

Reminder: **HANDS, FACE, SPACE**

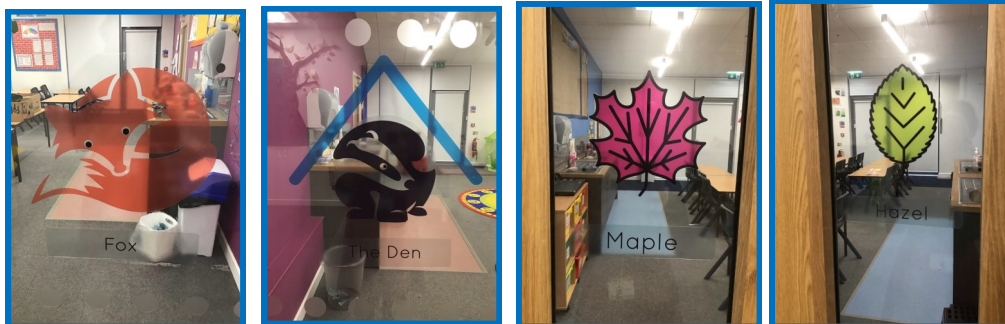
22nd January 2021

## News from the Deputy Head's Desk

We have made it through the third week of lockdown. Well done to all the great work everyone has been doing, not just with the remote learning but also adapting to new routines and ways of life in the family home.

It has been lovely seeing what the children have been doing this week. Reception have been focusing on Gill Murphy's book *Peace at Last* and have been set challenges such as baking biscuit bears, looking at nocturnal animals and making their own instruments to keep daddy bear awake—hopefully the children didn't keep their mummies and daddys awake with their instruments! Year 1 have started their Traditional Tales topic looking at a range of stories this week and have sent in some lovely videos of the children practising their phonics. Year 2 have been looking at maps of the world as part of their Ocean Meets Sky topic and have continued being involved in the Big Garden Birdwatch, putting bird feeders and bird huts up in their gardens for the birds. Year 3 have been looking at magnetic forces in science and practising multiplying and dividing by 3 and 4. Year 4 have been reaching high as they started their Magnificent Mountains topic this week and have enjoyed their weekly live quiz on a Friday and Year 5 have also started their space topic and have been looking at the solar system in science. It has been lovely seeing how busy and creative everyone has been in school and at home. The staff are working continuously hard to create a blended curriculum for everyone to access and we are looking forward to setting up more live lessons throughout the week.

It has been exciting in school this week as we had the new door graphics for each classroom installed. Thank you to Lawrence who did a fantastic job designing each classroom's symbols. Have a look below at some of the designs:



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

*It'll turn out alright in the end, you'll see—Mrs Potts*

*Beauty and the Beast*



Mrs Abernethy

## Safeguarding Corner

### TikTok Strengthening Privacy

On 13th Jan TikTok announced they would be making additional improvements to the app, specifically for younger users. All users who have registered as aged between 13-15 will now have their accounts set to 'private' by default, allowing children to make an informed choice about who they are sharing with. This is a good decision by TikTok, but fundamentally relies on the user indicating their correct date of birth at sign-up. As we all know, there are many users below the age of 13 that are using TikTok and all of these will have had to lie about their age in order to create an account, so whilst it is a step in the right direction, and certainly better than all the other popular apps out there, it still isn't enough. The link below gives you as a parent further information to support your children. Remember social media has strict age restrictions and we should be ensuring that all primary age children follow this and do not use social media sites that are too old for them.

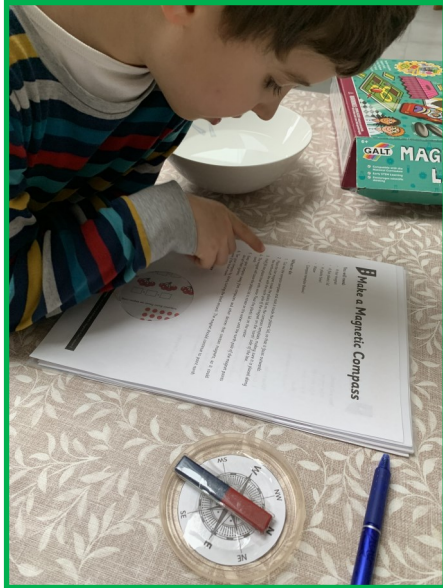
<https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/strengthening-privacy-and-safety-for-youth>



## News from Hazel

In Hazel class this week we have been looking at magnetic forces.

We have investigated objects around the house to find out which are magnetic and which are not. We then investigated different types of magnets to find out which were the strongest, before making our very own compasses!



## News from Maple

Maple class have been absolutely super learners this week (as they are every week!)

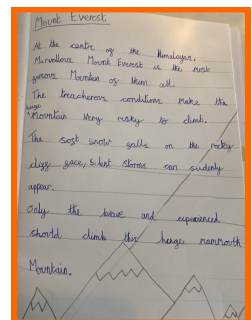
They have discovered how mountains are made, inspiring many children making their own models or drawings.

Attached is a wonderful example from Hrithik. They have been inspired by the dizzying heights of Mount Everest to write their own descriptions and they have become scientists, finding out what happens when solids melt.



Many children taking their own learning deeper by using thermometers to discover different melting points of materials, and finding a perfect excuse to eat chocolate! On top of this they have created some amazing animations on purple mash using the 2animate programme.

What a busy week.

