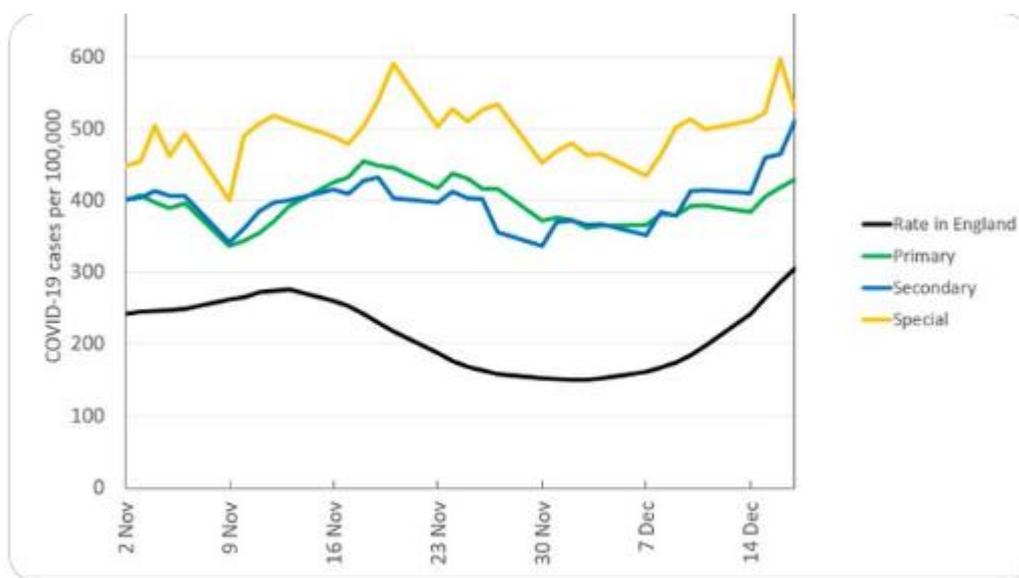




Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Today all the staff at Walter Infant School and Nursery have been given Covid-19 Self-Test Kits to use twice a week. You will be aware that all people working in schools are at much higher risk than many other groups of people:



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These tests will mean that we will be able to reduce the risk of anyone asymptomatic being in school and working with our children.

I am pleased to report that we have no cases of Covid 19 in our school community at the moment. Please remember to continue to follow all the government's expectations during lockdown so that we can all keep each other safe from harm.

Engagement

The teachers and other staff in school have been delighted to see all the amazing work that is being done at home and at school; our children are flourishing wherever they are learning.

Thank you so much for returning the engagement charts; the children's certificates will be winging their way over to you as soon as the teachers have seen all the work – there is a lot to look at. Thank you so much.

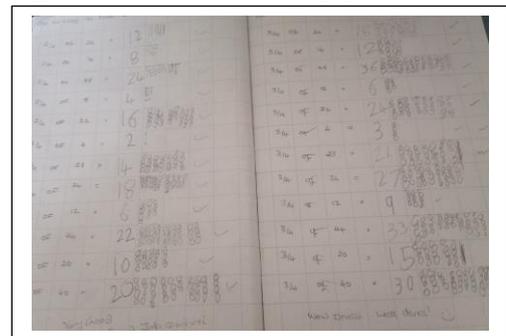
Please continue to complete the engagement charts and share them with your teachers; we will award certificates for good and improved engagement from home.

