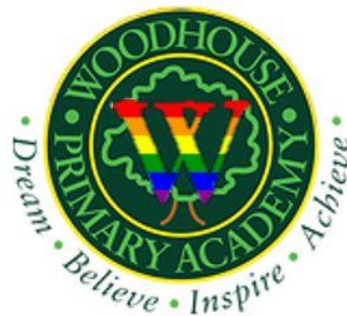


NEWSLETTER

10TH JULY 2020



We have an email address for children to get in touch with should they have a question, be worried or concerned about anything.

Email: worrybox@woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk

A teacher will get back to you. This is completely confidential.

How to get in touch



@WoodhousePA



0121 464 1769



www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk



<https://homelearning.woodhouse.academy>



homelearning@woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk

- Use this for any queries about home learning



07950368561 – Home Learning Hotline



covid19care@woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk

- Use this for any queries about emergency care



sensupport@woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk

- Use this for any queries about learning needs

Head to our Transition page for all of our Year 6 secondary transition information including Miss Lavelle's podcast and communications from secondary schools.

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/pupils/transition>

Education and Covid19 - survey

Researchers at the University of Birmingham are working with Birmingham City Council to understand pupils' and parents/carers' experiences of education during the COVID-19 closures. They'd really appreciate it if you could complete this survey - https://bham.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cLRyewzEWEZvf9z

Dear parents and carers,

We are almost at the end of one of the hardest, most challenging school years ever. I have continued to be delighted by the support and engagement given to school as we do our best for the children over this time. I have been delighted with the response to our wider opening in June and know that the learning for school and families will stand us in great stead when we return in September. We have one week remaining in this school year, and I would like to remind you that the last day of school for all children at Woodhouse will Friday 17th July 2020 and there will be no provision in our school during the summer break.

Thank you for your patience as we work through the plans for the full opening of Woodhouse Primary Academy in September. I will share these in detail with you during the next week, and will post the highly detailed risk assessment on our website for you to view at leisure. I will also give an opportunity to ask questions and give constructive feedback as I did with our wider opening in June. Please keep your eyes open for this information and take the time to understand it fully.

In light of the guidance from the Department for Education and University of Wolverhampton Multi Academy Trust, there are a few things which I can now confirm for you:

- School is closed for Staff Training on Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September.
- We will be open for all children in the new Year 1 to Year 6 from Thursday 3rd September.
- Children in Reception and Nursery will have two visits to school in small groups over the first full week (beginning 7th September) and will be beginning school full time (or 15 hours for most nursery children) from the week beginning 14th September. We will contact you separately about this soon.
- Children will arrive and leave school in their year groups, but this will be spread only over 30 minutes, with provisions made to allow children to get the same entitlement without negatively affecting families with siblings.
- Children will be kept in class bubbles, with consistent indoor learning spaces. To keep children from mixing with anyone outside their class. This will help keep children safe and mean that we do not need children to be socially distancing inside their class bubble.
- Children will eat in classrooms (or the dining hall only for Rainbow Room, Nursery and Reception), with a limited menu provided in school. Children can bring in a packed lunch from home.
- Before and After School Club will function with the children kept in their class bubbles as much as possible. I know how important this facility is to our families who use it, so I have worked very hard to enable this provision to take place.
- We will be having children join their new classes, classrooms and staff from our first day back, as we are not able to mix bubbles to allow an initial return to their 2019-20 classes as we would have liked.
- We will however, be carrying out a range of activities and opportunities to be with their previous class teachers in a safe manner during the first few weeks of term. There will be opportunities to reconnect and to be able to have closure for this school year. Our staff team

will continue to support and care for children in their previous classes as much as they are able to.

- During the first two weeks, we will be undertaking a whole school project during some of our learning time: "We are Woodhouse." Through this work, we will have the space, time and focus to re-establish relationships, rediscover routines and work to support mental health and well-being. This will be a positive piece of child centred learning which will help to smooth the transition into a new year group and address the challenges of the events since March this year.
- We will work hard to quickly assess and support the children in their learning, especially in English and Maths, so that they can access the full wider curriculum we offer at Woodhouse. Where needed, we will offer support for groups and individuals to help them progress.

I hope this gives some indication of what we are planning for September. I am sure you can appreciate how hard it is to work within the strict safety restrictions imposed on us. We have done our very best to protect what we value as a school wherever this is possible. There is obviously lots more detail to share, along with relevant maps to support you, which we will do so as soon as possible. As always, there is the caveat that the local or national situation may affect our plans – of course you will know this as soon as we do. Thank you for your continued patience, encouragement and understanding.

