeing of us all. Please do remember to take a look at <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus/parenting-during-coronavirus-outbreak>

We are planning activities for home and school to support ourselves and each other in feeling good. The week will end by raising money as we usually do for Home Start. We usually wear home clothes but as some of you are in home clothes anyway, we are asking you to wear fancy dress for the day whether you are at home or in school and to make a donation to Home Start.

<https://www.hsrsc.org.uk/>





Fun in the snow!



We all thoroughly enjoyed taking some time out by delighting in the wonderful blanket of snow.

For some of our children, it was their first experience of 'proper' snow bringing joy and excitement to all. Some of our children even had a special journey to school on a sledge!

Early Years had the paints out using the snow as their paper. While a fantastic array of snow people made by children at home have been lovely to see, the snow at school was very powdery, great for mark making!