



Lockdown Newsletter – 11th January 2021

From January 2021 all adults to wear a mask/face shield whilst on school site

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It's fair to say that it has been a busy week at the Reddings! As you can imagine things are changing almost on a daily basis and the team have worked hard to accommodate all the changes. We do ask that all parents check their emails on a daily basis.

This week we have welcomed back 45 children and opened six bubbles. All staff have been in school this week at some point and when not in school have been working from home, planning, recording as well as providing feedback to children about the work submitted on Seesaw.

Any problems that you have with work on Seesaw, please can you contact your relevant teachers directly on the email addresses listed below.

We have organised 25 free school meals which were delivered on the first day, however as this took over three and a half hours to complete we are now asking the families to pick up the lunches from school. We are still delivering to those families who are isolating. The free laptops from the government have been requested and we are waiting for them to be delivered.

If you have recently changed your email address or telephone number please can you email the office with your new details. The School office will be manned between the hours of 8.30am until 3.15pm every day, (except for half an hour between 1.00pm and 1.30pm) and outside these hours you can contact us by email.

Mrs E Murphy our Assistant head for inclusion, wellbeing and pastoral care can be contacted by email (address above).

Nursery

Mrs E Fleet – efleet@reddings.herts.sch.uk

A really big welcome back to all of the children in the Nursery.

It has been lovely to see how many of you have been joining in with the work set and it has been particularly nice to see your videos and hear what you have been doing over the holidays.

We have been working on developing more complex sentences when we speak by joining smaller sentences together using and, because and then. We have then thought about how we can represent what we have said either by drawing, painting or writing.

We have been doing lots of counting orally and we will be moving on next week to counting sets of objects.

Thank you to those children who have joined in with the Jigsaw session and set themselves challenges to see how it feels to achieve something really hard. I think that it is fair to say that the whole week has been a challenge that we have overcome so well done to everyone.

Mrs Timony and I want to say a really big thank you to everyone that has been joining in this week.

Reception

Mrs S Bradley – sb@reddings.herts.sch.uk

This week we have been very busy in Reception, both in class and at home! We have been reading the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We have been practising writing shopping lists and tea party invitations. As part of maths this week we have been learning about money and using our pennies to buy items from our shopping lists. We have also been creatively drawing our own tigers; some using pencils, collage materials and some have been created on the computer! In phonics we have been learning the sounds 'b' and 'd' and children both in school and at home have been going on a sound hunt to find objects beginning with those sounds. Some of us have even had a go at writing words beginning with our sounds of the week. We will be ended the week by using our invitations and having a tea party.



Year One

Mrs K Haswell – khaswell@reddings.herts.sch.uk

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Firstly, we would like to say a massive well done to all the children (and parents) who have engaged so enthusiastically with remote learning this week. You are all super stars and should be very proud of yourselves. If you would like more support with remote learning please email one of the Year 1 team and we will be happy to help.

This week, as well as daily phonics lessons and reading activities, we have enjoyed basing our English learning on Jack and the Bean Stalk. The children have been writing some character descriptions and retelling and acting out the story.

In Maths, we have been learning about odd and even numbers and have just started a new unit, learning about different shapes.

The children know lots about the sun as they have started their topic on Seasonal Changes this week and in Geography, we have identified the countries that are part of the Arctic Circle.

We have loved watching you in action as you completed your PE session too.

Now it is time for a restful weekend, perhaps sharing stories and hopefully getting the chance to get some fresh air. Take care and we look forward to more fun, remote learning together next week.

Year Two

Mr O'callaghan – tocallaghan@reddings.herts.sch.uk

This week in Year 2 we have looked at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Children have been looking at characters and how they are felling at different points in the story. Children have also looked at writing themselves in Jack's place of the story. A very special mention to Layla who wrote a fantastic alternate story to Jack and the Beanstalk in which she became a Tiktok superstar! All of Year 2 have worked incredibly hard this week and Miss Collier and I have really enjoyed looking at all of your hard work on Seesaw. In Maths this week we have been recapping the use of the cherry model and moved onto to looking at dealing with money. I have been very impressed by lots of children this week so well done every one as some of the questions were very tricky! Children have also been introduced to our Topic of the Great fire of London. Children have looked at the story of Toby and The Great Fire of London, which will become our focus in English next week. It has been excellent seeing all of your hard work this week and my three stars of the week are:

- Layla for her story Layla and the giant beanstalk
- Blake for his fantastic efforts in phonics this week.
- Max for his excellent use of inverted commas.

Well done everybody and I am already looking forward to seeing all of your hard work next week!

Year Three

Miss B Grossman – bgrossman@reddings.herts.sch.uk

In English we have been looking at Jack and the Beanstalk, where we have been comparing two versions and identifying the similarities and differences.

We have also discussed which version we preferred and why.

In Maths, we have been exploring how to use arrays to represent multiplication facts. We have also been focusing on our 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

In Geography we have been locating the countries of the UK as well as countries in Europe. The children have managed to identify some of the capital cities too. We have started to look at compasses, to develop our compass skills.

The following children have stood out this week as I can see that they have all been working really hard and have been producing work of a great standard.

Leena	Zac	Bailey	Ollie
Surina	Jacob	Katrina	

Please can the children have a go at every activity that is uploaded and then only upload one document per task set. For example, in maths can the children complete all the work on one page and then upload it as one document instead of multiple.

Year Four

Miss E Biggadike – ebiggadike@reddings.herts.sch.uk

What a start to 2021 it has been! I can honestly say that your enthusiasm and hard work, on Seesaw, has got us through this week. I have been working with all the children at home and Mrs Wadmore has been enjoying her time with our critical worker children in school. We both agree that you have all worked so hard and it has been lovely to see you all so engaged in our learning. I also would like to thank the Year 4 parents for adapting and supporting your children so well, even though you are having to juggle so many roles.

In English and Reading, we have started our new book: Coming to England by Floella Benjamin. We have been understanding what the Windrush Generation was and what happened to Floella Benjamin when she arrived in England in the 1960s.

In Maths, we have started to look at the short multiplication method to widen our multiplication strategies. A special mention to Nimrod who produced an excellent video explaining the short division method from our Fluent in 5.

In Science, we have started our new topic: Animals and their nutrition including humans. So far, we have enjoyed learning about our fascinating digestive system and the different types of teeth humans and animals have.

Finally, we have been overjoyed by your JustDance videos and I cannot wait to see some more next week.

Keep up the hard work. You are all amazing!



Year Five

Mr M Battersby – mbattersby@reddings.herts.sch.uk

Well done to all those children (and parents!) who have been working on the home learning in Year 5 this week. Between English with Floella Benjamin, formal multiplication in maths and our research into the Shang Dynasty, it's been the usual busy week. If you have any problems accessing Seesaw or it doesn't make sense, remember to let me know so we can try and do something about it. Also, some days will be more stressful than others – you are important just as much as the work – don't worry about it. Keep taking regular breaks.

Year Six

Mr M Rawes – mrawes@reddings.herts.sch.uk

Miss S Murray – smurray@reddings.herts.sch.uk

We have been really impressed with how well the children have quickly adjusted to yet more disruption to the final year of their primary education and by how hard they have been working this week – keep up the great work, everyone!

In English, we have been learning to describe settings in detail by using Floella Benjamin's *Coming to England* while in Maths we have been hard at work learning our fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents and how to convert between the three as well as finding percentages of amounts. Meanwhile in Science, we have dived head first into the fascinating world of the classification of all living things by understanding how all living things are classified and having a go at creating our own classification keys by comparing the physical characteristics of organisms (and sweets!) I must make a special mention to our class' resident animal expert Caleb Hurley-Brill who has produced work of a consistently high standard in this subject area.

We hope that you enjoy the weekend as much as the current circumstances will allow and we look forward to working with you again next week. Look after yourselves and stay safe.

Weekly Sports Challenge

A Hobbs – ahobbs@reddings.herts.sch.uk

Each week there will be a new sports challenge to help keep us active throughout the week. It will be a personal challenge so you will be able to have a go at beating your personal best throughout the week. You will also have the chance to submit your best score to your teaching and Mr Hobbs will collate all the scores for a leader board for Phase 1, 2 and 3 as well as a whole school competition. There will be videos that will be uploaded on Seesaw for a video demonstration.

Phase 1: How many times can you hit a target with a pair of socks in 30 seconds? (Target should be 4 steps away)

Phase 2: How many star jumps can you do in 30 seconds?

Phase 3: How many burpees can you do in 30 seconds?

Whole school challenge: How many times can you hit a target with a pair of socks in 30 seconds? (Target should be 4 steps away)

Once you have completed a challenge either upload your score onto Seesaw or send your score to Mr Hobbs so we can have our class and a whole school leader board

Good luck!



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