By now, you will have heard from your child's new teacher. If you have not for any reason, please get in touch, as it may be there is a problem with your contact details. Class teachers will provide some optional activities over the summer to help your child prepare for September and to begin to get to know them. If you wish for your child to access these, then please do so. Staff will not be marking these, or responding online during the summer – they have more than earned their break from school. Please also encourage your child to take a well-earned break from school over the summer – we all (teachers, children, parents) need a rest!

Thank you again for your contributions to our different whole school projects: of Woodhouse virtual sports day, our Great British Woodhouse Bake off and our Woodhouse Gardener's world. I loved seeing the entries to our photography competitions and of course I remain very proud of all the brilliant work being completed every day. Thank you for your support and encouragement with this. It reminds us what a great learning community we are together. Hopefully each week's amazing newsletter does the same too.

As previously shared, we will be providing a Summer Food voucher for those families who have been receiving EdenRed vouchers for free school meals. These vouchers will be shared with you in the usual way. Remember that you can contact us if you need any support or help in any way. If you would like support with food packs, assistance, advice, signposting to financial assistance, or just need someone to talk things through with – just let us know, don't suffer in silence. If we can help, we will. Though we are all distant, you all remain a key part of our school family and community – together, we are Woodhouse. Please take care, keep yourselves and your families safe.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Wilson – Head Teacher

Woodhouse Primary Academy

TEACHERS ON YOUTUBE



We are constantly striving to make our online learning the best it can be for children and families. Teachers are experimenting with how the learning is presented and accessed. Here are two YouTube channels to check out:

Science with Miss Hunt:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvt8Tq9wfZ8c196ki3hyx9A>

Mrs Ali's Classroom:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZbvdS-eK10UL-_OuZ5MGtA

PE with Mr Milliard:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzyhU5fspUbEZLORkefReyg>

Watch this space, as there may be more to come!



With Sports Day unable to happen this year, we didn't want you to miss out altogether so Mr Milliard has put together a virtual sports day for everyone to take part in. Check out this video on his YouTube channel for all the information you need to become a virtual sports day champion!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LX75p7cA9o>

Enter your scores here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gqXIXih8jeSrm_jiqRhImDhAKidW5v7nVw4qInD9FFc/edit?usp=sharing

There are weekly challenges that you can do at home to earn points for our school with the Birmingham School Games challenges.

Registering to take part couldn't be simpler.

Register with your email address at

www.sgochallenge.com and use our unique invite code: shenley fill in the required details and get going.

Select one, two or all of the challenges, practise them throughout the week and submit your scores when you're ready.

Follow @ShenleySports (our School Games Organiser) to keep up to date with the challenges and results. Stay active and enjoy!



Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 10th July.

