

# Weekly Newsletter



12th February 2021

Not quite the start to the first half term of the New Year we all wanted, but a huge thank you to all our families, staff and pupils for giving their absolute all to our core focus: learning. Whether you are at home, school, or half-and-half, we are all so very proud of you.

## *Message from Mrs Hobley & Mrs Nicholls*

In Picasso this week, we have been finding out about Chinese New Year. We have learnt the story of The Great Race and found out that this year is the year of the ox. We have been following lots of instructions on how to make Chinese fruit fireworks, dragons and Chinese lanterns. We looked at the features of instructions and on Friday, wrote our own instructions explaining how to make a Chinese Lantern.



In maths, we have been measuring, in particular comparing the weight of two items.

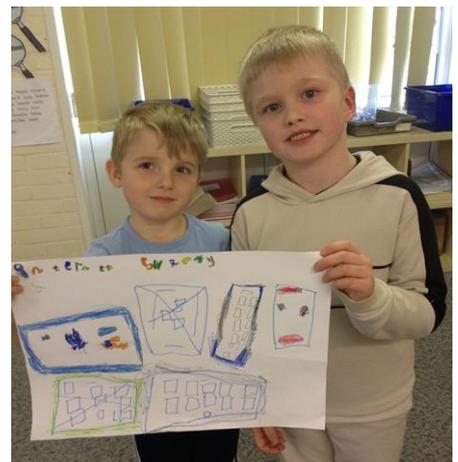
Those of us at home had a go at making our own balance scales!

As part of our Geography learning, we found out more about Chinese culture and what it would be like to go to school in China. Lots of the children thought the morning exercises looked fun and the food looked tasty but we decided we would still rather go to school in Earith!

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and we read the story of Digi-duck. We found out what we should do if we ever face a problem online and that the most important thing is to treat others online as we would in the real world.

What a fantastic half term we've had. We are extremely proud of all of the children and how they have embraced learning despite the challenges we have faced and with all the changes we have had to adapt to.

Have a great break, Picasso!



### *Message from Mrs Barber & Mrs Nicholls*

In Dali this week, we have been inspired by a news story, showing how wild animals are enjoying the freedom of a quieter world and are venturing into towns and cities. We looked at the images in the news report and then created our own scenes. Some of us took a series of photographs to show the whole story. We used the work we did on Monday on past tense when writing our own news reports. In maths we have used our knowledge of multiplication and division to reason and to solve problems with more than one answer. In music we listened to One Love by Bob Marley. We thought about the meaning of the lyrics: to put our differences aside and come together. We then looked at a book by Bob Marley's daughter showing how a community comes together to transform a shared area into a park for all to enjoy. We then responded to the song in our own way. Tuesday was safer internet day and we looked at adverts, some of us were really surprised how many adverts we saw in a two minute clip! In art, we produced beautiful prints and photographs inspired by artist Andy Goldsworthy, using natural objects such as pebbles, twigs, leaves, petals and seeds to create colourful repeating patterns!

We used clay and natural objects to decorate play faces.



### *Message from Mrs Lawrence*

This week, in English, we have been studying a new text: The Tale of the Three Brothers from Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. The class have been writing epic narrative poems (in the role of Death) using adjectives, simile, metaphor and personification. Some of the work produced has been outstanding! In maths, we have been learning how to find a percentage of a number and have continued battling it out on TTRockstars! Tuesday was Safer Internet Day, where we learnt all about 'Trust' and how we shouldn't always believe everything we see or hear online. In music, we have become composers and created our own drum rhythms, which we performed. And, in science, we have learnt all about Darwin's theory of evolution and became fossil detectives to identify the ancestors of living things.

Finally, on Monday afternoon, the class had a real treat! We were joined for a live lesson with the Young'uns- a popular folk band. They performed some sea shanties and told us about a great new project that the class would be taking part in. Over the next few months, Banksy Class will be learning all about the History of our local area and then, in June, the Young'uns will be helping us write and perform our very own folk song about Earith! All very exciting!

## The Slime Factory

I have been watching the girls in Banksy with intrigue this week as they were making their own slime! Without being asked, they decided to have a little tidy-up and organised the Art Bay in their own time, decorating the space in preparation for their very own Slime Factory! As a small token of our appreciation, for their creativity and ingenuity, we have bought them some resources to support their fun. Wonderful. Super independence.



## Home Testing Kits

We have now completed our second week of bi-weekly testing for staff at school. Thank you to all the staff going that extra mile in ensuring we are keeping ourselves and therefore our pupils and families as safe as we can. We are waiting to hear on our eligibility for the vaccination.

## Jamie's on a Quest!

Clearly inspired by some of his learning at home, and his moral compass, Jamie in Dali class has been inspired to tidy up the alleyway on his walk to school, which – I've been told – is full of rubbish! Jamie has borrowed some of the school's litter pickers to get the job done. The school is very proud of the active citizenship qualities you are showing, Jamie.

## Top Spell

**Spelling Shed** 

Wow, children! What fabulous efforts across school. Applying these newly-learnt spellings now needs to transfer to your writing to really turn it up a gear. Keep up the hard work. If you haven't logged into your account, please call for your password – you are missing out on all the fun!

## Other E-Learning

Have you read a book yet on Oxford Owl? What about Rapid Phonics? Mastered your times tables on TT Rockstars? How about your bonds on Numbots? Call if you need logins.



## Head Teacher Awards

The girls' last assembly will be added to the website shortly, as will three other videos, recorded remotely with class teachers to celebrate this half term's super learners. Please check them out.

# COMING SOON!!

Check out our gallery on the website for some miscellaneous fun



We know it's been really tough for parents and children working from home and home schooling, so we've put together a virtual half term camp with activities available online led by some of our fantastic staff!

We've also added some more free resources to our website with fun activities children can try on their own at home. Entertaining children and keeping them active in the school holidays is what we do, so we thought we'd help out this half term and make the holiday more enjoyable for kids and easier for parents.

Our timetable of events is below so you can easily add to your newsletters, website or social media platforms, plus we've included below the links needed to join the activities.

Here's a link to our free Virtual half term camp activities:

<https://www.barracudas.co.uk/locations-prices/virtual-half-term-camp/>

We do hope you all achieve some much-deserved family time this February half-term and in keeping with the theme of Valentine's...much love from all The Team!

Please see Sid The Cygnet on his website page

<https://www.earith.cambs.sch.uk/index.php/sid-the-cygnet>

And our weekly assembly

<https://earith.cambs.sch.uk/index.php/coronavirus/assemblies>

