

# Woodhouse Primary School

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## Important Information

Last week provided further challenges for all and resulted in the school, very unusually, being closed to all pupils and staff on Friday due to the icy conditions and freezing temperatures. Many children accessed remote learning and we are hoping for a more settled time this week.



The Local Authority and Public Health continue to support schools across the borough and the latest message is that during a national lockdown, schools cannot accommodate an unlimited number of pupils whilst adhering to the control measures in place. We currently have a significant number of children attending school and if the demand continues to increase, we may have to limit the number of children who can attend by prioritising places to vulnerable children and children of those with specified critical worker roles. The message from Public Health remains very clear – where possible, children of critical workers should learn remotely.

## Reading at Woodhouse

As previously communicated, your child continuing to access quality literature is a pivotal part of their early education and many websites and companies are making resources available during this latest lockdown. The most recent of these is the Oak Academy who are featuring a famous children's author each week and making one of their best-selling books available online for free. The first of these is the world-famous author Jacqueline Wilson whose outstanding book 'The Story of Tracey Beaker' is accessible using the following link: <https://library.thenational.academy/> Happy reading!



## Water Bottles

These are available to purchase via the school shop on Schoolmoney. Please do not send cash into school.



## Roger Davies

Local artist Roger Davies is making some of his artwork available for children to print and colour in themselves. This is one of his designs. Further pictures will be available weekly on the school website.



## Emailing

When e-mailing school regarding your child, please remember to include your child's full name and class. Thank you.



### Home/School Learning 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

YR - This week in Reception we have learnt the 'oi' sound as in join and the 'ow' sound as in down. We have been learning how to form the letter n using the letter formation rhyme to match. We have been busy practising writing captions. In maths we have been weighing different objects using the balance scales. We have also enjoyed finding out all about the Arctic. During our Teams meetings this week, we enjoyed sharing 'Aliens love Underpants' and designed our own pair of pants.

Y1 - Year 1 have been reading the story 'Where the Wild Things' are by Maurice Sendak. Both children at home and in school have created their own monsters inspired by the Wild Things and written fact files. We have loved finding out about the different powers and names of everyone's monsters. In Science, we have been learning about mammals and birds. The children have been experts at explaining the key differences between these 2 groups of animals.

Y2 - We started our new Maths topic all about multiplication and learnt how to share amounts into equal groups before adding them together to find the total. We have also been learning about St Lucia. We learnt all about what the locals like to wear and eat. As part of our research, we had to describe the items of clothing and the different foods.

Y3 - Whether at home or in school, Year 3 have been identifying descriptive language features used in 'The Black Hat' by Maia Walscak. They retold the story in their own words. In Maths, the children have been working on their 3 and 4 times tables. In Geography, the children have had the opportunity to name and sort the human and physical features seen in Brighthouse.

Y4 - we have been working hard at home and in school. We have started reading our new English text 'Friend or Foe' and have been thinking about what it might have felt like to be an evacuee during the war. We have also been writing setting descriptions about what it might have been like in Devon and London during WW2. In Maths, we have been working hard on bus stop division. We have also been drawing self-portraits using a variety of techniques and in Science, we have been classifying animals into invertebrates and vertebrates.

Y5 - We have started our new English topic which is centred around the mythical story Beowulf. The pupils have been reading the first chapter of the book and learning about the monster, Grendel, and have been describing this creature using specific vocabulary. Mr Bale and Miss Wilson have collaborated their ideas to create a descriptive paragraph which the pupils will also be completing later this week.

Y6 - We have looked at how to translate and reflect shapes across 4 quadrants. In English, we have looked at a variety of SPaG features such as relative pro-nouns and relative clauses. A highlight of the week was our Science lesson on static electricity - there were some very questionable hairstyles and some wonderful moments of awe as we explored what we could do with a statically charged balloon. Our learning on the Industrial Revolution has continued. It has also been wonderful to see so many Year 6 children on the daily Teams meetings and we have enjoyed a variety of quizzes and learning games.

Yours sincerely

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