Nursery

Anas
Max
Majd
Mason

Reception

Talia
Kavin
George
Aisosa
Wafaa

Year One

Ijaz
Mohamed
Aaryz
Madison
Rayhanah

Year Two

Aaron
Sarah M
Emily

Year Three

Fraser
Dallas
Kwasi
Tarlia
Art

Year Four

Adele
Evie
Areeb
Hadeed

Year Five

Pria
Dlaal
Rafiah
Mariyah

Year Six

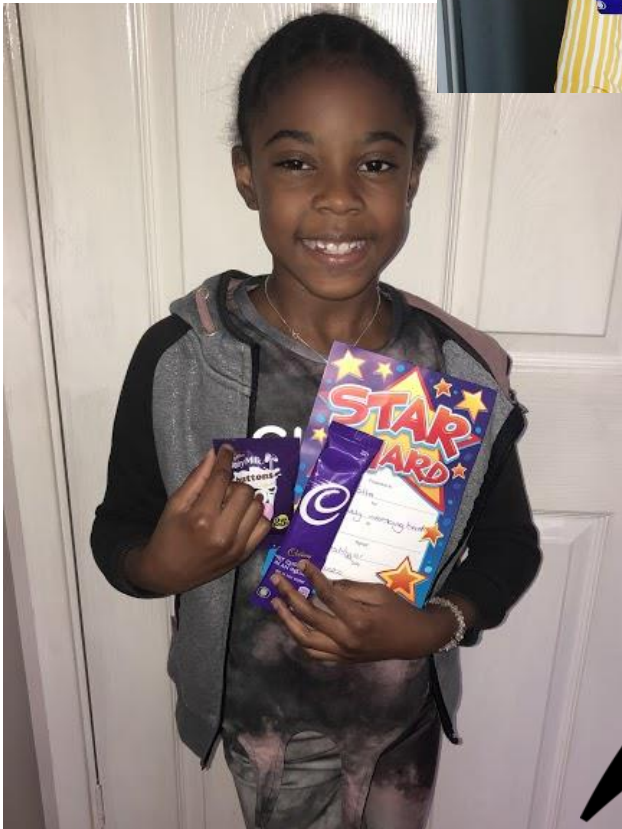
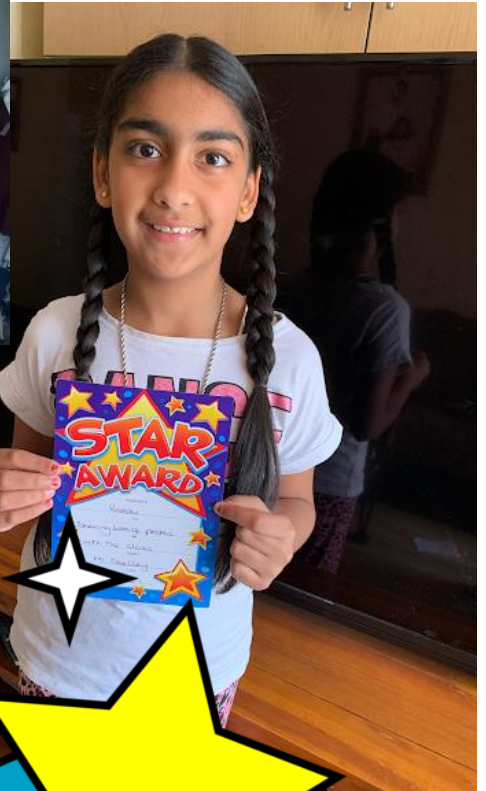
Fatima
Grace B
Jack
Fabio

Rainbow Room

Layla

Congratulations to all of these children who have put in a fantastic effort this week with their home learning. They have been nominated by their teachers. We are really impressed with the level of learning from all children. What can you do to be Star of the Week next week?

Celebrating Success



School NEWS

The UK celebrated 72 years of our NHS on Sunday and Gurraj made this poster to mark the occasion.



The younger children in school watched Frozen 2 last week and did some Frozen related activities. Lara in Nursery made an ice palace and a lolly pop stick Olaf. They also excavated some toys from blocks of ice.





Elnathan, 5H has been inspired by the Bake Off to make his own fudge brownies. They look delicious!

Rory, 3N went fruit picking with his family and made these tasty looking muffins and a fruit crumble.





Layla, RR celebrated her 10th birthday recently with this fabulous cake and a party with her family.

Happy birthday Layla!

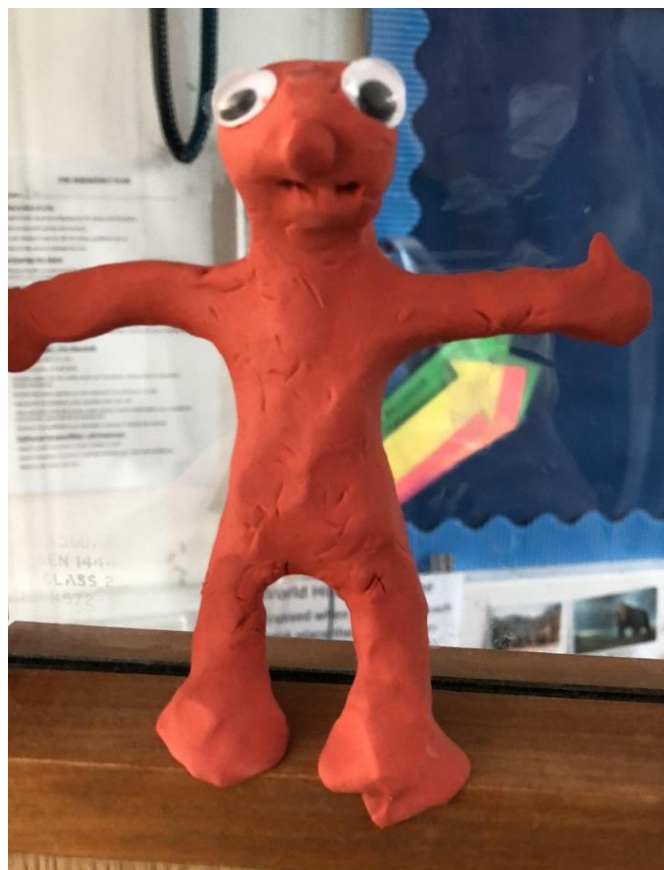


In school, Layla and George have been learning about mini beasts and have made this 3d model of a bug's habitat.