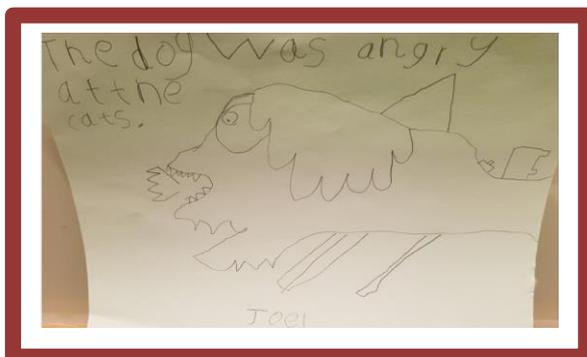
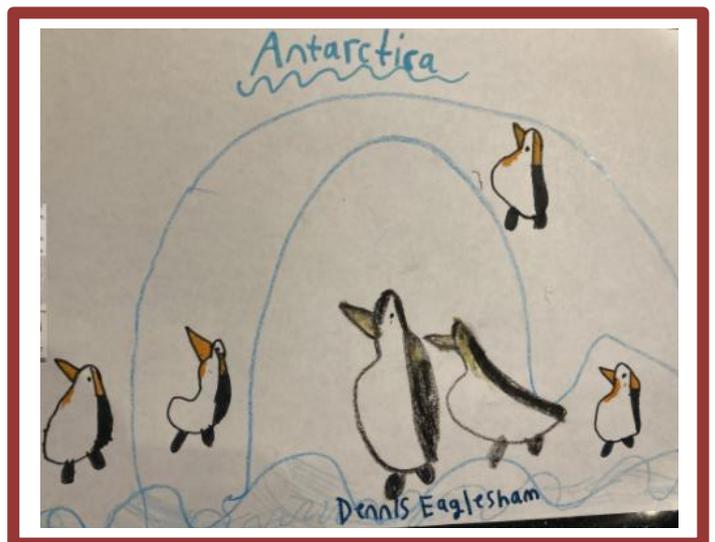
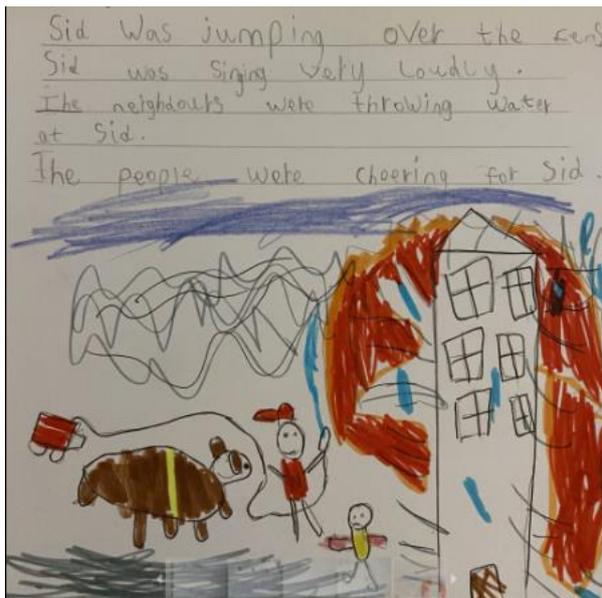
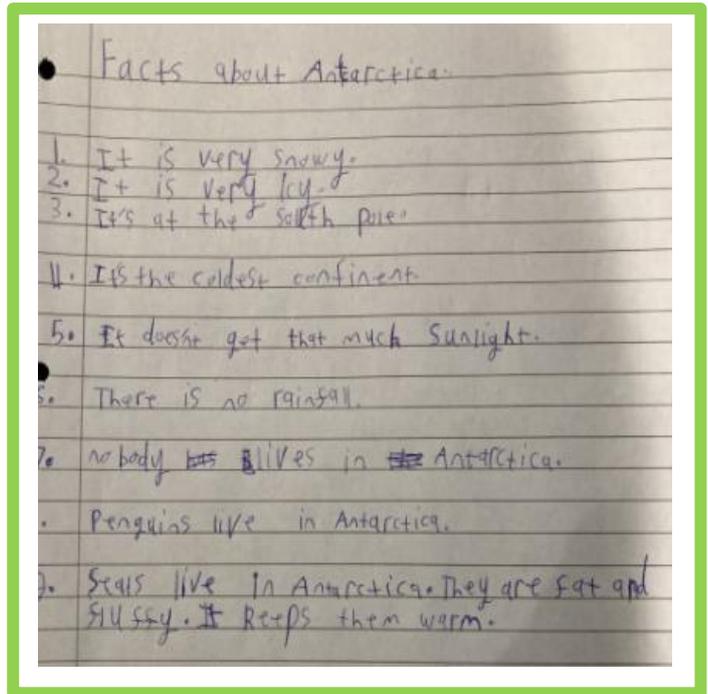
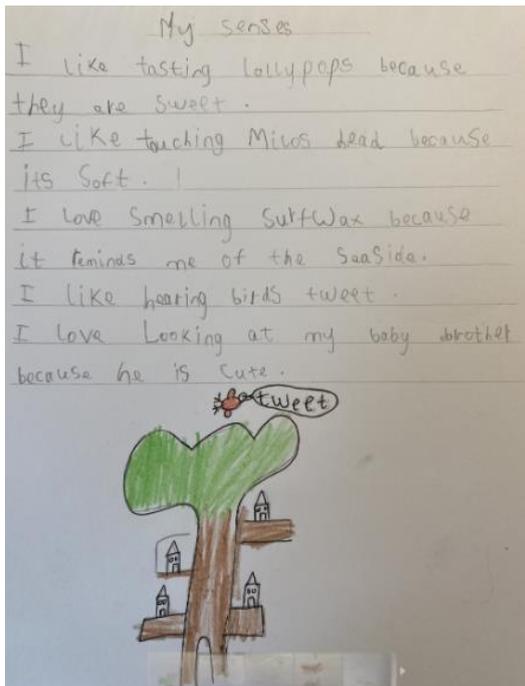


