




Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,


We have made it to the end of the half term; everyone here is bursting with pride due to the hard work and efforts of all our children at school and at home. All the staff at school recognise the trials and tribulations that those of you who are managing the remote learning at home are going through and we applaud you. You have shown great strength and tenacity and have done all you can to care and teach your children during the most challenging of times and with very little support (or adult company).

Please try hard to remove all thoughts of home learning from your heads for the next few days and try to relax and refresh as much as you can. There is NO holiday home work – not even reading, unless your children want to read of course.

On our website there are a variety of ideas for activities that could be fun (and are no-screen activities) as well as some tips for well-being and mindfulness.

 [Pobble's 25 'off-screen' things to try at home](#)

 [Pobble's 25 MORE 'off-screen' things to try at home](#)

 [Pobble's 25 EVEN MORE 'off-screen' things to try at home](#)

These are purely recommendations that might help on a rainy (hopefully not) day. I am also attaching a 'Common Garden Birds Identity Sheet' that some of you may be interested in.

I hope that you can enjoy the spring festivals this week; Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and of course Pancake Day! If you are going to give up something for lent (I never do myself) – please don't give up something you really enjoy, try giving up something you don't like at all (I can't stand rice pudding) ~ that way you will be able to be successful!

The weather forecast says things are warming up a little (thank goodness) so hopefully you will all be able to enjoy some fresh air to clear the cobwebs away.

School staff always use some of the break from school for reflection and to recharge; if you have been working from home and teaching and parenting all at the same time, please try

to find a little reflection and recharging time for yourselves. I know it won't be easy but I really hope you can.



And please remember that you can contact me at any time during the break if you need help: head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk and I will reply as soon as I can.

I hope you are able to watch the whole school assembly on the website and that you can all be a little more this:



Chinese New Year 2021

The school smells amazing as hundreds of Spring Rolls are being prepared and cooked; and served with sweet chilli sauce. Delicious! I learned why they are called spring rolls this week; you probably already know, but it is because they are served at spring time!



Sophie celebrating at home!

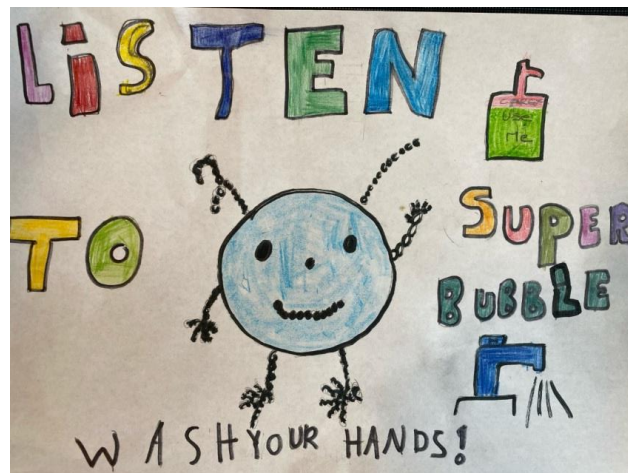




Handwashing Poster Competition

You will have seen all the amazing posters that were shared with you all at the beginning of the week; these have all been sent to local business in Wokingham and we have just been sent some photographs from Tesco in Wokingham of a wonderful display they have made of our children's work. They will be up for a while and after the break Tesco will be

presenting the school with some sweet treats for the children. Keep a look at for the posters on your walks; and if you can, please display your favourite in your own window. Alice Dimmock was the winner by one vote, as they were all so amazing. Well done Alice.



Work from home

All the staff at Walter continue to be amazed by the quality and quantity of work your children are producing at home; they are taking so much care over presentation and it is so clear how much they are learning.

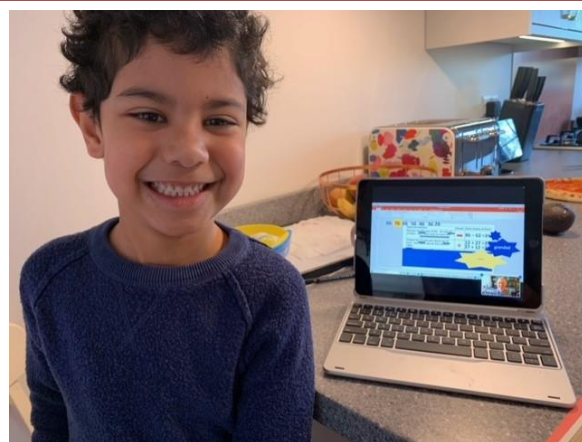


It has three heads. It blows fire. It is green.

Ivan has written all about a Russian Dragon with three heads all by himself!



Holly made an amazing presentation all about the life of Nelson Mandela; she was able to demonstrate incredible empathy and very good understanding. I loved watching the video.



Home Stars of the Week

Prajan in Robin: he has done so well with joining onto the Zoom catch-up calls each week and taking part in all of the fun activities. He has demonstrated a good level of confidence and resilience.

Ethan in Magpie: for his incredible dragon puppet, his great dancing on the Zoom call and for working so hard at home.

Irhaa in Woodpecker: for her wonderful illustrations, beautifully neat handwriting and accurate addition work, well done!