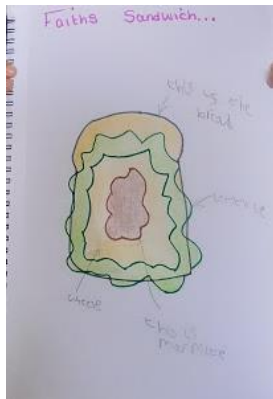


Last week Reception were reading 'The Way Back Home'. Isabelle has made her own planet using papier mache.

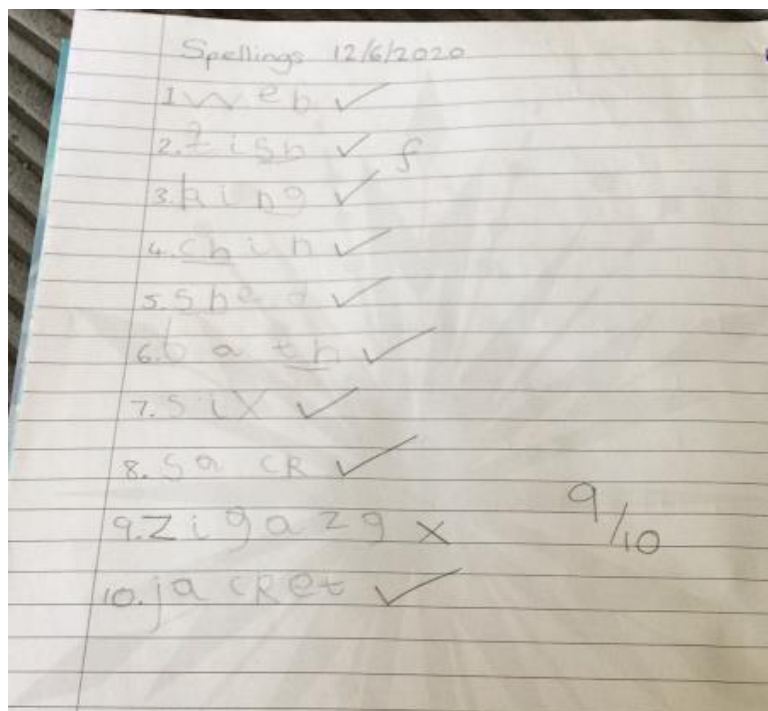


Henry, 6L has been making an animation with this little plasticine figure. You can see his film on Mrs Ali's YouTube channel.

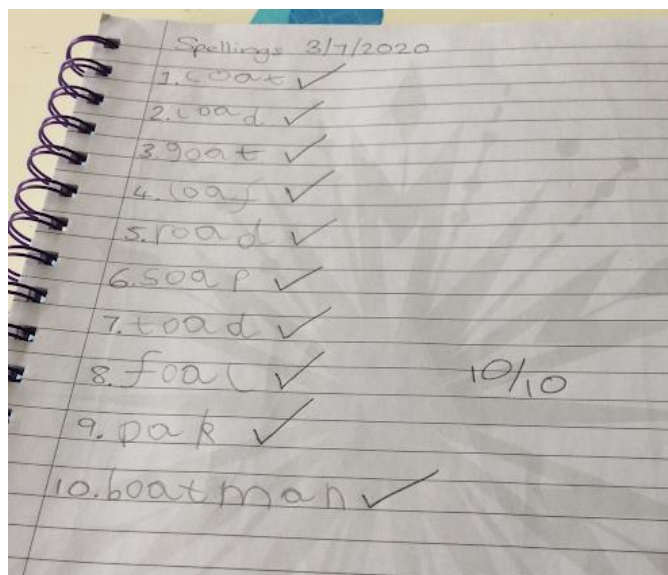
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZbvdS-eK10UL-OuZ5MGtA>



This week Year 1 have been reading and learning about the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. They have been drawing their own lighthouses and designing sandwiches that the pesky seagulls won't steal.



Lydia, RM has been busy practising her spellings at home. She has been utilising all of her phonics knowledge and is doing really well. Excellent work Lydia!