If we do not have contact with a child, either by Zoom or through engagement we will be making contact either by telephone or in person to check that everything is okay. This is part of our safeguarding duty; if you have not yet sent any work from home or contacted your child's class teacher, please do so. Thank you.

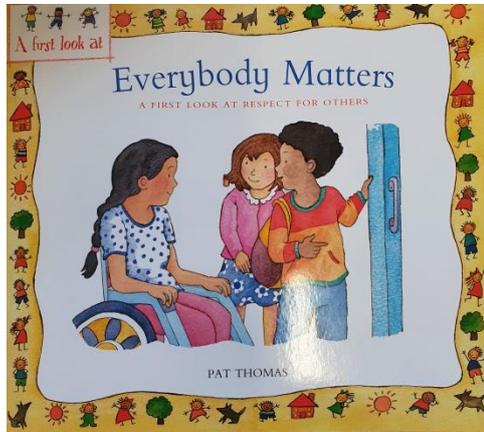
Work from home

This week we have seen some amazing work from home; some children have worked so hard each day and their teachers are delighted and immensely proud.





You will find a Friday Assembly about our school value of Respect on our website this week; Our children always show that they have a very good understanding of respect and they all behave in a very respectful way at school. Please share the assembly with your children at home: <https://youtu.be/F5svurd8UVo>



E-Safety

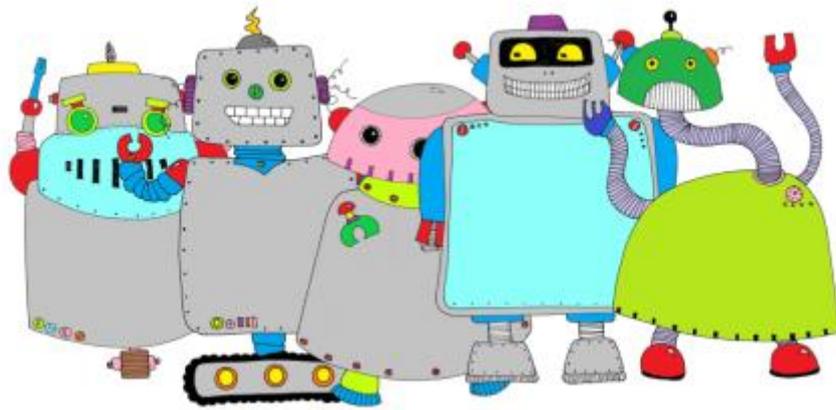
I am sure you will have heard of a number of incidents where live learning sessions have been hacked into or spoiled by the behaviour of some children and sadly that happened yesterday when Jack conducted his first live session for the children to participate in. A child from the junior school chose to use bad language and to behave in a way that is not suitable and because of the child's behaviour the live sessions will no longer be available, which is very disappointing for Jack and his colleagues. This is an issue that we have been aware of for some time and we now know that the live provision especially in primary school is reducing and more and more schools are doing as we are and most other schools and recording the teaching.

We have launched our new E-Safety Programme ROBOT! We have created this especially for infant children and we are very pleased to have produced a brilliant resource that is age appropriate for our very young children. There are five robot guardians, to take care of our children when they are using the internet: Ralph, Oscar, Betty, Olive and Ted, you can find all about them on our website. Olive made a cameo appearance in our assembly this morning!

The children will have a series of lessons to learn how to keep safe on the internet over the next few weeks; these will be available for school and home learning so please look out for them.

ROBOT

e-safety for 4 to 7 year olds



School Census

We have completed the School Census and we now have 39 different languages spoken in school which is amazing; our children are incredibly resourceful and can usually communicate so well. Speech and Language difficulties or delays are our biggest special education need in school; if you are worried about your child's speech, during lockdown, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Speaking and Listening and Social Skills

We have been ordering and making resources ready for when all our children are back in school; we recognise the importance of focusing on the children's social skills and their communication skills when they come back as they will have had significantly reduced contact with others: We have been making more wonderful story boxes to compliment the ones we already have and the incredibly talented Learning Support Assistants have been making the most incredible props to help the children remember elements of stories so that they can practise re-telling tales and using storybook language.



