



CURDWORTH PRIMARY NEWS 2020 - 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a strange few weeks since we welcomed in the new year, with many families and children across the country finding it tricky to get settled into another new routine. We really appreciate how this lockdown seems and feels different from the last one so we continue to provide daily live sessions with children to help keep them in touch with us and their peers. In addition to this, we are also supporting a larger number of vulnerable and critical worker children in school during this lockdown. As always, our small (but wonderful) staff team are all working hard to make sure that they are doing their very best for all children at Curdworth Primary School, whilst also expertly juggling their own family commitments at the same time. A massive thank you to everyone who has sent in lovely messages of support and thanks to members of our staff team; it is incredibly uplifting to know that we are appreciated during such a challenging time.

I am delighted that so many of our children have managed to enjoy their 1:1 zoom catch up time with their teachers over the last 2 weeks; it is very important to us that we stay connected with our wonderful children. We do understand that things crop up from time to time but please can I politely remind parents/carers to let the teacher know if your child is not going to be attending their session so that they do not waste valuable time waiting. We are always happy to do our best to reschedule calls for children if needed.

A huge well done to everyone who is supporting their child with home schooling; we do understand that it is not an easy task to support children with learning whilst also trying to work through your normal daily tasks! We want to reassure you that we think you are all amazing and that we have been absolutely blown away by the quality of the remote learning we are seeing being uploaded onto ... dojo.

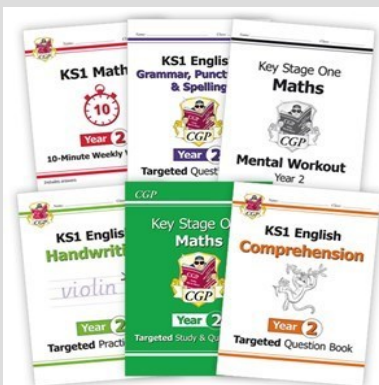
During this lockdown, there is a requirement for schools to ensure that children are engaging in remote learning, we therefore have a duty to continue to contact families where children are not regularly attending zoom sessions and/or where children are not submitting work to the teacher. Whilst children are away from school, we are required to set 3-4 hours learning each day (depending on the age of the child). However, we do appreciate that many families will find it difficult for children to complete every single task that is set. We strongly encourage children to attend their live zoom sessions every day as a priority and beyond that, we would ask children to complete as much of the learning as they are able to. We do not expect every child to complete every piece of learning every single day - please just do your best. If children are able to upload at least one piece of learning each day to class dojo that also helps the teachers to be able to track children's progress. Following our last lockdown, those children who engaged well with learning at home returned to school with very few gaps in their learning - participating in remote learning as best as you can really will make a huge difference!

As time passes, we continue to carefully review our remote learning offer, taking into account feedback from parents, carers and children. We also await news from the Department for Education (DFE) about school provision beyond half-term and will update you as soon as we know anything.

Please remember you can always arrange to speak to me either by telephone if you have any worries or concerns or suggestions that will support your child's learning.

Best wishes, Mrs Lisa Dodd (Headteacher)

SUPPORTING PUPIL'S LEARNING



We have recently purchased a set of age appropriate work books for all children in our school. These books have now been sorted into individual packs and are now ready for collection at school.

We have purchased these books in order to further support children's learning, to make things easier for parents/carers and to add variety to learning.

On some days, teachers will set learning tasks from these books which means that children can have a break from the computer screen. **We therefore ask that children do not just fill the pages in at random but wait until that is the set learning task.**

Please drop in to collect the books between 9am and 3pm on Thursday 28th January, Friday 29th January or Monday 1st February. Parents will need to let us know if someone is collecting books on their behalf. Please can we remind you to observe our social distancing rules when on site.

READING BOOK AMNESTY

During our previous lock down and in the Autumn Term, we issued a number of reading books to children which have not been returned to school. We are now running low on books in some colour bands. When you come to school to collect your child's work books, please can you return any school reading books that you have finished with.

KEY DATES

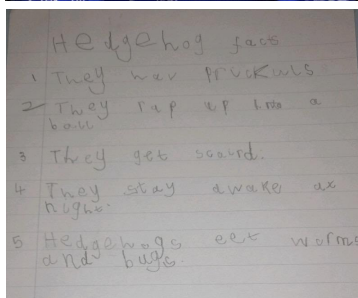
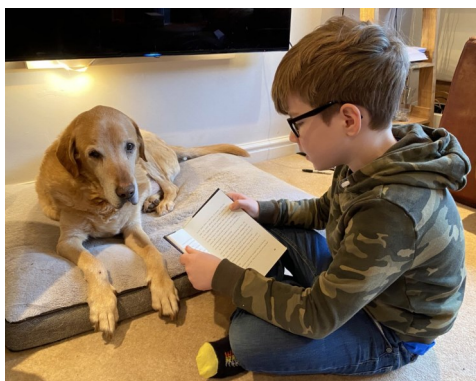
03.02.21 WOW Wednesday

08.02.21 Governors meeting 5.30pm

12.02.21 INSET day (no children in school, no live zoom sessions)

15.02.21 - 19.02.21 HALF TERM BREAK

WOW LEARNING FROM WOW WEDNESDAY



COVID-19 Update

As you may have heard on the news, COVID-19 twice weekly home testing for primary school staff is being planned by Public Health England and the DfE. We are busy preparing for when the tests arrive so that we can add another layer of reducing risk in school for children, families and staff.

In order to continue to help protect our staff, we ask that when you are on school site, you remember to follow closely the guidelines on social mixing, distancing and the HANDS, FACE, SPACE message. Thank you.

CURDWORTH CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to our
Curdworth Champions
from the last 2 weeks:

HEDGEHOG CLASS

- Minnie
- Eli
- Lexi
- Avery

OWL CLASS

- Paul
- Teddy L
- Siena
- William

FOX CLASS

- Sophie W
- Oscar
- Jacob-Jack
- Amelie

SQUIRREL CLASS

- Roxy
- Alfie
- Freddie
- Izzy B

**You are AMAZING
LEARNERS!**

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

The welfare and safety of our children will continue to be our priority throughout this lockdown period. If parents/carers need support you can make contact via email to head2502@welearn365.com or contact school on 01675 470379.

If you think a child is in immediate danger please dial 999 and contact the Police.

You can also find support via from the following services:

Warwickshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH team) - 01926 414144

Warwickshire Emergency Duty Team - 01926 886922

Warwickshire Family Information Service - 01926 742274

School Health Chat Line: 07520619376 (Parents) 07507331525 (Teenagers)

Child Line - 08001111

Samaritans - 116123

Domestic Violence Hotline - 08002000247