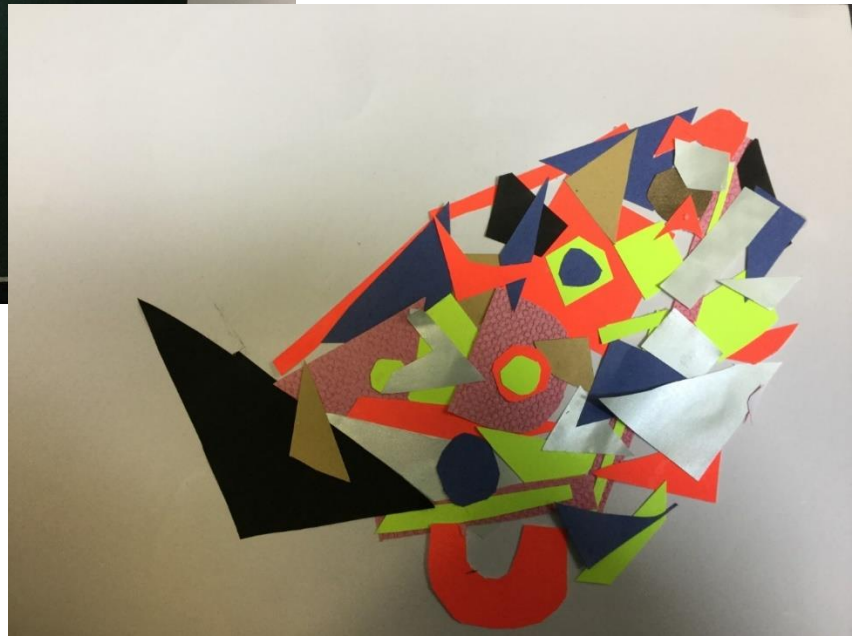




Year 6 have been making shape art with Mrs Lewis.

They have cut shapes out of coloured paper and made these wonderful collages with them.

Very effective and simple to do.
Why don't you have a go at home.



GARDENERS WORLD

Here are some more photos from the Gardeners World challenge.



Seb, Jack and Gurraj here proving that gardens take a lot of care and attention to keep them looking good.



Fraser has been planting some new plants in the borders of his garden.

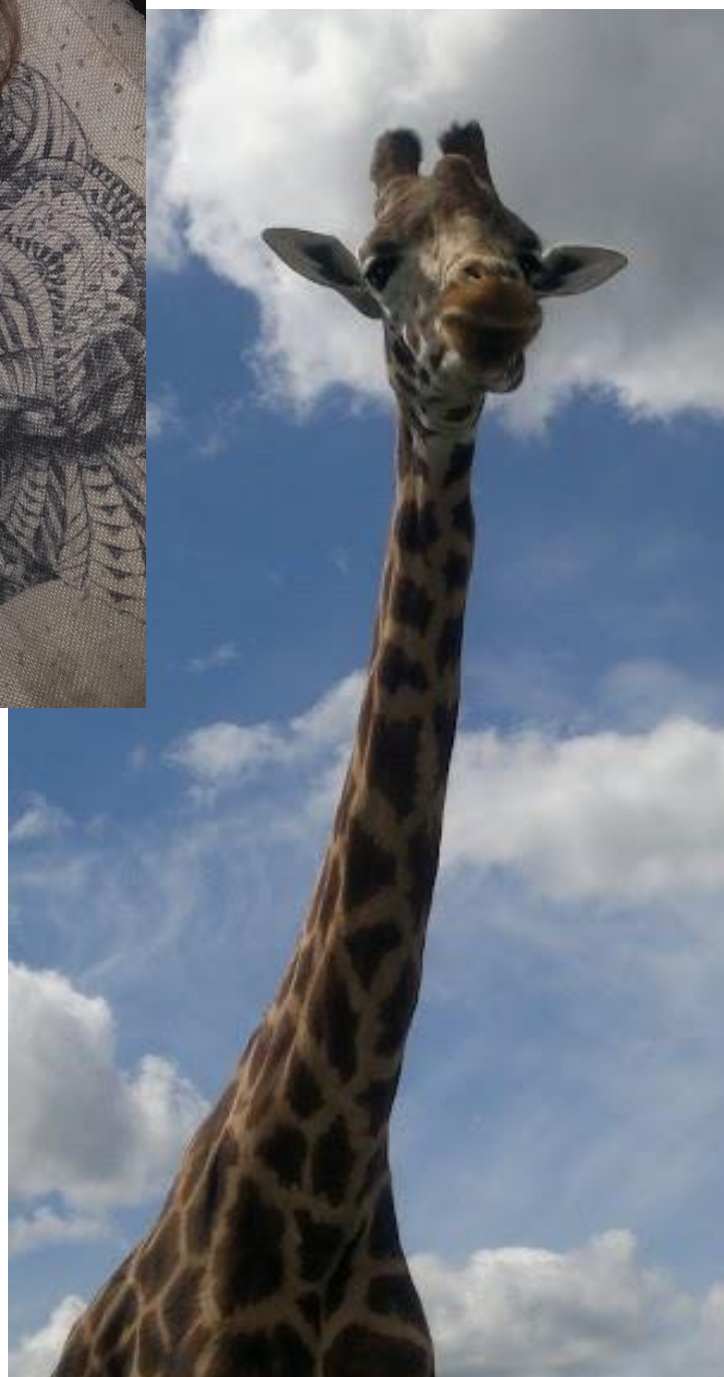
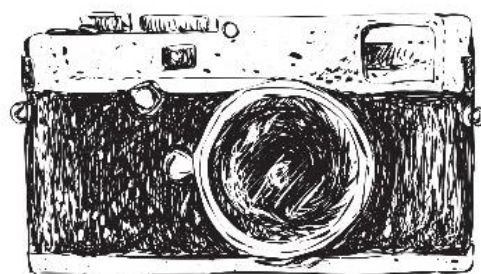
Simran and Ryan have been doing the same.