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.

Home Stars of the Week

Riley in Pine Class; for working so hard this week and for showing great resilience when practising his letter formations.

Alice in Sycamore: for her amazing work ethic and always producing wonderful pieces of work to send to me.

Tilly in Willow: for writing an excellent story using all four sentence types when writing up 'The Way Back Home'.

Spencer in Larch: for working extremely hard at home writing sentences with finger spaces AND for creating brilliant spoon puppets of Sid and Troll ~ Well done!

Charlie in Beech: for his amazing effort with his home learning. He has produced some fantastic writing with beautiful illustrations.

Flynn in Oak: for the amazing work he sent Miss Veale this week!

Frankie in Woodpecker: for his beautiful picture of a fish and his careful labelling.

Sophia in Magpie: For her amazing under the sea snorkel and for working so hard at home.

Sonny in Dove: For his amazing use of phonics in his writing and his dedication to home learning.

Key Worker School Stars

We have 6 super stars in school who have also been working extremely hard:





Walter Lending Library

We are concerned that some families may not have access to many board games and jigsaw puzzles during lockdown; if you would like to borrow games or puzzles, please contact the school office. Let us know your child's interests, for example literacy or maths games or puzzles and we will arrange for a collection from school. We do not have Disney, Marvel or any other commercial games. Most of our games are educational and from Orchard Toys. They are very good fun for all the family.



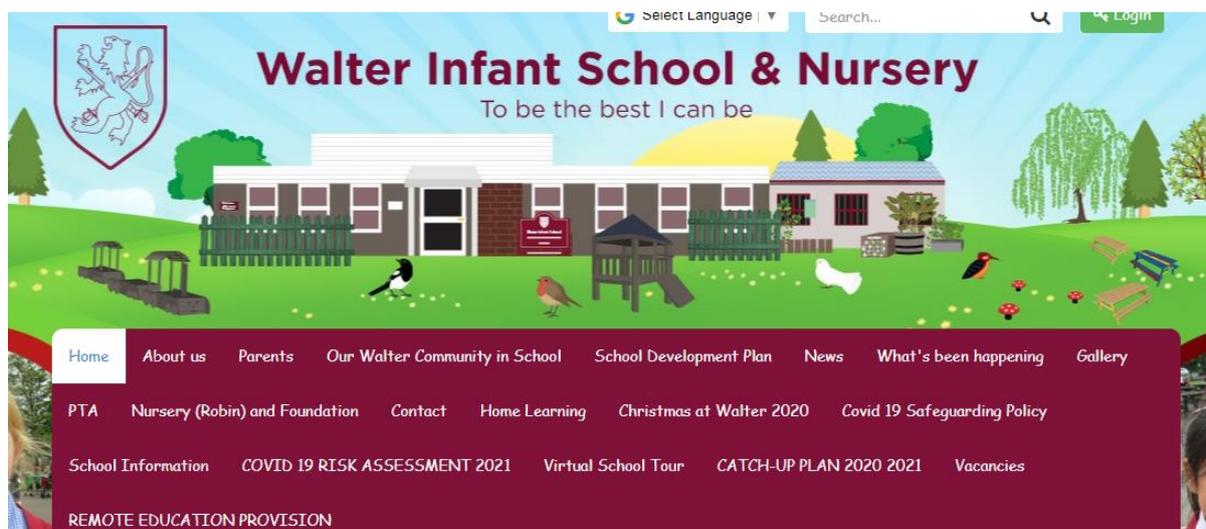
Our Ebook Library is almost ready to launch!!!!

Our teachers now have access to the Ebook Library and can now start to plan our guided reading sessions for home and school; next week you will receive a log in and password. Watch this space!



Remote Learning Provision

To access the home learning you need to visit our website:



<https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website> then click on the home learning link:

Home Learning

Then 'Home Learning Resources'

Home Learning Resources

Welcome to our Walter Home Learning page. We are constantly updating this area with lots of resources, activities and things to try at home so keep checking this area of the website. Please visit your child's year group page by following the relevant link to the left for more things. Also, remember to visit and sign up to our Walter Tube YouTube channel.

We have produced home learning packs for each year group. You will find lots of activities, resources, lesson videos and links for websites with activities to keep your children busy at home.

Click

 [Home Learning Packs, Videos and Links](#)

Then click on the work for your child's year group, for example:

Year One

 [English - Cat's Colours.pdf](#)

 [English - Week 1 Cat's Colours worksheets.pdf](#)

 [Maths - Number Lines.pdf](#)

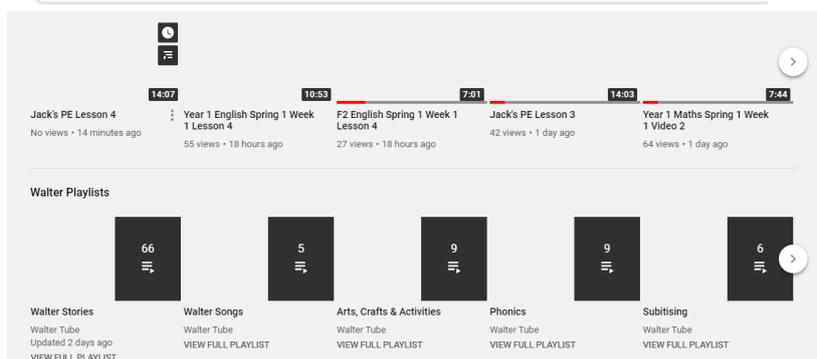
You will find all the recorded lessons for you to watch with your child and to learn alongside them: encourage your child to call out answers and responses to the questions and challenges posed. We will be updating our website daily.

 [Year 1 English Spring 1 Week 1 Lesson 1](#)

 [Year 1 English Spring 1 Week 1 Lesson 2](#)

If you cannot access the videos this way, try logging in via this link:

 [Walter Tube - Our YouTube Channel](#)



You will be able to access all our recorded sessions from stories to songs, daily PE lessons to do at home with Jack and all your Mathematics, English and Phonics Learning.

On our website you will also find a document called Remoted Education Provision:

[REMOTE EDUCATION PROVISION](#)

This tab will take you to a document that outlines how we will be delivering our remote learning for home schooling.

We are expected to offer 3 hours of learning each day for primary school children (therefore children up to the age of 11). Our youngest children in Robin, Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker learn through play and they play a lot; 80% of their learning in school is child initiated and 20% adult directed.

We recommend that the children in Foundation Stage 2 still play for most of the day but also watch a Literacy Development Lesson and follow the learning, a Mathematics Development lesson, some phonics, some reading and some PE. They could then play inside and outside exploring their own toys, access Education City or Purple Mash or watch some good quality television programmes. Jigsaws and board games are wonderful opportunities for learning, so are construction toys and of course role play.

Please keep in touch; if you need help let us know!



If you have a problem, big or small, we may be able to help: we can help with food vouchers for the Food Bank. We can help with warm clothes and bedding. We can 'sign post' you to get help for fuel bills, we can provide paper, pens, colouring pencils.

30 Hours Funding for Nursery age children

Mrs Janes has sent emails out to parents of Robin children who may be entitled to 30 hours of funding, this is the information: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

The 30 hours scheme is for 3 and 4 year olds from the term after the 3 year olds birthday i.e. if born Sept-Dec then January, Jan-Mar from April and April-August from September. It starts nationally from September.

To get the 30 hours both parents in a two parent household need to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours at minimum wage (this is based on money earned not working hours, so someone who earns double minimum wage and only works 8 hours would still get it). Income per parent cannot exceed £100,000 (£200,000 per household in a two parent household). If a parent is on temporary leave from their employment i.e. maternity, paternity, adoption or sick leave they will still qualify. Also where one parent is disabled or has caring responsibilities they will still qualify if the other parent is working (this does not apply to single parents).

Parents go on www.childcarechoices.gov.uk and go on the eligibility checker and input their details. If they qualify for the 30 hours they receive a reference number which they take to settings who offer the 30 hours. They then check the code and if they have spaces will offer the child the space. Every few months parents have to reconfirm their eligibility (if they do not they will revert to the 15 hours non means tested "free" hours). If a parent loses their job they will get a short grace period that in our area has yet to be confirmed. Currently however parents who get a code and have a place from Sept are guaranteed the place until end of Dec even if their circumstances change.

Pupil Premium Funding

If you experiencing financial hard ship please get in touch with us; we may be able to help. If you have had a change to your circumstances, your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding? If you contact Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in the office they will be able to send you a form to complete. If your family are eligible, we will be able to register you for the Free School Meals Voucher Scheme which is £15 per child.

You may be able to claim if you are in receipt of:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support

- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

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

Best wishes; keep safe and well.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher