



NEWSLETTER 12th FEBRUARY 2021

VALUE: COURAGE

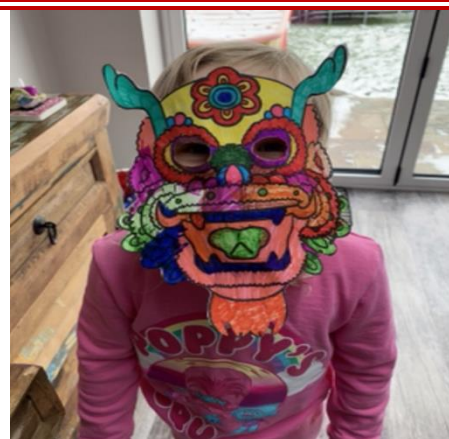
"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow."
Mary Anne Radmacher



Super Science and Computing Presentation by Darcie
(Full sized on the Diamond Home Learning page or click link below)

<https://www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1495&type=pdf>



Mask for Chinese New Year (Friday) Kung Hey Fat Choi!

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What another week of responding to the unexpected. The weather has had quite an impact and lots of the staff came in early on Monday to help clear the snow. I had the pleasure of wheelbarrowing bags of salt round from the back of the school. We were ever so grateful to Brett and his team from Changes Landscapes who gave up their time to come and help and then came again the following morning. Their assistance and expertise helped us to ensure that everything was safe and ready for the morning drop off, particularly at a time when our own expert Mr Cattlin was unable to come in due to having to isolate.



The children were able to get outside and make a fantastic snowman

parents have put into the home learning. I am so impressed with all that the children have been able to achieve through this lockdown. I hope that this lockdown will not continue long into the next half term and would love to see all of the children back.

Parent questionnaire about remote learning

The responses were very useful and I was really pleased that:

- 92% reported that your child was receiving the right amount of work and
- 92% also reported that the level of work is about right for your child.
- 71% said that your child was motivated with the remainder requiring constant support. We appreciate how challenging this is.



We hope that the rewards and comments from the teachers are helping with motivation. I have been delighted to see so many dojo points given out and so many children awarded Home Learning Certificates and receiving their electronic versions of the merit badges.

School Improvement

This week the teachers have been completing the curriculum maps which will be put on the website during half term. These show the focus for learning in a two year rolling programme and include the skills, knowledge and understanding that we aim the children to develop in different subjects. The teachers are also in the process of updating the statements on the website about our approach to each subject, ensuring that we have consistency of approach and that it all works towards meeting our curriculum aims and School Vision.

English Lessons after Half Term

Mrs C will not be broadcasting after half term but this style of teaching and learning is working so well that Mrs Cook will be taking this role and broadcasting live for Sapphire, Emerald and Diamond classes to join. We may not be able to record the sessions so please try and make your learning timetable fit into joining these from 9:45am.

Well Done and Thanks

As this is the final newsletter for this half term, I want to again express my gratitude for the excellent work that has taken place and the huge effort that

In response to some of the comments we have:

- Loaned out more laptops (9 so far)
- Provided Top Tips to help parents (<https://sway.office.com/v8IN7TT7KGusLiuf?ref=Link>)
- Set up parent classes in the evening to meet the request of the majority that wanted them.
- Left the afternoon planning as separate subjects rather than topics as requested.
- Provided time at the end of the class live lessons for children to have a chat.

Some parents took time to add very positive and encouraging statements and we thank you for them.

I hope that you all have a good half term and stay safe and well.

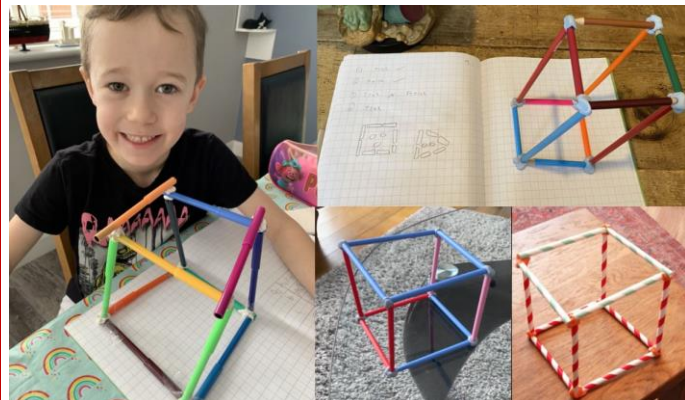
J Fisher



Science experiment

Testing different materials for sound-proofing.

Y2 Maths Making 3D Shapes.



MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Our Vicar writes:

This Sunday is Valentine's Day when almost 200 million cards will be in the post - 25 million of which will be received in the UK. It's the second most popular card-sending event after Christmas. But how did it all begin?

Valentine seems to have been a priest living in Rome during the 3rd century. This was the time of Emperor Claudius, who decided that single men made better soldiers than married ones. So Claudius outlawed marriage. Valentine, believing this to be an unjust decision, defied Claudius and continued to perform secret marriages. Needless to say, his actions were eventually discovered. But before being put to death, Valentine - so the legend goes - wrote a final note to his partner, signing it 'From your Valentine.'

By the Middle Ages, it had become tradition on Valentine's feast day to send an anonymous romantic greeting to the love of your life, and today it remains a bit of fun. But it's also a good opportunity for Christians to be reminded that God, in whose name Valentine died, loves each and every one of us.

God bless you

Fr Simon



STARS OF THE WEEK

YN - Jessie for being great in live lessons and in school.

YR - Lilly for fabulous joining in with live lessons.

Y1 - Poppy for her beautifully neat and carefully thought-out writing.

Y2 - Elise for excellent concentration and effort in all of her learning this week.

Y3 - Ella for working exceptionally hard in all areas of her learning and trying to challenge herself in her Maths.

Y4 - Finley R for a fantastic science presentation, complete with pictures and videos to explain what he was doing.

Y5 - Paige for a superb attitude to her home learning this half term.

Year 6 - Darcie for superb science research on astronomers and amazing use of computing to present it.



FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

Dear Parents,

Thank you for playing your part and helping to keep our school safe by following current Government guidelines during the national lockdown.

It's so important that we don't become complacent during half-term so we can all enjoy the break and hopefully come back to either remote, or face to face learning (for children considered vulnerable or children of critical workers) safely.

Hertfordshire County Council have asked us to share the attached leaflet with you as a reminder of what we all can and cannot do during the lockdown restrictions. Please do take the time to read it and remind your children that for now, we all have to play our part to protect ourselves, our families and our friends.

<http://www.intra.thegrid.org.uk/info/coronavirus/documents/resources/do's-and-don'ts-leaflet-for-parents-feb21.pdf>

TTRS

TTRS Leaderboard

1. Jasper
2. Ranjeet
3. Alfie D
4. Archie
5. Joseph



Highest earners from each year group

Y6: Alfie C

Y5: Jasper

Y4: Marlon

Y3: Finley

Y2: Lorcan



PE DAYS

Ruby Class – Friday

Sapphire Class – Friday

Emerald Class – Thursday

Diamond Class – Thursday



Reporting Positive Cases for Keyworker Children

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) at any point during the half term, please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health, if required, and notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and who need to self-isolate.

During the half term you should contact admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Please don't call the normal absence line as this won't be covered during the half term.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Monday	INSET
Tuesday	Burger in a Bun
Wednesday	Roast Chicken
Thursday	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans
Friday	Pizza



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
15/02/21 – 19/02/21	February Half Term
22/02/21	Inset Day
23/02/21	First Day Back
26/03/21	Last Day of Term
29/03/21 – 09/04/21	Easter Break
12/04/21	First Day Back
31/05/21 – 04/06/21	May Half Term
07/06/21	Occasional Day

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

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HERTFORDSHIRE'S 100 CHALLENGE

In memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore – Hertfordshire School Games Organisers challenge you to do 100!



CAPTAIN SIR TOM MOORE
1920 - 2021

The Captain
Tom Foundation

100
Dance
moves

100
Star
Jumps

Can you complete 100 repetitions of any activity of your choice – either once a day or over the duration of a week.

100
laps of
your
garden

100
seconds of
a gym
balance

100
Lunges

100 keepie
uppies

100
Stair
Climbs

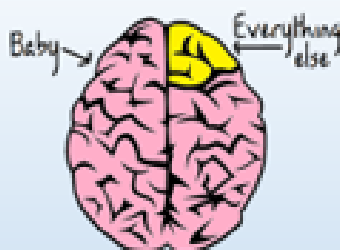
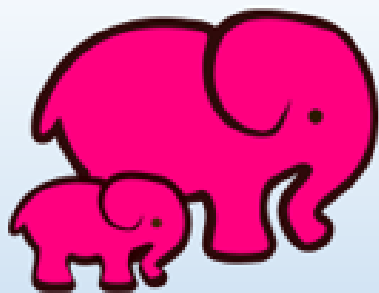
100 Keepie
Uppies

Take a picture of you doing your 100 challenge and share it with your school or ask your parent to tweet @Herts_SGOs

Create your
own 100
challenge

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GAMES



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Social Media:

<https://twitter.com/OmgSleep>
<https://www.facebook.com/sleep.study.334/>



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Are you a parent with a child under 6?

Research needs you!

We're carrying out research into memory and sleep in parents.

You would be required to complete a memory game on your phone and answer some questions about your daily activities.

You would be entered into 3 prize draws if you complete the study.



Half Term Activity Pack

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