



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

HEAD'S BLOG

6 weeks of lockdown done! Well done and thank you for all that you have done to support your children in their learning, whether it be at home or in school.

We have been hugely impressed with levels of engagement across the school and I've absolutely loved seeing some of the reading videos shared with teachers in response to Mrs Bray's reading challenge this week. The fake news reports have been most creative too. I am still holding out hope that Ben's report that eating cake makes you rich has some truth in it! Well done for all your fab ideas; we hope that this helps you all remember that we should always be mindful that not everything on the internet can be trusted!

We will wait, with bated breath, for Boris' announcement on Monday 22nd February when he will detail his 'road-map' for moving out of lockdown restrictions. I am sure you will be hoping and praying that he will indicate when and how schools can reopen. If it's the 8th March, please be assured we will do all we can to ensure that the return is as safe and smooth as possible. If we need to wait a little longer, we will continue to support you all at home with remote education and pastoral support.

But, for now, we are closed to all pupils for the week beginning 15th February. Pupils, parents and staff all need a very well-earned break, I'm sure you'll agree. We hope you get the chance to recharge your batteries, doing something you enjoy. Stay safe and well.



Ms Carmichael

Half-term Track and Trace If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 within 48 hours of their last day in school, please obtain a test immediately. If you receive a positive test result, please contact us as soon as you can via email on enquiries@celticcross.education. If you have no internet access, a message can be left on the answerphone using this number: 01208 590150. Please state your child's name, class and school when communicating with us.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON ANY OTHER COMMUNICATION PLATFORM, AS THESE WILL NOT BE MONITORED DURING THE HALF-TERM BREAK. THANK YOU.

If your child develops symptoms after being away from school for more than 48 hours, you do not need to contact us, but you should still isolate, seek a test and follow NHS guidance.

A message from Cornwall Council:

The number of infections is reducing in Cornwall because we have seen our residents respecting the social restrictions in place during the third lockdown. Thanks to this, we have slowed the spread of the virus through our communities, and for that we are thankful. However, as the surge in cases in late December and January showed, if Cornwall lets our guard down infection rates can spiral quickly, and we could soon find ourselves back where we started.

Therefore, we are asking all residents, especially parents and carers, to continue to respect the lockdown rules, especially during half term. We know this is a challenge, especially for those parents and carers who are home schooling and we understand the temptation to relax while the pressure of teaching is not there for a week.

However, we have done so well since January and we simply can't afford to throw all of that hard work away. We are asking those who are on a half term break to avoid travelling distances in the car and "explore from your door" instead. Thank you.

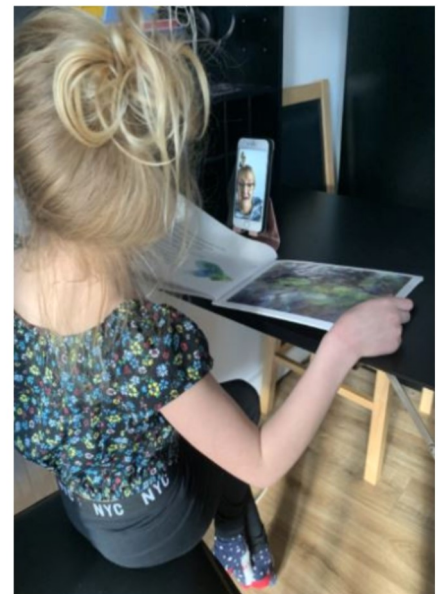
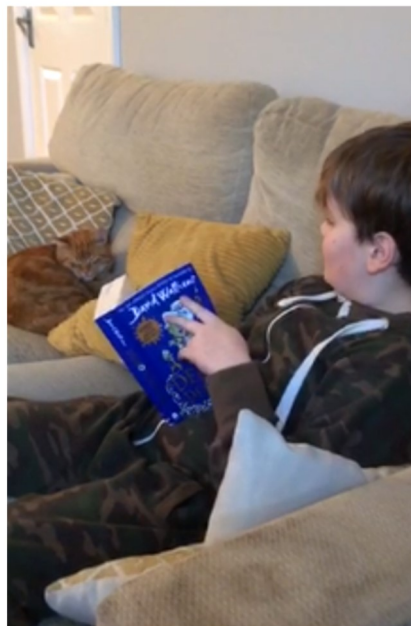
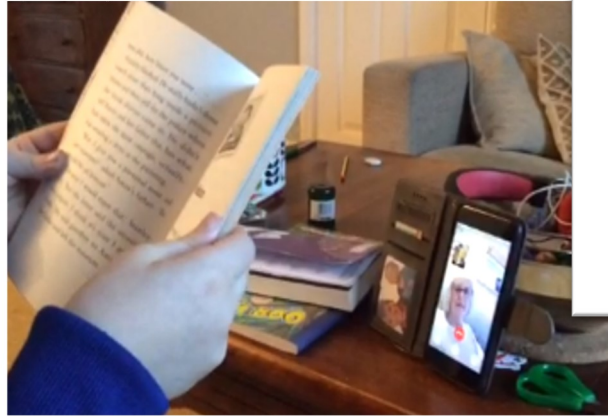
Weekly Reading Challenge

This week, Mrs Bray launched her second weekly reading challenge which was to read aloud to someone or something to celebrate World Read Aloud Day.

From sharing a story via zoom, to family pets and cuddly toys, every response we've received has truly enabled us to celebrate the importance of reading aloud and sharing books with others.

The more that
YOU READ,
THE MORE THINGS
YOU WILL KNOW.
The more that you learn,
THE MORE PLACES
YOU'LL GO.

— DR. SEUSS



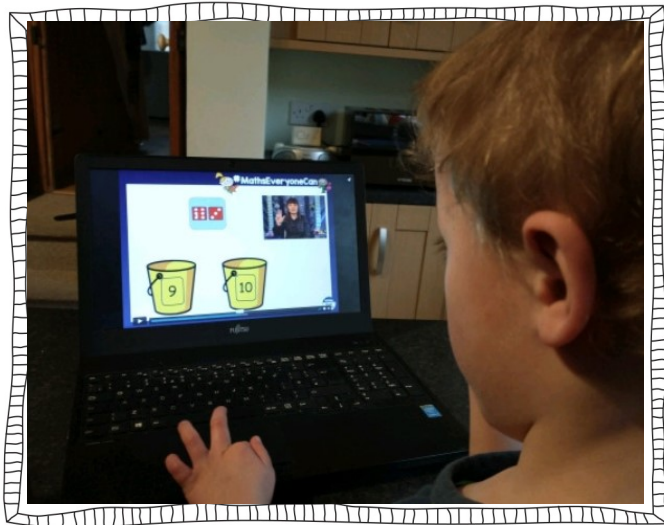
READING
IS DREAMING
WITH EYES
WIDE OPEN



We look forward to the reveal of the next reading challenge after half-term!

Early Years and Key Stage 1 'WOW work'

It's been great to see children enjoying and engaging in our daily Go Noodle sessions!



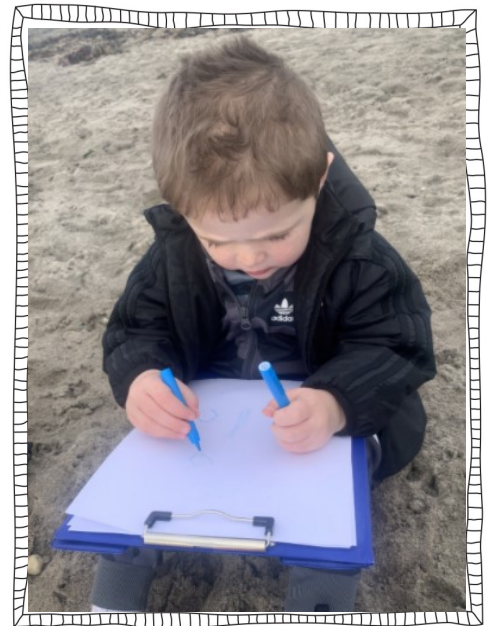
Super mastery maths work from our reception pupils this week too!



We loved to see scrabble tiles used to support spelling work this week! What a great idea.



Brilliant 2D and 3D shape exploration in Key Stage One this week.



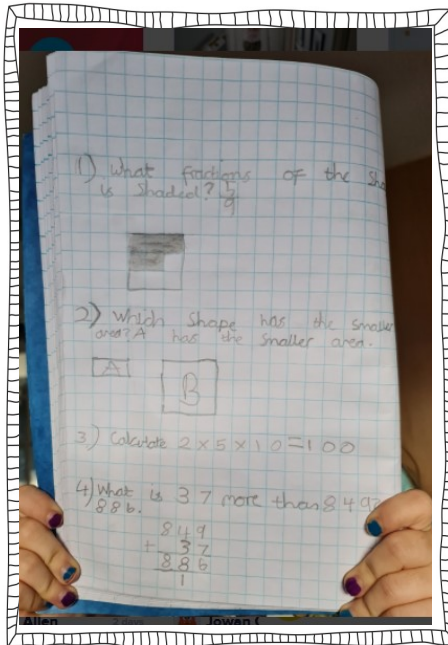
A trip to the beach for daily exercise is a perfect opportunity for some mark making.



We've been so proud to see our year twos engage in their topic learning this week to extend their scientific vocabulary relating to properties of materials.

Key Stage Two 'WOW work'

It's super to see children reading daily. Well done!

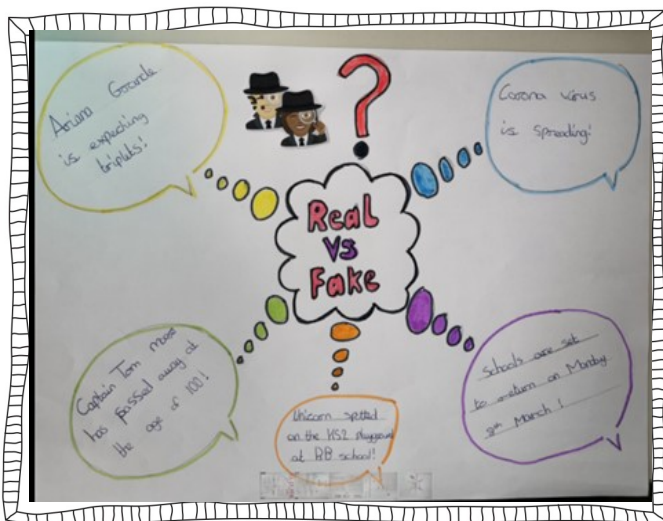


Great fraction work completed by Brooklyn this week.

Fab focus and engagement in art this week.



A wonderful skyline painted by Elouisa.

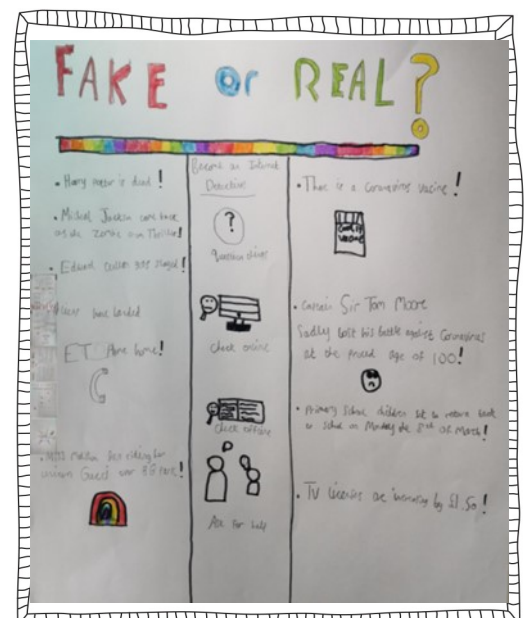


Evelyn's fantastic poster to show examples of 'real' and 'fake' news



Neve's poster to raise awareness of 'real' and 'fake' news great job!

Clara's 'fake news' poster as part of Safer Internet Day.





This week's Achievers



BBeebies

Lowen

For admirable participation in all activities.

Rainbows

Albie

For his amazing reading this week.

Stars

Isabelle

For working so hard in phonics lessons!

Year 1

James

For always going above and beyond with your home learning and for embracing additional challenges.

Year 2

Sophie

For completing all home learning this week to a brilliant standard - well done!

Year 3

Jaxon

For completing learning tasks with enthusiasm and determination - it's also great to see your confidence grow every day.

Year 4

Annie

You are always so engaged in your home learning. We are so proud of you.

Year 5

Evie

For showing such determination in her learning and for producing a fantastic Internet safety Powerpoint.


Year 6

Daniel

For always embracing a challenge and for his excellent Guided Reading throughout the week!

Amber

For completing all of her home learning whilst nursing a broken leg and even completing work on the day of her operation—what a star!



ONLINE SAFETY

As we head into the half-term break and the likelihood that children will spend more time accessing online games, please take a moment to familiarise yourselves about this popular game.



ROBLOX
Powering Imagination

According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play.' For those of you who are unfamiliar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



AGE RESTRICTION
13+

What parents need to know about **ROBLOX**



ROBLOX STUDIO

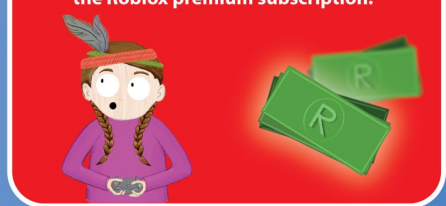
The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and to remove games from the platform Roblox relies on people reporting negative/violent content.

CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means that both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.

ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux,' which works as a currency within the platform and enables the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the ability to earn a lot of 'Robux.' Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.



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Top Tips for Parents

ALERT!

Tell your children to be careful and to think twice before they click any random advert or popup. There are a lot of phishing scams that advertise free Roblox etc. with the intent of stealing your child's personal information.

UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account information. If they are, advise them to set them to private or remove them from their account. This will ensure that nobody will be able to find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

2-STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great two-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and generally doing something in the game to spoil their gameplay. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will enable you to restrict how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you want to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they cannot contact anyone, including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

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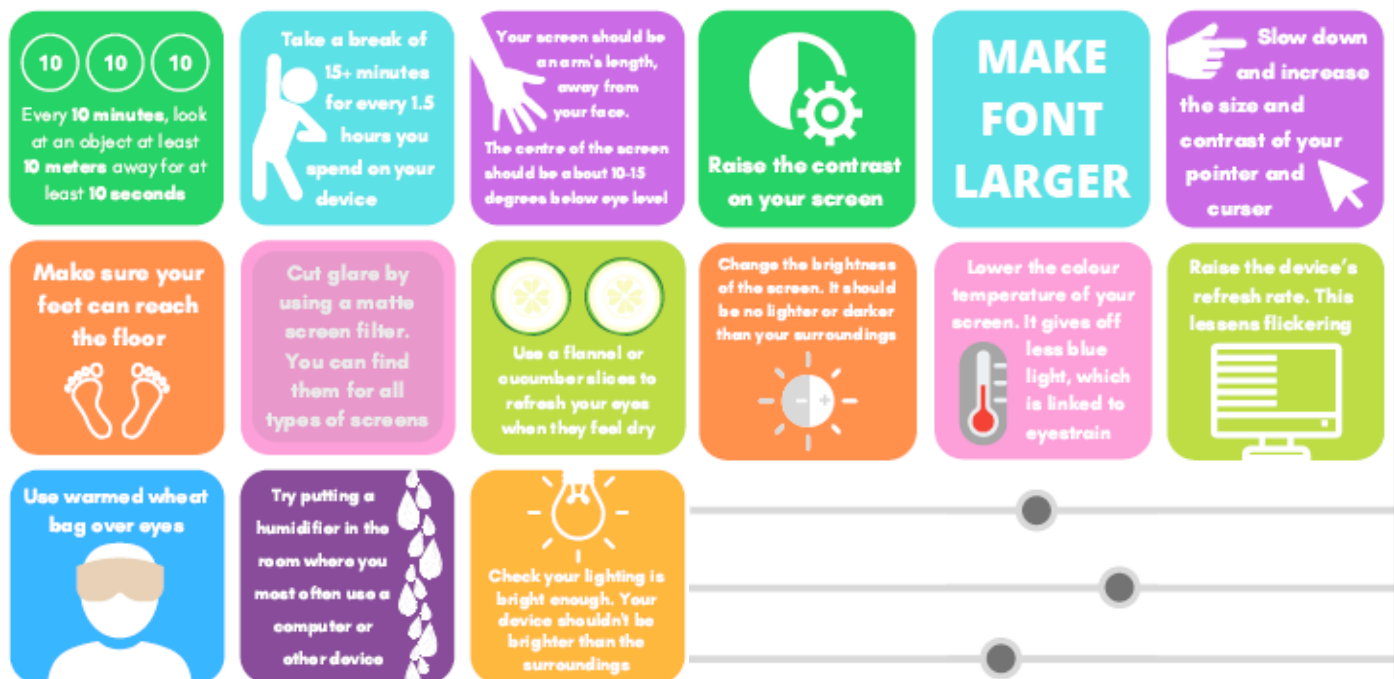
ONLINE SAFETY

We've been highlighting Internet Safety this week and we didn't want to leave out parents working from home. Here are some ways to take care of your eyes, body and mind when working on screens all day!

10 Minute Screen Breaks 10 Minute Screen Breaks

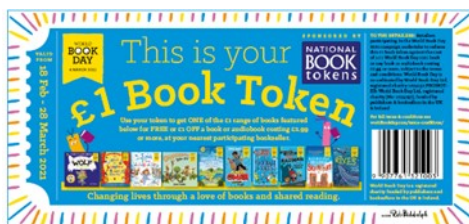


Screens and Seating Adjust Your Devices



More advice can be found by clicking [here](#).

NOTICES



World Book Day is on March 4th this year. We will be celebrating it at home and at school and will let you know more details when we return after half term.

The World Book Day £1 token is digital this year and we will be sending it to you as an attachment on Class Dojo; it is available to use from February 18th. If you want to use the token, either to

purchase one of the £1 World Book Day books or as £1 off of a book worth £2.99 or more, then some booksellers might be happy to accept it 'on screen' but we have been informed that Asda and Sainsbury's will not accept it 'on screen', neither, I'm afraid, can it be redeemed online. We hope you can print the voucher at home if you want to redeem it at one of these shops. Alternatively, other book sellers may accept the digital version.



Policy for Emergency School Closure

As we enter the period where the likelihood of extreme adverse weather increases, there is always the possibility that the school may need to close due to severe weather (eg snow or flood) or premises problems (eg loss of heating, loss of power).

It is therefore important that I remind you of the procedure for closing the school. I am not expecting this to happen and very much hope that we do not need to do so. A copy is also on the school website under the site safety section under Parents Information tab.

In the unlikely event of storm damage or bad weather (snow) forcing the school to close, the following procedure will be taken:

1 Closure before school begins (ie overnight or before 8am): Information will be broadcast on Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM and Heart FM. Our website will be updated as soon as possible. A text and Class Dojo message will also be sent out to all parents. In the case that pupils arrive at school, parents/carers will be informed as soon as possible and the pupil looked after until they are safely collected.

2 Closure during the school day: Messages will go out on local radio and on the school website. A text and Class Dojo message will also be sent out to all parents. Parents will be requested to collect their child as soon as possible. All pupils will be safely cared for until parent/carer can collect.

Thank you for your support with this. The safety and well-being of our students will be the first priority in all decisions on school closure.

Coronavirus reminders If your child develop any symptoms of Coronavirus (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste / smell), s/he **MUST NOT** come to school and school must be informed. Call 119 or get a test online at:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

High temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).

A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you believe that your child is well enough to attend school and they have only symptoms of a 'common cold' such as: runny nose, sore throat or a mild cough they are permitted to attend.