Noah in Dove: for his enthusiasm for home learning and for having the confidence to share his work on Zoom.

Chloe in Oak: for her super dance moves on our Zoom call and her beautiful handwriting when writing about Charlie Crow!

Aston in Beech: for excellent reading and fantastic cooking!

Dennis in Sycamore: for showing amazing development in his writing and bringing out the artist in him with his fantastic posters!

Noah in Pine: for his amazing maths work and his very informative Nelson Mandela fact file!

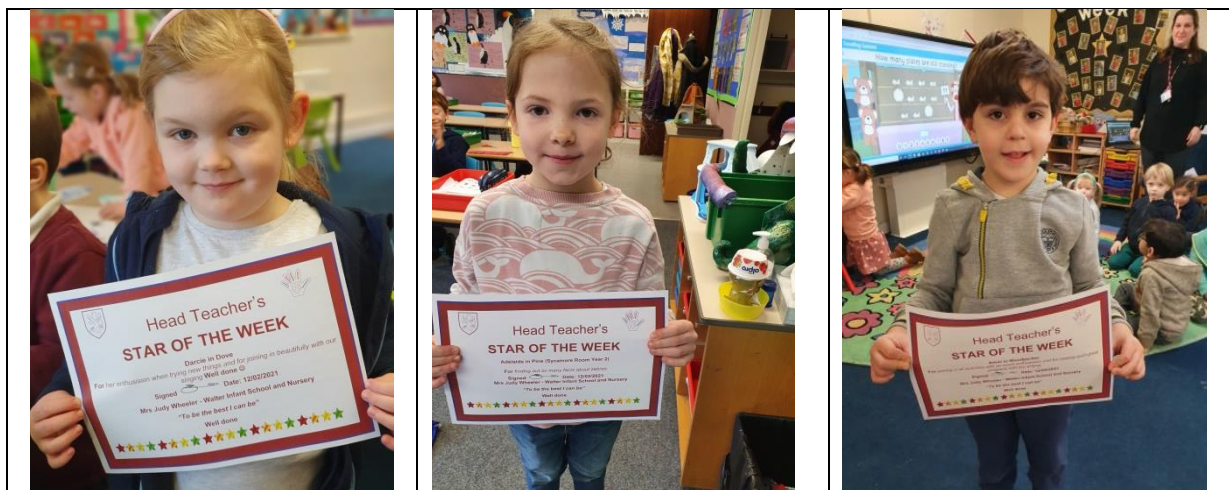
Rosie in Willow: for working really hard on her maths and English at home

Alex in Larch: for working extremely hard and producing amazing writing about winter and Charlie Crow.

Key Worker School Stars

These six wonderful children: Myla, Nathaniel, Bethany, Darcie, Adelaide and Artun have really impressed everyone with the enthusiasm and commitment to being the best they can be!





Parent Survey

Please complete the parent survey if you have not done so already; thank you so much for your support from those of you who have.

Primary Nature Live

Last week I sent a link about bird watching and feeding the birds: here are some further links including a common birds identification guide which some of you may find useful.

We hope that you have enjoyed our #PrimaryNatureLive lessons so far. We've been for a nature walk, learnt about birds and peeped deep into ponds! We still have two more exciting live lessons for you to take part in:

'Wild Skills – Shelters and traps!' – Thursday 11th February

[Download the resource](#) | [Link to YouTube](#)

'More things to do on a walk!' – Tuesday 23rd February

[Download the resource](#) | [Link to YouTube](#)

Recordings of previous live lessons can be found on our YouTube channel [here](#).

A gift from us.

We'd like to give you this free [bird identification guide](#) to say thanks for getting involved with #PrimaryNatureLive. How many can you find?

Don't forget to record your children singing for the video – check for emails from Miss Rose and Mrs Janes:

If you would like to be involved here is what we need you to do!

1. Listen to the recording of the original song here - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oah_Yf7ey1Q
2. Practise the song until you know it.

3. Practise singing it with the backing track which you can find on our YouTube Channel – <https://youtu.be/UBp8OrH-pm0>
4. Film yourself singing all or part of the song. You can either sing along to the backing track or if you prefer you can sing along to the original song, but if you choose this option you will need to have the backing track playing through headphones and just record your voice.
5. Email it to lauren.rose@walter.wokingham.sch.uk by Friday 12th February 2021.

Here are some Year 1 singers! They sang so beautifully they made me cry!



Please keep in touch with your teachers:

Robin: samantha.potter@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Dove: jessica.bennette@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Magpie: rebecca.prickett@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Woodpecker: fiona.prickett@walter.wokingham.sch.uk and
lisa.parfett@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Beech: lauren.rose@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Larch: lisa.palmer@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Oak: jasmine.veale@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Willow: heather.pimm@walter.wokingham.sch.uk or
mandy.mcdonough@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Sycamore: andrew.herlihey@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Pine: justin.lee@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

If your child is on our Special Needs register please contact Mrs Walker on
louise.walker@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

And finally....

Enjoy the break and keep safe and stay healthy!



Best wishes; keep safe and well.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher