



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

In many ways, it's hard to fathom that our children are on the brink of emerging from another lockdown, when 12 months ago we were about to go into our first. We have learnt many lessons (both children and adults; literally and figuratively!), navigated numerous challenges, enjoyed many successes and ultimately emerged all the stronger for it. Transitions in and out of school, whether planned or at a moment's notice, have been conducted calmly and smoothly to provide as much stability and consistency as possible for our children (despite the shifting sands) and I am incredibly grateful to parents, carers, staff, our wider BPET community and of course our children, for making this possible. I am also so proud of our fantastic staff team at HHS for always finding ways to use and refine their plethora of skills and knowledge, for never failing to find a smile, and for always holding our children at the centre of everything they do. Until next Monday, I wish you all a safe, healthy and productive week ahead.

*Claire Syms*

### Remote learning – Week 8

Week 8 of remote learning is upon us and, in the best possible way, we hope it is our last! We have enjoyed many successes with our remote learning, predominantly because of the combined sterling efforts of our staff, children and families, but there really is no place like school and we are eagerly anticipating next Monday and the full return of our pupil community. In the meantime, we have our usual full tranche of lessons this week for children both at home and in school. We will be resuming our full curriculum in school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, with some slight adjustments to ensure we can minimise interactions between year groups. Please do refer to further details shared in the letter sent last week.

**Thank you for all you have done during this time, and all the support you have afforded our whole community.**

**The countdown is on – see you in 4 school days' time!**

The Final Countdown



### Monday Missions

#### Reception

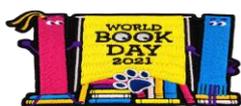
Counting, counting everywhere! What can you find to count? Maybe trees on a walk or people queuing outside of a shop! Maybe you could count the stairs in your building or the number of biscuits in a packet!

#### Year 1

Ahead of everyone returning to school next week, can you write a diary entry about all the things you are looking forward to and anything you are worrying about? You could draw your ideas and thoughts too.

#### Year 2

This week it's World Book Day! Can you write a review of your favourite book or a biography of your favourite author or illustrator?



## SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	12/02/2021		26/02/21	
<b>Reception</b>				
<b>Comet</b>	Comet Class!		Raphael	Tayo
<b>Key Stage 1</b>				
<b>Eclipse</b>	Eclipse Class!		Amelia	Zion
<b>Cosmos</b>	Kayran	Frankie	Ezra	Leonard
<b>Galaxy</b>	Max	Terrell	Hannah	Jasper
<b>Key Stage 2</b>				
<b>Hawking</b>	Elif	Luc	Isabelle	Josiah
<b>Einstein</b>	Manyiel	Isla	Darcey	Iman
<b>Jemison</b>	Beatrix	Sharmaine	Joshua	Olivia

**Well done to everyone for being such good role models by showing our school values and trying your best!**

## Congratulations!



We have some more excellent news to share, as Mr Oxford got engaged over the half term break! Huge congratulations to Toby and his partner, and we hope you will join us in passing on our very best wishes. Emma Foster, who remains on our Local

Advisory Board, ALSO got engaged earlier this year and we are delighted to pass on our congratulations here, too! So far, no reports of Halley weddings being conducted over Zoom but we will keep you updated!

## PE & Art Star Awards

Well done to our superstars in PE and Art over the last two weeks for their endeavours at home and at school.

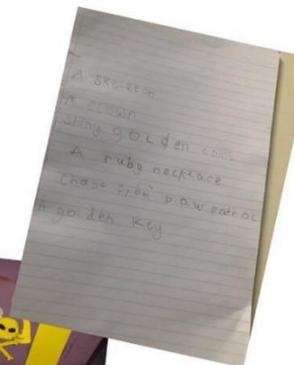


**PE - Orlando, Tsubame, Eyad, Joshua (Y4)**

**Art, Ibrahim, Wilfred, Yvonne, Alanna, Archie (Y4), Luc**

## Comet Class

The children in Comet Class continue to impress us with their hard work, enthusiasm and resilience and we are so proud of each and every one of them. For the last few weeks, we have been using stories as inspiration for our own writing. Naughty Bus went on some new adventures as a night bus, we created lists of pirate treasure and thought about what the characters in 'Supertato' might be saying using speech bubbles. Amazing work from everybody. Well done!

