

# Weekly Newsletter



22nd January 2021

Thank you, Parents. Your commitment to supporting your child's learning at home has been faultless.

## Spelling Shed

Please call the school to get your child's login passwords for Spelling Shed if you haven't already.

### Top Spelling Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Dali Year 3	11,026,954
2.	Dali Year 2	10,072,685
3.	Dali Year 1	8,517,876
4.	Banksy Year 4	4,138,312
5.	Banksy Year 5	3,490,510
6.	Banksy Year 6	3,485,684
7.	Picasso Year 1	3,247,644
8.	Dali Group Cool Spell	921,588
9.	Dali Group Cool 2	387,470
10.	Dali Group Cool	221,912

Rocking the leader board, Dali – well done.

There is a link to our groups league on the website

<https://www.earith.cambs.sch.uk/index.php/coronavirus/active-home-learning>

### Top Spellers

#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups	Score	Total Score
1.		Jaziah Hagler	Dali Year 3	4,802,236	21,826,314
2.		Wyatt Cicierega	Dali Year 1	4,453,754	6,763,534
3.		Charleston Lazlow	Dali Year 2	3,537,458	9,221,374
4.		Maxwell Delrose	Dali Year 3	3,048,214	12,426,158
5.		Lucian Bremerton	Banksy,Banksy Year 6	1,829,498	1,829,498

The burning question on everyone's lips this weekend...who are Earith's mystery top spellers on Spelling Shed? And what are their parents feeding them?

**EAT...SLEEP...SPELL...REPEAT!**

### Message from Mrs Nicholls & Mrs Hobley (Picasso)

In Picasso Class, we have completed our final week on The Magic Paintbrush. We acted out the story, sequenced pictures to show the main events and then drew a story map. Later in the week, we considered how we could make the story our own by changing the ending. There were some great ideas.

In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtractions, using different strategies to solve number problems.

In Science, we continued our work on materials by exploring their properties using vocabulary such as hard, soft, smooth, bendy, flexible, transparent and opaque.

In Music, we listened to a piece of music by a Chinese all girl group called 12 Girls Band who play traditional Chinese instruments. We thought about how the music made us feel.

In Art, we explored painting techniques and how to use a paintbrush to create different effects. We then looked closely at Chinese cherry blossom painting and created our own versions.

In Geography, we learnt more about China: where it is in the world, famous landmarks, culture and food. Some children had a go at writing Chinese numbers whilst others looked more closely at The Great Wall of China. There were some amazing facts shared.

### Message from Mrs Barber & Mrs Nicholls (Dali)

In Dali class this week, we have begun a new text called 'House Held Up By Trees'. We looked at the front cover and title page to see if we could work out what the book might be about and used this information to make predictions. In Science, we have started a unit of work on plants, which links nicely with this text. We had a little tour around Mrs Nicholls' garden where we identified evergreen and deciduous trees. We then used what we have already learnt about trees and leaves to create our own leaf spotter's guides – the standard of this work was impressive. In PSHCE, we listened to the story of Amazing Grace and answered questions about the story, looking at how Grace's Nana helped Grace to feel confident in herself. We thought about the people that encourage us to feel confident by the things they do and say. We have been very pleased with how confident we are becoming in speaking in front of each other in our Google Classroom live chats.

### Message from Mrs Lawrence

This week, in English, Banksy class have written a new scene for the book King Kong. The crew are currently searching for Ann, who has been taken by Kong, and are coming across all sorts of problems along the way. We invented our own problems, which included a giant caterpillar (Caterkiller!), a T-Rex, velociraptors and a dragon! We then wrote about how the crew solved their dilemma and the emotions they felt along the way. We have also produced our own holiday brochures to persuade tourists to visit Skull Mountain Island (I'm not sure I'd want to visit with all the dinosaurs roaming around!). In maths, we started the week focusing on multiplication and the class are becoming secure with their chosen method. We then moved onto looking at the properties of 3D shapes and their nets. In science, we have enjoyed learning about inheritance and how off-spring inherit characteristics from their parents. We had great fun pairing Mr Men and Little Misses together to invent their off-spring, using traits from each parent- the outcomes were fabulous! In RE, we have focused on Jesus and his stories of healing. We watched film clips and re-wrote one of the scenes as a play-script. I have set the task for the children to perform these with family members- I can't wait to see the outcomes! Another awesome week in school and at home with Banksy class!

## Drums & School Resources

- She's done it again! Not content with loaning out the recorders, then the ukuleles during the last Lockdown, Mrs Lawrence has decided it would be a good idea to up the ante this time and loan the school's supply of Djembe drums to enable Banksy to practise at home. I do hope your child adheres to your imposed, 'timetabled' slot for this – I'm currently having visions of you all taking strategic, work-related Zoom calls, whilst the walls are reverberating in the house with the enchanting beats of the drum, and you...simultaneously cursing the school! Apologies in advance if this vision plays out!

In all seriousness, if there is a school resource, no matter how big or small, that any of you need that would benefit your child, please just ask. We will accommodate most requests!

## Laptops

It really is times like these that bring out the best in communities. Thank you to Dr Storr (Swiftswing, The PC Doctor in Earith) who reached out to me last week. Dr Storr is committing his time and money into upgrading laptops for the school, as they become available, in order to keep our children learning at home. Thank you, Raf. On behalf of the school, the community and our ICT Department (Sue in the Office!) – we feel lucky to have found you.

If you need a laptop, please call the school and we will try our best to source one for you. This also applies if you have more than one child who is currently having to share.

See our Virtual Home & School Learners of the Week awards in our weekly assembly, brought to you in close collaboration with two of our fabulous Banksy pupils:

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

Please see Sid The Cygnet on his website page

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

