



## Lockdown Newsletter – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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

**Head Teacher (Miss T Prickett) –**

[head@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

**Office Lead (Mrs M Keane) –**

[admin@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

**Office Team (Mrs R Patel) –**

[admin3@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin3@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

**Assistant Head and Inclusion (Mrs E Murphy) –**

[inco2@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:inco2@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

**Pastoral care (Mrs R Pelopida)–**

[rpelopida@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:rpelopida@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

Dear Parents and Carers,

You are all amazing! You have now completed Week 2 with only four more to go until half term; that is 20 teaching days. Believe me, by week 4 many of you will be considering signing up to teacher training as you hadn't realised you were a natural. I total understand how tricky it has been to juggle your full-time job and teaching multiple children. I hope that having pre-recorded lessons has enabled you to undertake remote learning at a time that suits you.

The teachers have been sharing your comments with me and it is lovely to hear how much you think we have improved our remote learning offer from the first lockdown. Should you have any concerns or queries, please contact your child's class teacher. If they are not able to solve it (and usually they can as they are brilliant) then the phase leader (EYFS: Mrs Fleet, Phase 2: Mrs Haswell, Phase 3: Mr Rawes) will be your next point of contact.

Our website has a new box on the right hand side, which links you to Seesaw and also to WordPress where there will be additional activities uploaded over the next few weeks. Many of these will have a link from Seesaw. There will be further information uploaded in the COVID section on the website which will include our current risk assessment and our remote learning offer.

Thank you so much for your kind words and messages of support; it is lovely to think how well The Reddings family pulls together during tough times. I would like to thank Mrs Apostol for the very generous gift for the staffroom – the treats have certainly kept sugar levels and morale high.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Thank you for your continued support

TP

### Nursery

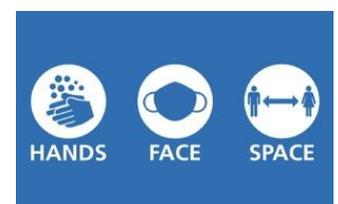
**Mrs E Fleet – [efleet@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:efleet@reddings.herts.sch.uk)**

This week, to coincide with the very cold weather we have had, the Nursery have been using the book 'Say Hello to the Snowy Animals' to support our learning.

We can now name lots of Arctic animals and have said and written hello to some of them.

We are getting so good at our counting and we have even started counting backwards which is really tricky.

Well done to the Nursery!



## Reception

Mrs S Bradley – [sbradley@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sbradley@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

This week in Reception we have been learning all about jungle animals through the book Rumble in the Jungle. All the children have looked at facts about the animals, drawn their favourite animal from the story and looked at words that rhyme. Did you know that a Zebra sleeps standing up?

In Maths we have been looking at videos about recognising the dots on the dice, finding 6, 7, 8, objects and looking at different ways to make 6, 7, and 8.

In Phonics we have been practising P, G, J and I sounds.

We have painted some jungle animals and made jungle masks and puppets.

As part of our busy week we have even managed to fit in some jungle yoga!

## Year One

Mrs K Haswell – [khaswell@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:khaswell@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

Mrs M Patel – [mpatel@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:mpatel@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

This week the children in Year 1 have rewritten the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and enjoyed listening to Mrs Patel read a different story on Seesaw each day.

We have been really impressed with your daily phonics work and think soon your parents will be super teachers of sounds!

More videos of Mrs Haswell in action coming up next week.

In Maths we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, naming them and describing some of their properties.

The children have enjoyed learning about how shadows are formed in Science and have learnt about the climate in the Arctic, thinking about what they would need to pack in their suitcases if they were going exploring there.

We are very proud of all the children in Year 1, those working remotely and those on site, you are all continuing to learn and work hard. Well done to you all.

## Year Two

Mr O'Callaghan – [tocallaghan@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:tocallaghan@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

This week in Year 2 we have looked at the story of Toby and the Fire of London. Children have been exploring the character of Toby and also been acting out different parts of the story.

Miss Collier and I have been blown away with some of your acting skills, so a big well done to those of you that managed to do this! A special well done to Alfie and his younger sister Isla who put on a superb performance of the story.

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 we continued looking at money problems and have introduced bar modelling. Children have worked incredibly hard with this and shown such great resilience as initially many of you found this tricky however, with a little help, you succeeded. All children are immersing themselves into our new topic and loving learning about the Fire of London. This is fantastic too see!

It was very hard this week but my stars of the week go to:

1. Alfie for his excellent re-enactment of Toby and the Great Fire of London.
2. Leo for an excellent effort in his English work this week.
3. Harry for a super effort with his maths learning this week.

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](mailto:bgrossman@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

I am so impressed with the enthusiasm and hard work that Year 3 are putting into their learning at home. Some children are even doing extra work, and asking me for extra handwriting and uploading it for me to see which is fantastic. I want to say a massive thank you to the Year 3 parents for working so hard with their children and at times filming them doing their work, which is great for me to see.

In guided reading we have been exploring a different traditional tale this week – Hansel and Gretel. We have been looking at how the story is written and have been answering a range of VIPERS questions.

In English we have continued to explore Jack and the Beanstalk, producing some excellent setting descriptions using prepositions and character descriptions using expanded noun phrases.

Maths has been lots of fun this week, playing some games to help us rehearse our multiplication facts as well as using resources – lots of pasta and toys – to help divide by grouping and sharing.

We have started to explore two contrasting places in the UK in our Geography lessons which are Bennetts End and Southend. We have been identifying human and physical geographical features.

A special mention goes to:

Kate – For working really hard on her handwriting at home.

Edy and Riley – Excellent enthusiasm towards their work.

Laura – Working hard and uploading extra work she wants to do for me to see.

Keep up the hard work Year 3. You are doing an amazing job!



## Year Four

Miss E Biggadike – [ebiggadike@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ebiggadike@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

We've had another exciting week of learning on Seesaw and at school in Year 4. The children's work has been of a high standard and they are continuing to show their independence skills by uploading their own work and responding to feedback from all staff members – great work Year 4!

Our learning, this week, has allowed us to secure our knowledge with short multiplication method which means we can now move onto division. We have delved deeper into our book study: Coming to England by Floella Benjamin and created some amazing weather reports.

A special mention to Ibraheem, Nimrod, Ayaan and Sparsh for their creative videos/pictures of their live weather report. We have also been looking at food chains in Science which has allowed us to learn a plethora of new scientific vocabulary.

Finally, we have managed a Zoom meet up meeting where we played lots of learning-based games. I look forward to scheduling our next meet up.

Last week, we took part in a class Draw with Rob Biddulph competition and Nimrod won with his beautiful drawing of his snake. Let's see who will win this week's creative competition...

Thank you to all the students that have already completed the PE challenge this week. You have all beat my mediocre score, which wasn't surprising!

Well done everyone and stay safe.

## Year Five

Mr M Battersby – [mbattersby@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:mbattersby@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

It has been a very good week from Year 5 – well done everybody!

In Maths we have been improving our division methods and looking at remainders: how we write them and how to interpret them in worded questions. English has been around using paragraphs and I have received work to a high standard. Make sure you all get a rest at the weekend. Mr. B

## Year Six

Mr M Rawes – [mrawes@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:mrawes@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

Miss S Murray – [smurray@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:smurray@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

The weeks seem to be flying by in Year 6 as of late which must mean that we are all having lots of fun! This week, we have continued our work in English based on the book Coming to England and I am delighted to report that we have received some excellent writing. Special mentions must be made for Joshua, Amelia, Dylan, Isabelle and Max, all of whom have produced some marvellous writing. We have also studied percentages in maths and have wrapped up our learning in science about classifying all living things. Roll on week 3!

## Weekly Sports Challenge

A Hobbs – [ahobbs@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ahobbs@reddings.herts.sch.uk)

Hello everyone, can I start by saying a massive well done to everybody who has taken part in there weekly challenge it's great to see so many of you keeping active during lockdown! Your scores for the first week are as followed:

Phase 1 -

1st Luqman - 35 star jumps

2nd Kaitlyn - 29 star jumps

3rd Avani - 26 star jumps

Phase 2 -

1<sup>st</sup> Isaac year 3 - 51 star jumps

2<sup>nd</sup> Bailey year 3 - 50 star jumps

3rd Leena year 3 - 49 star jumps

Phase 3 -

1st Haroon year 4 - 18 burpees

2nd Maia year 4 - 15 burpees

3rd Talia & Mathew F year 5 - 14 burpees

Whole school challenge -

1st David year 4 - Kaela year 4 - Leena year 3 - 7 throws

2nd Sereena year 3 & Lillie year 4 - 6 throws

3rd - Kairo year 5 & Tommy year 5 - 5 throws

Again a massive well done to all those who took part. Your challenges for next week are as followed:

Whole school challenge - grab 2 cans of food to create a goal, 30 seconds to throw an object such as socks or toilet roll through your goal

Phase 1 - grab 2 cans of food to create a goal, 30 seconds to throw an object such as socks or toilet roll through your goal

Phase 2 - 30 seconds balancing on top of a cushion, how long can you hold that balance?

Phase 3 - can you create a 30second dance routine to any song of your choice

All of these efforts need to be in by Thursday 21st.

Remember upload your efforts to seesaw or email them to Mr Hobbs.

## Hertfordshire Libraries

We all know how important it is for children to have access to books. Despite the current lockdown situation, Hertfordshire libraries are open for Ready Reads.

Families can order books for their children and themselves using the online form and then collect from a selected library. If families are unable to access the online services, please contact the library service on 0300 123 4049 and a member of their team will be able to help fill out the form.

They understand that families have not felt able to visit the library for a while, this is an easy way to borrow. The request service is fully operational for specific books and these can be ordered through the catalogue and collected in the same way.

They also have an extensive online eBook and eAudio library BorrowBox.

Never have books been more important, not only supporting children with their reading and education but also with their health and wellbeing, enabling them to leave behind the daily stresses and escape into imaginary worlds.

Hertfordshire Libraries website is [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archive](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archive).



KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
STAY  
SAFE