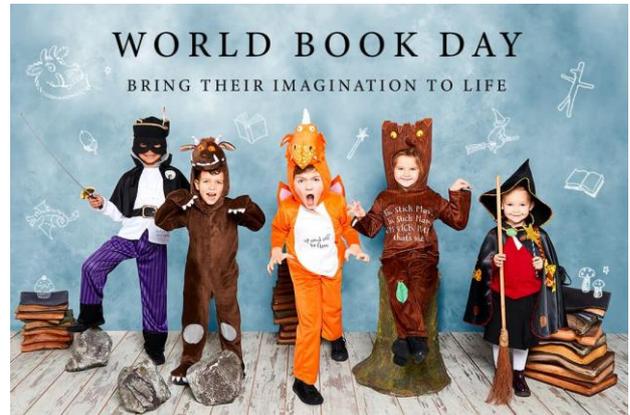


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## World Book Day 2021

This Thursday **4<sup>th</sup> of March** we are dressing up to celebrate World Book Day! We can't wait to see all your costumes on Zoom or at school. A £2 donation, which will be used to purchase additional books for the children to enjoy at school, can be made via Schools Buddy. In the meantime, please find a link to World Book Day's 'World of Stories' audio books below whilst you prepare for World Book Day 2021!

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>



## Let's Count day

On the 18<sup>th</sup> March Halley House will once again be taking part in



Let's Count day to celebrate our love of maths and promote the upcoming census on March 21<sup>st</sup>! On this day, children can attend school wearing a maths or number themed costume. In 2019 we had some fantastic mathematician and creative number based outfits! We particularly love seeing the outfits that have been created with children at home! Children will take part in activities based around the theme 'I count', practising not only counting and statistical skills but also exploring population history, equality and representation and talking about what 'counts' to them and their communities. We look forward to seeing their



costumes and having an action packed day in school! For further information on

completing the census, visit <https://census.gov.uk/> before the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

## Maths Whizz

Years 4 and 5 have been doing a



fantastic job trialling new online tutoring platform Maths Whizz and are enjoying seeing lots of progress. Please continue to encourage the children in Year 4 and 5 to use Maths Whizz throughout the week in addition to the tasks set by your class teachers. More information on Maths Whizz can be found [here](#).

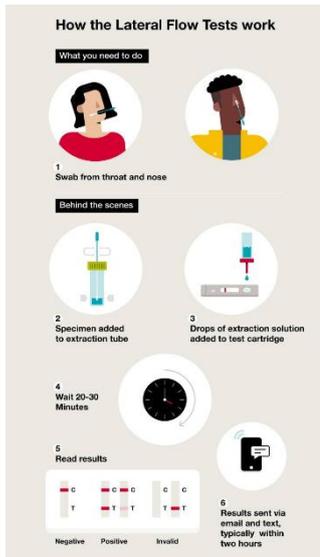
## Mindfulness Activities to do at home

**I spy:** Take it in turns to choose something around you that makes you smile. Now tell everyone why you're glad that thing exists!

**Make my day:** What can you do for someone to make their day extra special? You could bake them a cake or pay them a compliment, or even just share a smile.



## Lateral Flow Tests for households



As you may have heard over the weekend, twice-weekly asymptomatic lateral flow device (LFD) tests are being recommended for adults in households with school age children. This includes parents and carers of primary age children. You can read the full guidance from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) [here](#). As you will be aware, all staff in school, unless exempt, are conducting twice weekly LFD

tests at home. Adults at home are able to access twice-weekly tests in the following ways:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

There are a number of test sites near school, including at Stoke Newington Town Hall. Ordering home test kits online is recommended only if you are not able to access the tests through any of the other options. You can order tests online [here](#) if you need to. Whilst these tests are not compulsory, we strongly encourage parents and carers to access the tests if you are able to do so. **Please let the school know if you are undertaking the tests. We do not need notification of negative tests (please do report all tests online) but do request you inform us if a test returns a positive result so that we can make any decisions, alongside PHE guidance, regarding in-school provision as necessary.** If you do have a positive test result from a home LFD test, you will also need to take a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the result. Symptomatic cases should also be tested using a PCR test, as per existing procedure. Please note that participating (or not) in household asymptomatic LFD testing does not affect your child's return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Further guidance is expected to be shared with parents from the DHSC later this week. Please do ask if you have any questions – we recognise there is a myriad of information to navigate!

## Supporting learning in maths

It has been a pleasure to see such fantastic mathematical thinking, reasoning and problem solving across all the year groups at home.



If you are beginning to feel the pangs of home learning coming to an end, you can continue to support your child by asking them to teach you what they are learned in school that day. Using question such as **“How do you know? Can you prove it/show me? How many ways can you solve this?”** help to embed children's understanding of mathematical concepts and skills. Below you can also find a link to some fun and practical maths activities for children to do at home. We would LOVE to see some of what the children get up to. <https://nrich.maths.org/maths-at-home>

## Science Fair and Dress-up day – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March



We are very excited to announce that we will still be holding our annual Science Fair this Spring! Due to current circumstances, we need to minimise adult interactions and gatherings, so it will look a bit different this year, although there will still be plenty of opportunity to celebrate all things Science! Please see the attached Science Fair letter for more details.

## Swimming – Summer term

We are hoping that all year groups will be able to complete a series of 10 swimming lessons during the Summer term. Full details will be shared once dates and times have been



confirmed. We continue to significantly subsidise swimming lessons for all year groups as we strongly believe it is an important life skill for our children to acquire (and enjoy!). We cannot offer lessons for all year groups without parent contributions making up the shortfall. Lessons will shortly be available for payment on SchoolsBuddy so do keep an eye out.

## Y1 RWI Groups



Well done Y1!

A huge well done to Y1 children, who have spent the last 8 weeks making great progress in their virtual or in-school RWI lessons. All adult group leads have been so impressed with the enthusiasm and perseverance of our children and they have been an absolute delight to teach. As well as learning new sounds for reading and spelling, they have written stories, letters, newspaper articles, poems, recipes and made us smile with their thirst for more. Keep it up Y1 – we can't wait to have you all back in class next week!

## Outdoor Adventures

Outdoor Adventures will resume for all year groups from the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> March. This is just to give children chance to re-settle into school routines once we are 'back.' If you are able to volunteer on your child's year group (or any other year group!) session, we would love to hear from you. Please do let your child's class teacher or the school office know if you are able to help.



## Arts Award

Jane Smith greatly enjoyed working with HHS children over lockdown. All the Arts Logs (started or finished) can be brought into school so Ms Hodgson can assess them all and help the children finish the Art Award Discover level. Don't worry if you haven't yet started the Arts Log, we can show children the Zoom recordings of Jane teaching and we are confident all children can succeed with the assessment for the certificate, as they have built up great art skills and knowledge. We will be working on a fantastic display for all the school to enjoy, and hope to run a printing session with Jane in the future inspired by her Hackney Maps. So bring in your Arts Log when we are all in school again so we can get that Arts Award Certificate from Trinity college for your children!



## Omegle

Omegle is an app and a website and last week there was a lot of

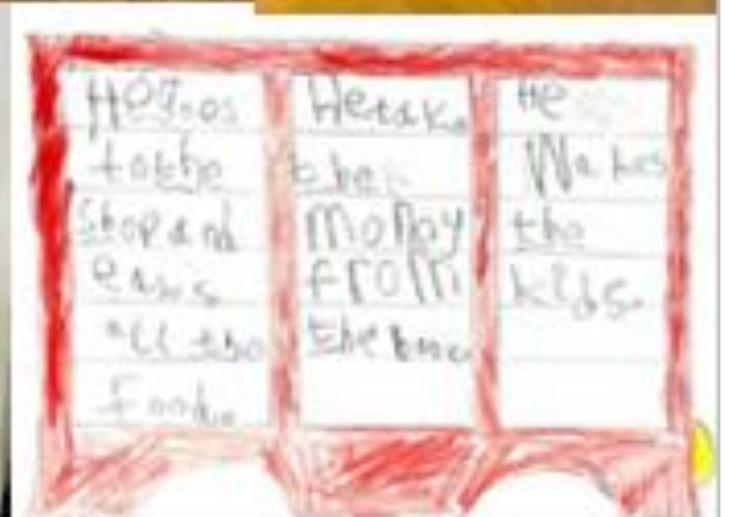


reporting in regards to a surge in usage, particularly teens and younger children. The BBC have reported that they carried out an investigation and found a significant amount of disturbing content. Please read the attachment, which provides some more detail about the site and what you need to know.

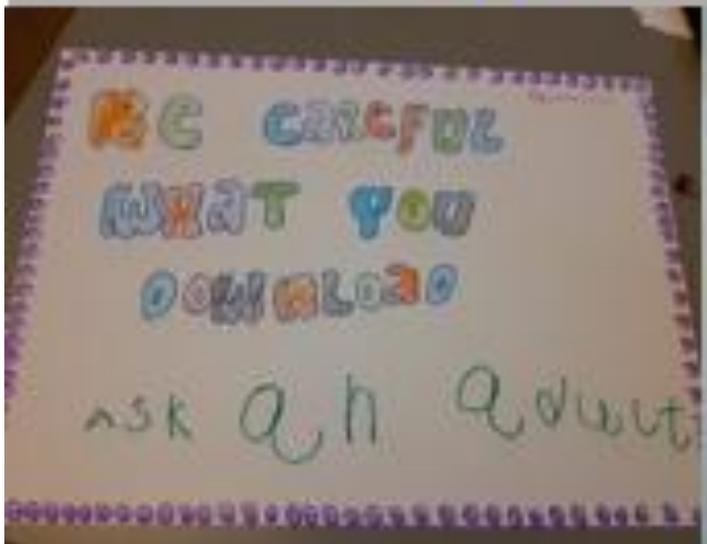
## KS2 Planters

Take a look at the fantastic designs on our lovely new planters – don't they look brilliant? Huge thanks to Mauricio and Mr Oxford for sourcing materials, building, painting, transferring the designs, varnishing and making them truly come to life. We are hoping our Orchard Project trees will find their permanent homes in these planters next academic year. In the meantime, we have some apple, pear, plum and cherry trees starting to grow and forming the beginnings of our very own Halley orchard!





# Comet Class



# Science at school and at home!

Reception



Cress growing



Bread making



Floating eggs in fresh and salt water

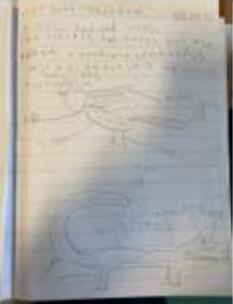
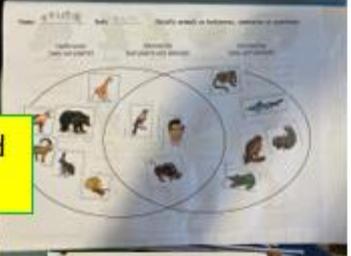


Sea conservation posters



Year 1

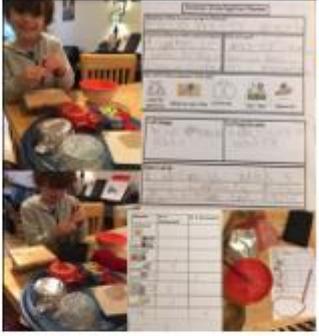
Animal food groups



Year 2

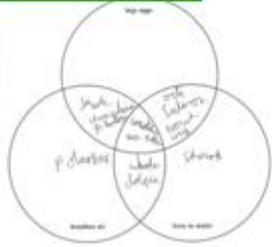
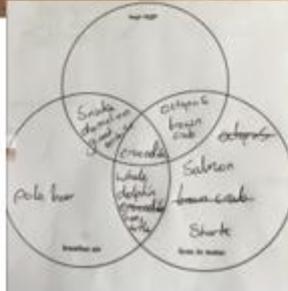


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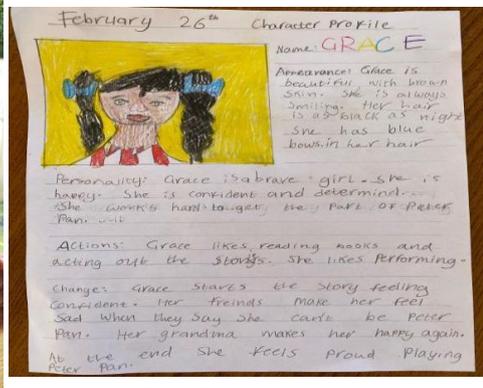
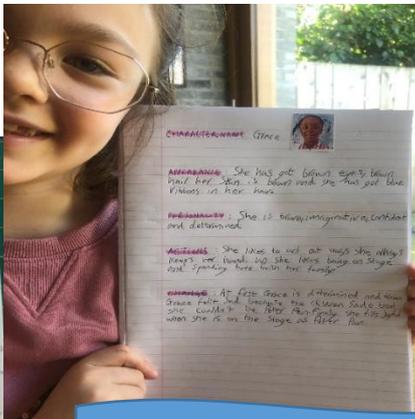


Year 4

Animal classification

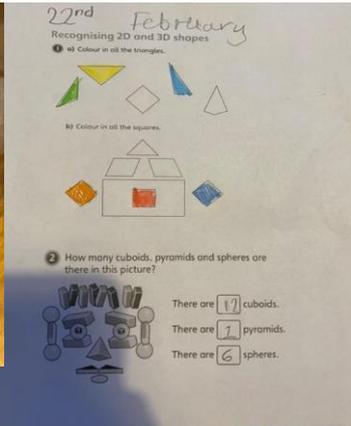


# Year 2

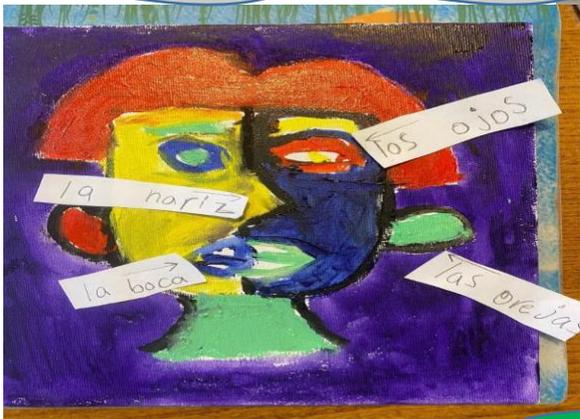
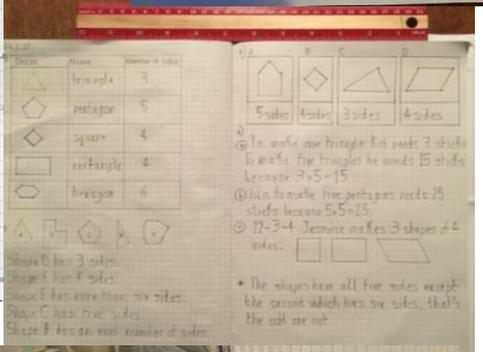
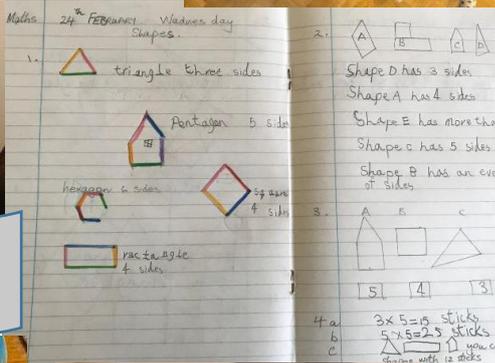


## Shape and measurement in maths

### Amazing Grace character profiles in literacy



### Body parts in Spanish



## Outdoor Adventures

