



5th February 2021

Just to remind you that school will be closed from:

Friday 12th February to Friday 19th February inclusive for the half-term holiday and staff training day.

School will re-open on **Monday 22nd February 2021.**

Have a lovely Half term

The world belongs to those who read.

*This week our 'classroom pause for thought' focused on **passion**.*

Aside from an obvious passion for chocolate, I'm passionate about reading and if I can combine the two well.....

My passion for reading isn't just about 'me', it's about teaching children to read because reading opens up a whole new world of knowledge and adventure: 'the journey of a lifetime starts with the turning of a page.' (Rachel Anders)

One of my fondest memories from my very early days as an infant teacher was of five year old Rachel rushing into the classroom one morning,

reading book in hand telling me to listen: 'cos I can read it'. And she could, word perfectly and with a look of absolute joy on her face - she was well on her way to that 'journey of a lifetime'.

So this weekend, when it's wet and cold outside how about curling up with a favourite book or listening to a story and starting your journey.



P.E. at Benton Dene School

Don't forget to upload your pictures to seesaw or tapestry.

Sprinting - Can you make your own finish line and have your picture taken as you break through it?



Class News

Yell 3: This week the children have been making bird feeders to end our Topic Winter Exploration

Yell 4: have been testing different materials for 'The Three Little Pigs' house to see which ones are waterproof. We think plastic made a good roof because it didn't let the water in.

Green 5: have been engrossed with the wide variety of music around the world. We loved listening to gospel music!

Green 6: have been investigating everyday materials and learning about their properties and suitability.

Green 7: have looking at our emotions; we have been talking about what makes us sad and happy.

Green 8: have enjoyed learning about different vehicles in our community and enjoyed creating their own.

Red 1: are finding out about cats in our work on non-fiction texts this week.

Red 2: have been using lots of the painting skills and techniques they have learnt in art to make beautiful pictures.

Red 3: have been working on 'states of matter' with experiments on everything and also the length of time it takes white milk and dark chocolate to melt over hot water.

Red 4: have been writing poems all about journeys. In science we have made our own switches and added them to circuits.

Blue 5: have enjoyed mono printing in art.

Blue 6: This week blue 6 have been looking at 'Looking after our teeth'. We have conducted an experiment where we added fizzy pop drinks, vinegar, water and orange juice to eggs. We will look at the eggs again in a weeks time and see what has happened to the shell.



Blue 7: have been conducting lots of experiments whilst learning about capacity.

Blue 8: have been practising the script for 'The Gingerbread man' and enjoyed a visit from the gingerbread man to help.

Blue 9: have started to learn about Judaism and where it was founded. We used an atlas to search for countries and listened to the story of 'Abraham and Sarah'.

Stars of the week

Yellow 3: Faith **Yellow 4: Jake,** **Green 5: Archie,** **Green 6: George,**
Green 7: Shay, **Green 8: Aaron,** **Red 1: Michael, Kameran, William, Taylor,**
Red 2: Thomas, **Red 4: Noah,** **Blue 5: David,** **Blue 6: Philipa,**
Blue 7: Bradley, **Blue 8: Conner,** **Blue 9: Sam.**



Achievements of the week

Yellow 3: Jake **Yellow 4: Cohen,** **Green 5: Jaiden Lee & Olivia,** **Green 6: India,**
Green 7: Matilda, **Green 8: Alistair** **Red 2: Janis,** **Red 4: Alex,** **Blue 5: Dominic,**
Blue 6: Izabella, **Blue 7: Owen,** **Blue 8: Ethan,** **Blue 9: Sam.**

Green 6 have been exploring different materials this week.



**Blue 8
enjoying
a very
special
visit from
'The
Gingerbread
Man'.**



At the moment we are finding it difficult to find things to do and ways to keep busy. Each Friday we are going to send an activity that your child might enjoy at the weekend.

This weekend we challenge you to make a den in your house. When you have finished you could read a book in your den or maybe have a picnic.

