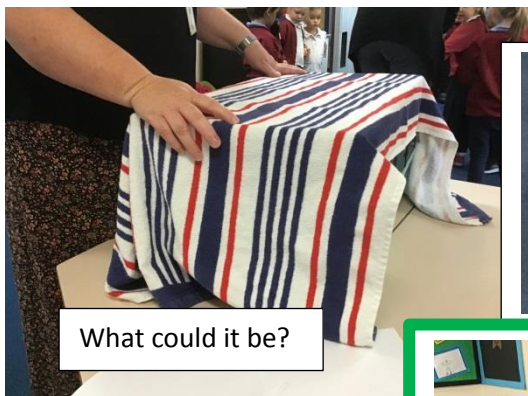




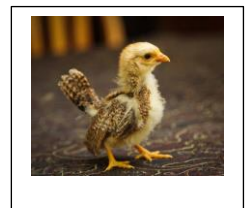
# Friday Flyer!

## Dear Walter Families,

This morning the sun is shining brightly and I can hear lots of laughter around the school; we all love Friday at Walter Infant School and Nursery (although it was better pre-covid when we had chips for lunch)! On Fridays we have our whole school assemblies, Star of the Week, we award our values badges and we have Friday Fun! Today there is even more happening than usual as we have had some special visitors! The Pink Ladies! Sandy, Frenchie and Rizzo! Mrs Lloyd has three new chicks who came to meet us; the children were so excited but so quiet as they knew loud behaviour would frighten the birds. I was so impressed by their calm curiosity and excellent questions.



What could it be?



The children have been learning all about the life cycle of a hen, how to take care of them and the story of The Little Red Hen, which they have learned off by heart along with the Makaton signs for telling the story. We are so proud of them.

## Attendance at School

I would like to congratulate everyone, children, parents and staff for excellent attendance at school! Today almost 97% of our children are in school which is brilliant and long may it last. To help maintain a healthy school may I please remind you of the following?

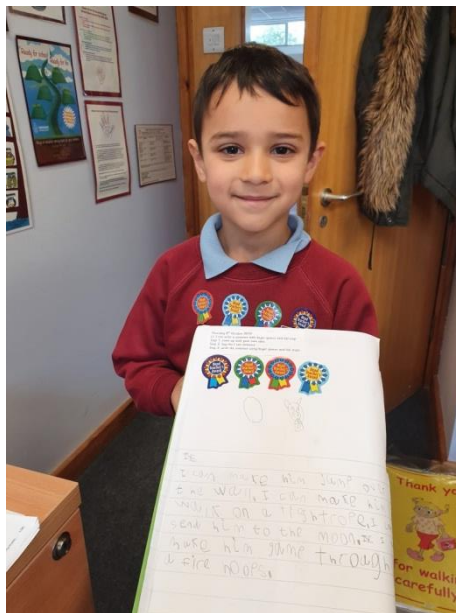
- Only one adult per family to enter the school site
- Please maintain a social distance from all adults and keep your children alongside you whilst you wait (outside and inside the school)
- We have noticed more and more adults wearing masks which we would like to encourage.

- Please do not send a poorly child to school, unless they have mild sniffs and snuffles which will be happening throughout the autumn and winter.
- We will continue to maintain significantly increased hand washing or hand sanitising during the day, as the weather gets colder I do recommend sending in gloves. A string through the sleeves of a coat can stop them getting lost!



### Another proud moment

Yesterday Taran came to show me his amazing writing; he had been able to write 4 perfect sentences about what he would make the wolf do. The progress he has made in 4 weeks is unbelievable and we are seeing these successes all the time.



Taran now holds the **world record** for the most number of head teacher awards ever given out to one child for one piece of work!

### The School Photographer

The School Photographer will be in on Friday to photograph the Foundation Stage children only; the photographer will set up in our nest and outside. We have scheduled for Year 1 and Year 2 children to have their school photographs in the spring term.

### Rainbows for Walter

We would like the children to come to school in their brightest colours as a fund raising event for school; we recommend a £1 per child donation and if every child was able to donate we would raise £300 to buy exciting toys for their classes. We have already bought the most wonderful things but as we have adapted our curriculum considerably to compensate for the long absence from school (or nursery) we have found that we need more interesting and challenging toys and games to develop curiosity, persistence and dexterity. We love colourful things in our classrooms so we thought a day full of colour would reflect the vibrant and beautiful environment within our school. The Rainbows for Walter Day will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



### Flu Immunisations

Our Year 2, Year 1 and Foundation Stage 2 children will have the Flu Immunisation in school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Below is the information from the NHS about flu vaccines for children.

- The children's flu vaccine is safe and effective. It's offered every year as a nasal spray to children to help protect them against flu.
- Flu is caused by a virus. It can be a very unpleasant illness for children. It can also lead to serious problems, such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
- Children spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people.
- Information:
- If you have any questions about vaccinations, you can:
- ask your GP surgery or other healthcare professionals for advice
- read more about why vaccination is safe and important

### Stars of the Week

Here are our wonderful stars! This week we are celebrating mathematicians and authors, as well as kind, honest and resilient members of our school as well as amazing artists.



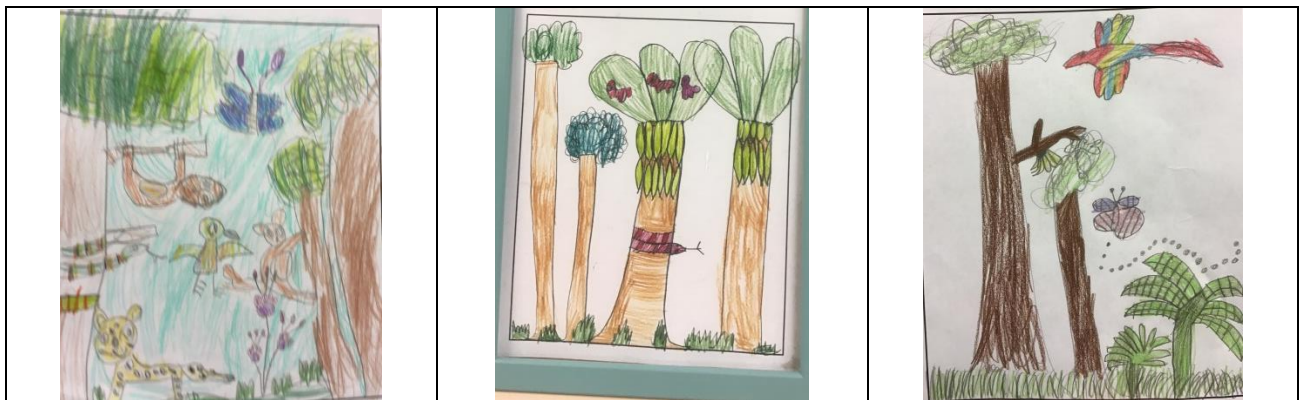


**What's been happening in school this week?**

A lot of amazing work has been happening in our school this week and not just from the children! The wooden spoon puppets were made by Mrs Wyatt and Miss Dutton, they are absolutely beautiful (our children love them).



These three pictures were drawn by some of the children in Willow Class, including Ellie who received a star of the week certificate for her incredibly beautiful and detailed sketch.





### **Keeping your children Safe in School**

Our children's Safety and well-being are paramount and ensuring that the children feel able to talk about the worries or their fears is very important. During our COVID 19 adaptations and changes, we can no longer have whole school assemblies. This morning, all children took part in assemblies about keeping and feeling safe in school, including how we keep them safe and who they can talk to. I have placed the power points on the school website under the parents tab Feeling and Keeping Safe. Our children were able to name many people who keep them safe, including the adults in school: "Our teachers keep us safe from harm" they were even able to articulate the changes in place due to the pandemic: "not mixing with the Year 2s" Almost all our children from 3 to 7 could talk about their feelings and emotions. They might be able to share their thoughts with you if you look at the assemblies together.

### **And finally....**

Have a wonderful weekend. Please contact me if you have any questions or queries.

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Keep well and keep safe.

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