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Heytesbury C of E Primary School Newsletter

26th March 2021



Dear Parents,

As promised, here are some photos from last week's 'Superhero Dress Up' for Comic Relief. Don't the children look great!



As you know, the children also had the opportunity to dress up or wear their own clothes this week as part of our mental health awareness within the PSHE curriculum. I always think it is very interesting how clothes and accessories can reflect how one is feeling.

Since the children returned to school on 8th March, the staff have been busy assessing where each child is in regards to their learning, especially in English and Maths. The next step is for us to adapt our planning for term 5 to enable us, and the children, to close the learning gaps created by the lockdowns. We will hold parent consultation meetings in term 5 – date to be confirmed.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Godfrey & Team

“Working together so all may flourish”

Our Worship Theme: Friendship

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3 v13

LUNCH Week beginning 19th April

Ordering is now open on Wisepay for next term. Please place your order by Wednesday 31st March for meals the first week back to school after the Easter break. Packed lunches can also now be paid for on Wisepay but please email Mrs Burnard with choice of sandwich fillings. fb@heytesbury.wilts.sch.uk

This week's achievements

Maths Passports:

North America : Canada – Barney

Australasia : New Zealand – Talia,
Colby

Asia : China – Tallulah

Africa : South Africa – Jemima W

EMERALD

Dylan

RUBY

Evalyn

Tallulah

DIAMOND

Kaleb

DIAMOND = SOLVING PROBLEMS

SAPPHIRE = KEEPING FOCUS MONSTER DISTRACTION

EMERALD = RESILIENCE/PERSEVERANCE

RUBY = SUPPORTING OTHERS

Staffing News

This week, we welcomed Mrs Lauren Bird to the staff team. Mrs Bird will be supporting teaching and learning in Badgers Class.

End of term 4

Don't forget – term finishes on Thursday next week.

Term 5 begins on Monday, 19th April.

LEARNING CORNER

Badgers:

In RE, our key question this term has been 'What would Jesus do?' This week, we focused on Jesus' message of forgiveness and how he taught this in many ways, including through the parable of the Prodigal Son. We discussed how important it is to forgive and why this is one of our core values.

We continue to do weekly spellings - our lesson and test are now on a Friday. There are a lot of ways that you can help to practise spellings, including through using Spelling Frame. Ask your child how to play noughts and crosses - the spelling version.

In science, we continued to learn about air resistance and its effect on falling objects. Last week we dropped two plastic tubs the same size and shape from the climbing frame - one empty, the other filled with stones. This week we dropped two pieces of paper from the same height, one crumpled, the other flat.

Foxes:

On Wednesday this week, Foxes spent the afternoon with Mr Widger from Kingdown school to start a mini sports leaders programme. This programme will take around 5 – 6 hours and will enable the children to build their own leadership skills. The course is a mini version of the conference that our year 5/6 sports ambassadors do each September.

Also this week, Foxes have been writing our own version of the story 'Ug, Boy Genius of the Stone Age'. The children have been working hard on writing quality sentences including strong vocabulary and a range of conjunctions. Year 3 have even worked hard to include correctly punctuated speech.

During maths, the year 3s have been linking multiplication and division with finding fractions of amounts while year 2 have been understanding that to find halves and quarters we divide something in 2 or 4 equal groups.

Otters:

This week in Otters, we began to re-tell the story of Jack and the Jellybean stalk. We watched a video of some very cute cows. This helped us say and write sentences about how devastated Jack felt when he had to sell Daisy the cow. Then we generated a word bank to describe the taste and look of the sweets in the sweet shop. We will use this vocabulary in our retelling/writing next week. In Maths, EYFS children enjoyed identifying coins in the fruit cafe and memory game. The year 1 children, learned to place numbers on number lines using the vocabulary more and less. In geography we compared places in the Amazon rain forest to places we know in the United Kingdom and Wiltshire.

Otters "Dress to express" day is on Wednesday 31st of March.

As part of our Mental Wellbeing (PSHE) this term, we have been talking about self-expression. On Wednesday 31st March, our lesson is called: 'Dress to express.' We would like Otters' class to choose their own clothes to wear, rather than school uniform. They could wear their favourite clothes or clothes that make them feel happy or relaxed. or clothes that tell us something about them. This isn't a 'mufti day' so you don't need to bring any money in.

Please send the pictures of your build to either me or Miss Allman at:

vhg@kingdown.wilts.sch.uk

ema@kingdown.wilts.sch.uk

Our next Lego challenge for term 4 is ...

Science Week – Machines and gadgets!

I am thinking of really technical bits and bobs! It could be a real gadget or machine or something you would like to have in the future!

‘A machine to do your homework or tidy your bedroom!’

If you do not have much Lego – a simple gadget would be great.

If you are feeling super enthusiastic – a complicated machine or a scene where you might use it would be amazing!

Perhaps you have no Lego at all - draw or create on the computer a design for your new gadget or machine. Tell us all about what you have made and why you have chosen that design.

We will judge your builds looking at the following categories:

- the most original idea,
- the greatest skills,
- the most attractive model
- the most inventive ideas

We will send the winners a certificate by email to the Primaries or a certificate via tutor to Kingdown students.

You have until **Thursday 1st April 2021** to send us your pictures for this build.

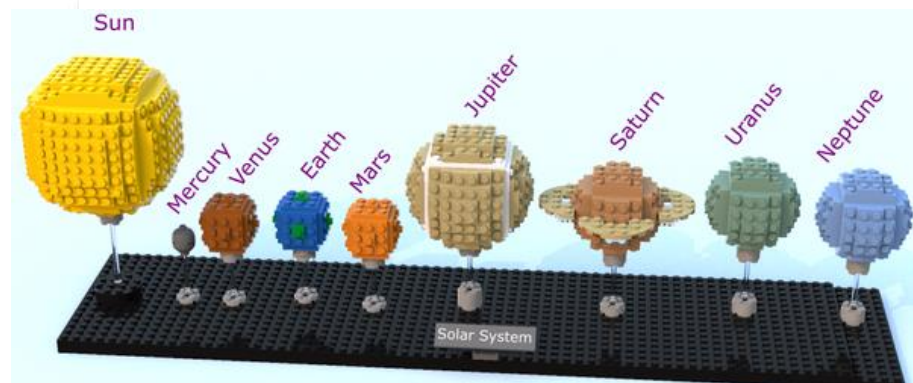
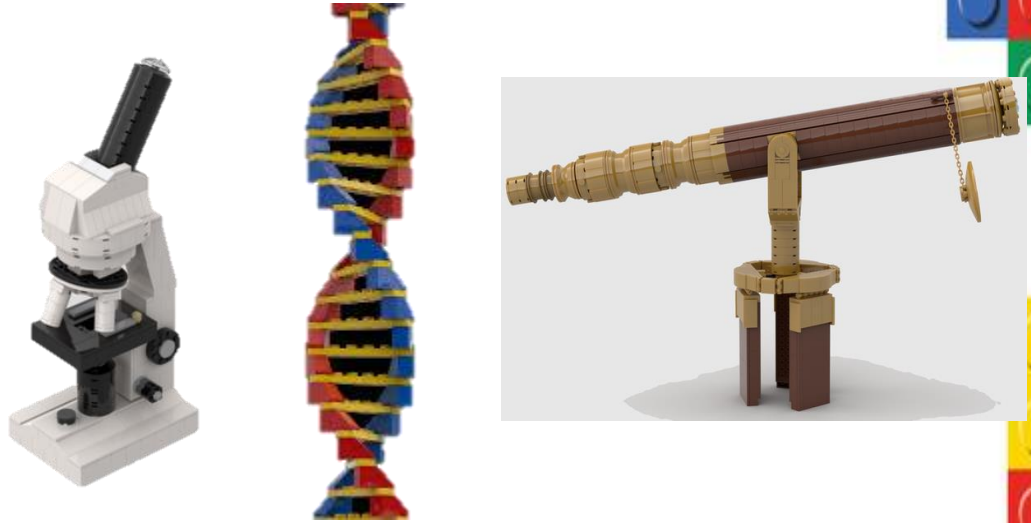
Good luck and good building!

Take care,

Mrs Griffiths and Miss Allman.

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Science week



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