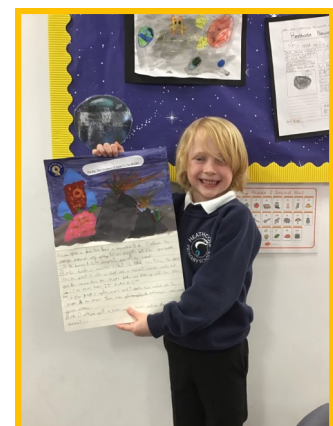
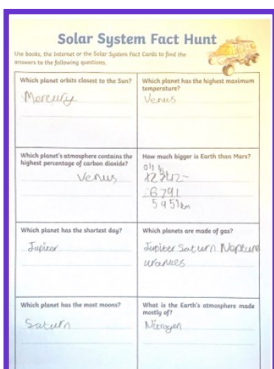
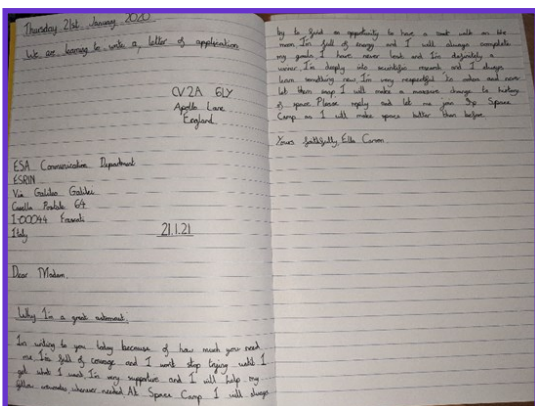
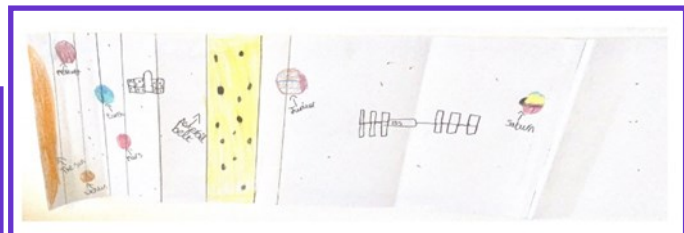


## News from Cherry

I have been so impressed with the work that Cherry Class have sent in over the last week and it's been great seeing more of you on our Teams meetings. A big thank you to all the parents for the help and support you have been giving your children.

This week Cherry Class have been developing their knowledge of our topic 'Space'. The children have been reading about the moon landing in 1969, researching the incredible achievements of Tim Peake on his International Space Station mission and writing applications to become an astronaut with the European Space Agency! The children have been expanding their knowledge of our universe by creating pocket solar systems and completing quizzes about the planets.

I look forward to seeing the awesome learning you complete next week.



Well Done Dexter (Year 2), who wrote a lovely story about a boy who dreamed of going to space and painted a lovely illustration. It is lovely to see how you felt inspired to write your own story.

# SKILLS & MORE AFTER SCHOOL ONLINE ACTIVITY CAMPS



**Are you the parent of a child in primary school who is missing seeing their friends and having fun during lockdown at the end of the school day?**

**Or are you a parent who needs your child(ren) entertained for an hour while you are still working?**

**If yes, we would like to welcome you to our  
NEW Online After School Activity Camps!**

**Designed for primary aged children the camps take place 4-5pm Monday to Friday.**

**Led by our professionally qualified team  
activities include:  
Games! Quizzes! Singing! Sport!**

**Please visit [www.skillsandmore.co.uk](http://www.skillsandmore.co.uk) for more details and to book online.**

**Or contact Neil for more information on:**

**Email [neil@careerseeksdirect.co.uk](mailto:neil@careerseeksdirect.co.uk) Tel: 07510 450148**

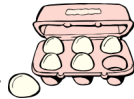
*"I had so much fun!" - James age 9*

*"It was fantastic, my daughter really enjoyed herself, lots of fun and definitely relieved the boredom of lockdown!" - Emma. Mum of Summer age 10*

### Brunswick Hub—Food Bank



We are having a big push to remind people we offer a chilled food bank service at the Hub for £5 to families who are in need. Families are provided with a loaf of bread, 4pts milk, eggs, butter, cheese, ham, frozen chicken and frozen mince (we will cater for faith or dietary needs). They can self-refer if they are struggling or professionals can refer (the family need to live in the Leamington area). We can also provide Food bank vouchers or organise collection of Co-op veg bags. The veg bags come at a cost £3.50 for a small bag and £5 large (this is open to everyone as are food bank vouchers). Please contact Sally on the details below:



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### Warwickshire Families—Magazine issue Jan/Feb 2021

Please see the link below for the digital copy of Warwickshire

Families Magazine.

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familieswarwickshirejanfeb21?fr=sOWY5YjI2ODA1ODQ>

### Academic Year 2020.2021

*These dates may be subject to change if necessary, changes are made in **red and bold***

#### 2021

15th—19th February	Half Term Holiday
1st April	Last Day of Term
2nd April—16th April	Easter Holidays
3rd May	Bank Holiday
31st May—4th June	Half Term Holiday
7th June	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
18th June	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
21st July	End of Term

The School Calendar is also available to view on the School Website.



### **Parents' Bubble**

**Well done to all our wonderful Heathcote families for surviving another week of Home Schooling! We hope you have had some fun along the way and all learnt something new together. Remember we are always here for you all.**

#### **This week's top tips:**

**More great old fashioned fun (off screen) for all the family.**

#### **Heathcote Families' Indoor Den building challenge!**

Dreary weekend weather ahead? Need some peace and quiet for an hour or two? Want to prise your young ones away from devices?

We challenge you to build an indoor den? We would love to see your photos. Please send them to your child's class teacher for us all to share.