Simran is also watering the garden as some plants need a lot of water.

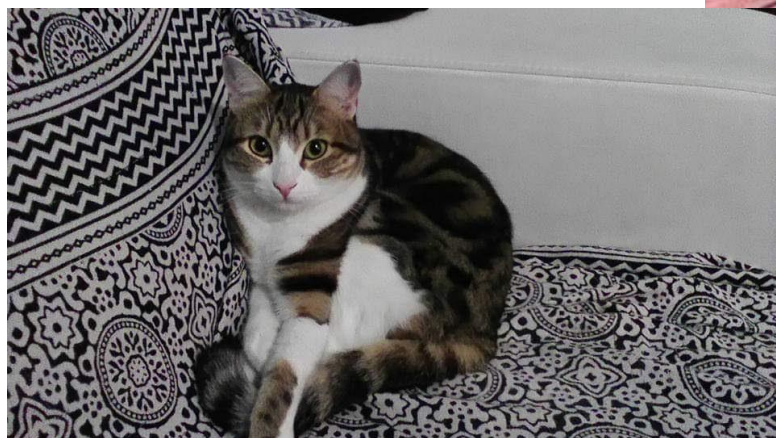


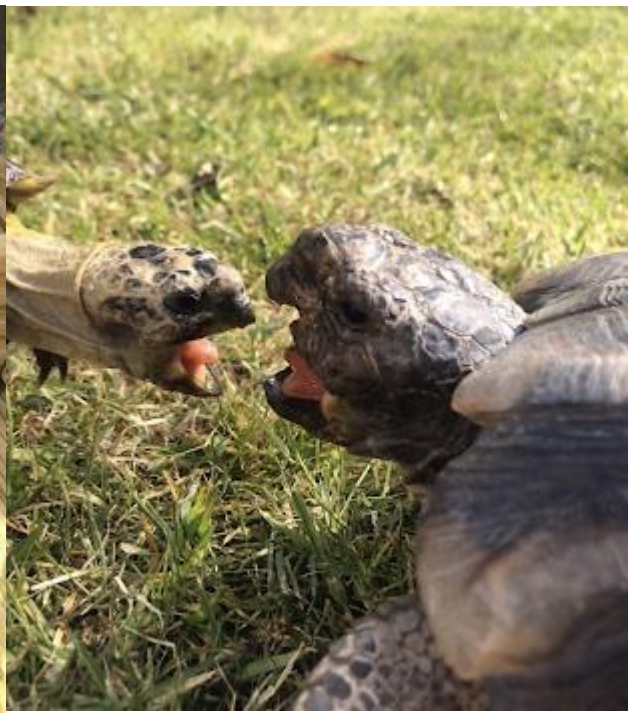
With the success of the nature photography competition, Mrs Lewis has set another. This time the topic is Animals.

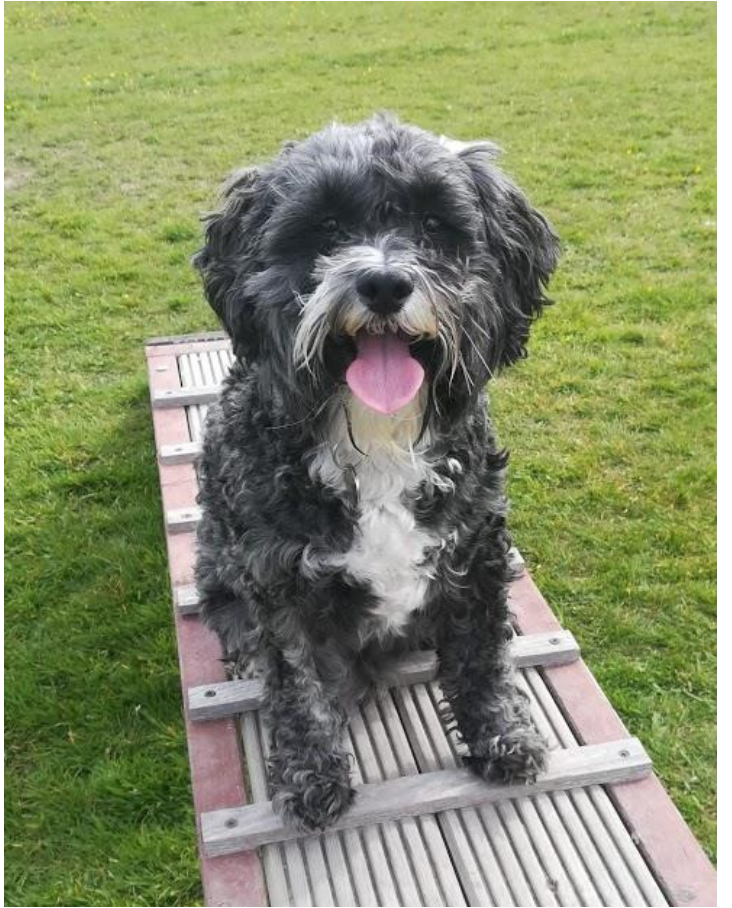
The winning photo is of Dog and Baby, by Lacey, 3A
Runners up are: Cody, 3A (dog) and Asiyah, 3A (Giraffe)

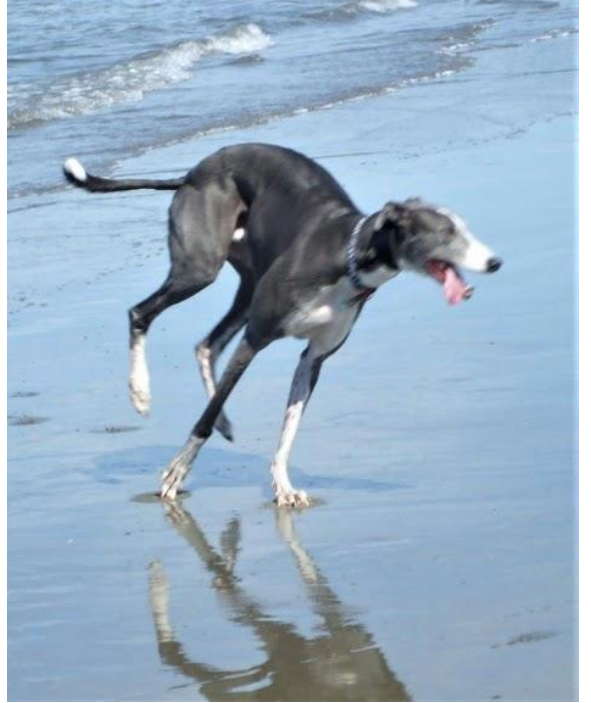


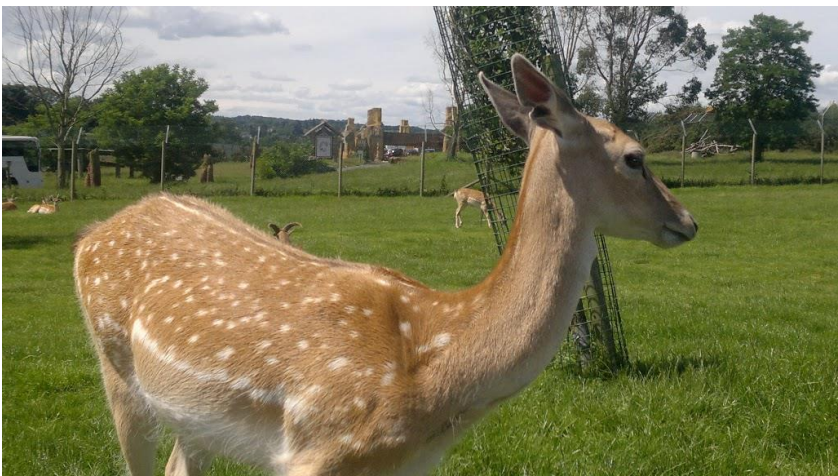
Here are all the other fantastic entries:

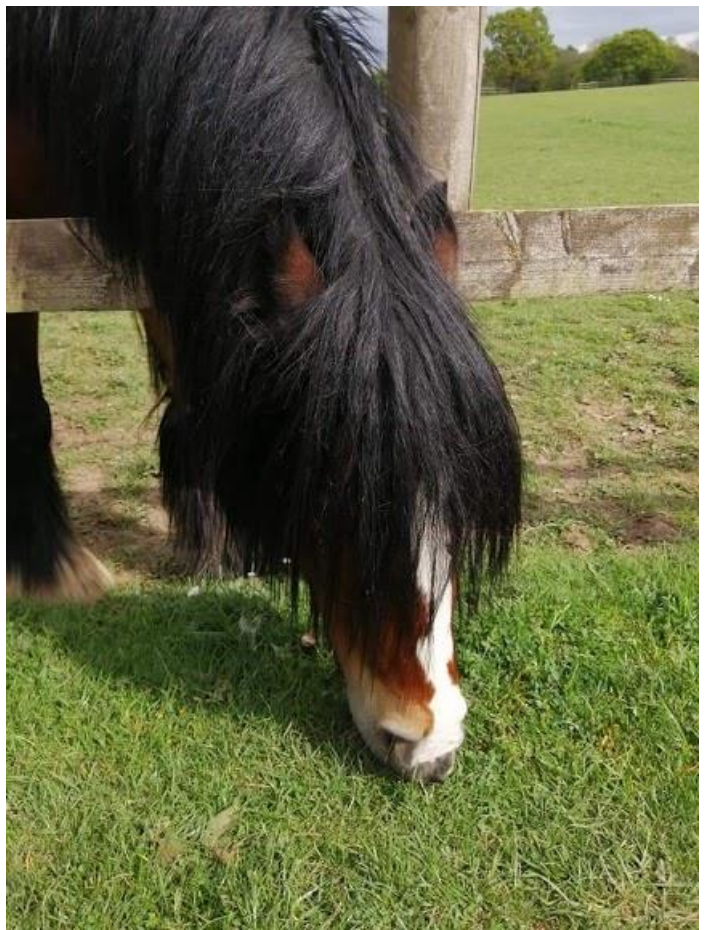


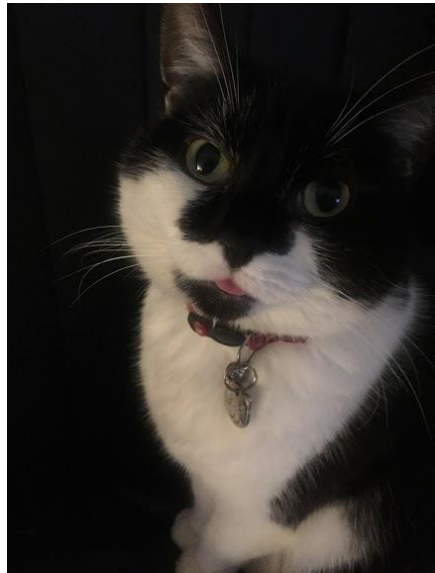






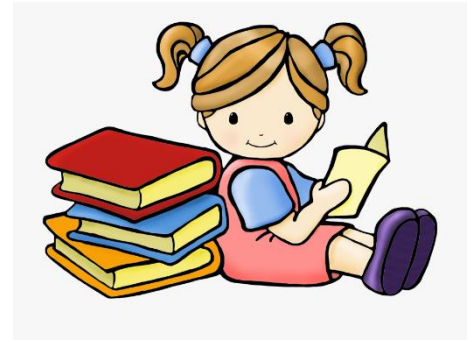






ACCELERATED READER

The word count so far this year is a staggering 69,191,647 words read with 9088 quizzes passed!



Since school has been closed the children have read 19,037,775 words and have passed 2978 quizzes! Exceptional!

Gurraj, 4W has reached 6 million words read all year.
Fatima, 6D has reached 3 million words read all year.

A slight change in the Top 5 readers since lockdown:

Gurraj, 4W = 2,718,369 words read
Arsam, 6D = 2,547,787 words read
Fatima, 6D = 1,389,057 words read
Dallas, 3A = 1,356,658 words read
Denisa, 6D = 933,584 words read

The AR word count chart is available on the website and is updated by Mrs Scott.

Remember the final count will be at the end of the day on 15th July.
Let's see if we can make it to 70 million and more this year!

