



Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

We are planning for all our children to come back to school as soon as possible, but of course, this decision will be made by the government when it is considered safe enough for us all to be back together again. We recognise that being away from school for such a long time might make it harder for some children to return to school so we are purchasing, creating and collecting resources to support the children in developing their confidence, well-being and independence, especially with listening, speaking, language acquisition and discussion skills.

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 1-7 February 2021. This year's theme is 'Express Yourself'.

I hope you have been able to share this week's assembly: Try Not to Worry (which is on our website under the Home Learning Tab:

Assemblies to Watch at Home

You will also find lots of well-being resources on the website and we are sending further resources out today. Please find below some links:

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<https://e.tts-group.co.uk/4U16-GK22-4441FD9A3453057E40G5PK2020AFCA8CD11058/cr.aspx>

I am very excited to introduce you to our brand new Mood Bears!



Love Bear, Happy Bear, Nervous Bear, Sad Bear, Silly Bear and Hope Bear! They have already started working, following from our 'Try Not To Worry' assembly: here is our lovely Lochlan, getting to know Happy Bear and sharing his worries which helped them to go away!



I am sending some additional resources that have been made available for families where children are working from home centred around well-being; some of them are very useful. They are designed to help your children realise how wonderful they are, they can talk about their strengths and their ambitions, as well as worries or anxieties. If you have any concerns about your child's well-being, please get in touch. We will do anything we can to support you.

Our children were dancing away to the Wake Up song! I hope you were at home.

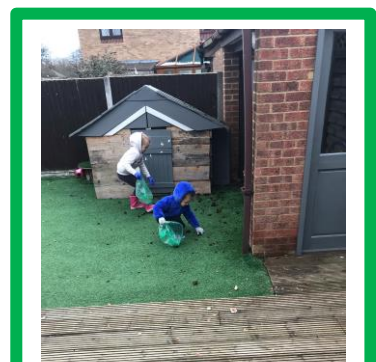
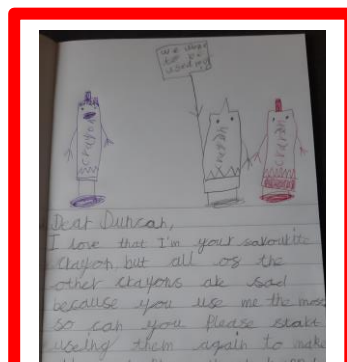
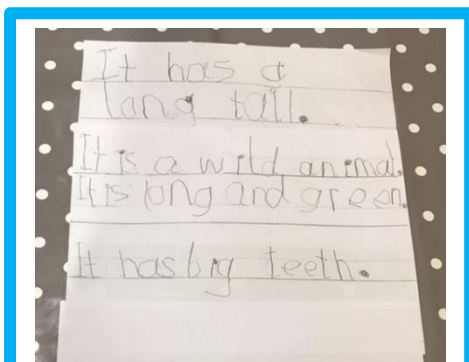


Here are some more of the beautiful resources to stimulate 'Oracy'; ensuring that all our children have a voice.



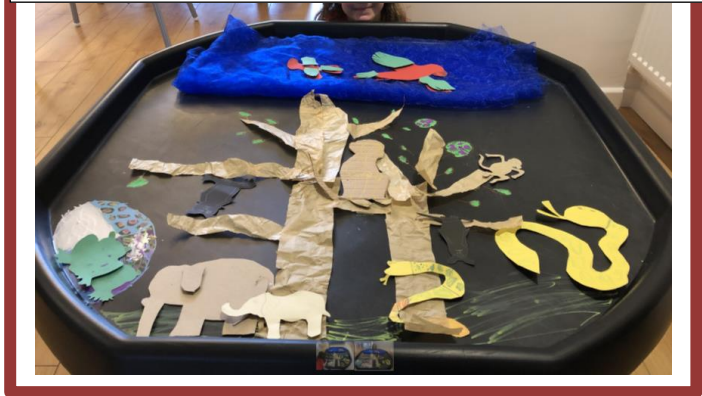
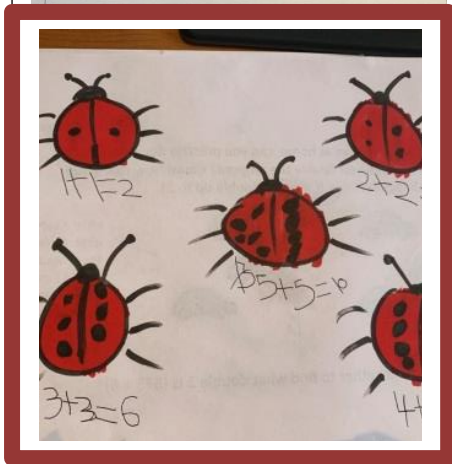
Work from home

The work coming in from home is amazing; the children are trying so hard and we love seeing what you have been doing. Thankyou also for sending in your Engagement Certificates, it is really good to know what you have been interested in I really LOVE seeing videos and Power Points!.



Dear Duncan,
 I'm Indigo crayon and QUIT! You don't use me very often. Why do you always use me for grapes? It's really boring. I can be so much more! I could be eggplants, night skies, blueberries, jackets, birds, flowers, butterflies, rainbows, and many more. Start using me for other things too! Until then, goodbye. I'm out of here.

Your 100% ~~per~~ bored friend,
 Indigo crayon



Hand Washing Poster Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered our poster competition; the staff are voting on their favourites and we will have the results on Monday. Look out for the winners and the runners up around school and in homes and local businesses.



They are all amazing!

Home Stars of the Week

Isobel Reid in Sycamore for her amazing writing of the Greedy Zebra and showing great addition skills using the bubble and partition method!

Daisy in Willow for writing an excellent opening to her version of The Greedy Zebra

Sachin in Pine for his beautiful handwriting

Arya in Beech for working so hard when writing at home; she has used her neatest writing, conjunctions and exclamation marks!

Sophie in Dove for having so much enthusiasm towards this week's topic; she shared a wonderful photograph of her amazing tuff spot tray.

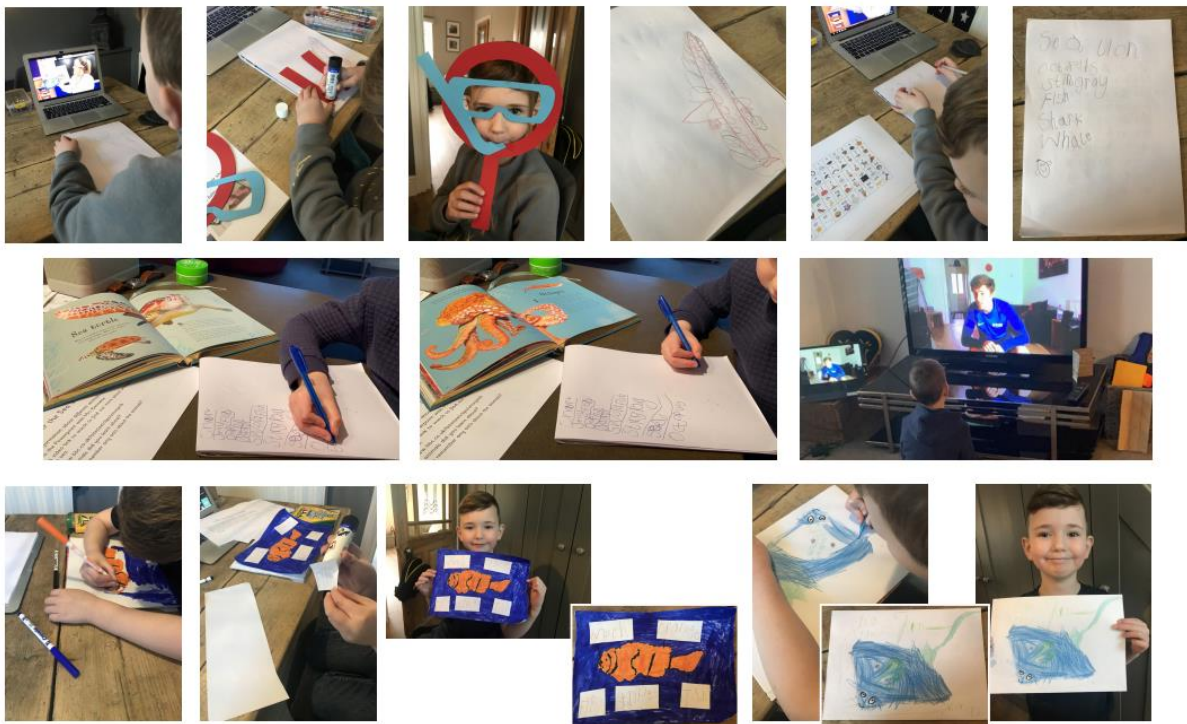
Charlie in Magpie is a star for his amazing hard work whilst learning at home; as well as showing resilience when learning to write.

Jasmine in Robin for participating so well each week in our Zoom catch-up calls as well as demonstrating increasing confidence.

Robyn in Oak for her amazing reading video!

Isla in Larch for writing her own amazing 'Super Sid' story; using exclamation sentences and publishing her work in her neatest handwriting. She also illustrated her work with the most amazing picture too!

Harvey in Woodpecker for all his hard work over the last few weeks; he has been very resilient and Mrs Prickett has loved seeing all his photographs.



Walter Reading Hub and Ebook Library

We are now able to see who has been reading at home; remember that the expectation is one book per week as well as other reading. But of course, please do read more, but don't just skim through. We can see how long you spend on each book! Some people spent 3 seconds and some 106 minutes!! You should have

received your log on details to access our Walter Reading Hub and Big Collins Ebook Library; if you have not, please let us know straight away and we will send it to you again or post a paper copy. Please visit the hub ~ it is wonderful! You will find it if you follow this link! <https://wisreading.weebly.com/>



Old land line phones, old tablets (no longer working) and old mobile phones

We would love donations of old land line phones, old tablets (no longer working) and old mobile phones to use in school as offices; these resources stimulate speaking and listening, social skills and develop communication. Children love to role play and recreate the world they see and hear around them. We have several office sets in school but we anticipate needing more resources in school for role play and imaginative play. If you have any of these items please bring them to school; we will place a box in the playground on dry days. Thank you in advance.



Internet Access or electronic Devices

If you do not have internet access or a screen that your child can use, please contact me immediately on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk as the Department for Education are not issuing laptops or ipads to Infant Schools!

If you can access 'Youtube' through your television, you will be able to watch all our videos, including our recorded lessons.

If you do not have printing facilities, please contact Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings on admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk or telephone on 01189780825.

Can you help us?

We would love some wooden stepping stones, discs, tree stump stools or even tables, rather like these!



Thank you so much for the kind offers we have received already 😊

Key Worker School Stars

These children have made us all so proud this week; they are all working exceptionally hard and making phenomenal progress. Well done.





Here is some of the writing produced in school!



We have also been having a rather good time playing and we hope you have all found time to play at home too!



Walter Lending Library

We have had some amazing games donated to us that are ready to lend out if you would like to borrow them; they have been quarantined for a week.



Our School Piano!

The school piano is very, very, very old; I think even older than me! It is broken and out of tune! Miss Rose can play the piano extremely well but not ours! We wondered if anyone would like to give it a new home (where it can be refurbished by a piano lover); or could fix it for us so that Miss Rose can play it in school.

Parent Survey

Please find below a link to the parent survey (from the governors).

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7kkUbV8v4kKKrpNPMDEeRyxhsvdYQhhBhr7QjbbQuAVURVM5SU5SUUhTM09UQUtWSDNPUJJCWIVISi4u>

They have politely requested that you complete the survey by Thursday 11th February 2021. Thank you.

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

Pine: justin.lee@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Sycamore: andrew.herlihey@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Willow: heather.pimm@walter.wokingham.sch.uk and
mandy.mcdonough@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....

Please make sure you are all looking after yourselves, especially your mental health and well-being. If we can do anything to help, please ask. Here is an example of one of the activities from a well-being activity attached to the flyer.



WORRIED

Activity

Let's talk about feeling worried...

1. When did you last feel worried?
2. When you are worried, what do you notice about your body? Think about what happens from your head to your toes.
3. What different things can help you when you are feeling worried?



Best wishes; keep safe and well.
Judy Wheeler
Headteacher

