



# Uffington Church of England Primary School

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Love, Honesty, Courage



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## Newsletter

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### Note from Mrs Bradbury



I would like to start this week by saying how brilliantly you are all doing at home with the online learning. The graphic above is just a reminder to you that we know everyone will be tackling remote learning in their own way and that this might mean you do not complete all of the work set, or that you log in to some lessons at a different time to the timetable. This is completely fine. Thank you for the lovely comments you have sent in about the lessons.

Here in school the teaching assistants are doing a marvellous job supporting our critical workers class whilst the teachers work from home providing remote learning to the majority of our pupils. The daily register and drop in sessions have been a super opportunity for the children to all see each other and for us staff too.

Just to keep you up to date, we will be holding parent teacher consultations (remotely) after half term this year and more information will follow in the next couple of weeks. We are still awaiting delivery of laptops from the Department for Education - if you think that you would benefit from borrowing one of these please do let me know.

### Whole School News



Next week's puzzle piece is:  
Work well with a partner or in a group.

#### COVID Winter Grant Scheme

The government has awarded councils money under the COVID Winter Grant Scheme designed for vulnerable households and families, with or without children, who are particularly affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

Oxfordshire County Council is working closely with advice centres and the city and district councils to help ensure that local children, families and vulnerable individuals do not go hungry or without utilities and other essential items this winter.

Support is available in the form of advice, supermarket and fuel vouchers or through the direct payment of energy or water bills. South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse residents that are struggling to afford food or pay their fuel bills, may be eligible to receive help.

Further guidance is available at the following advice centres.

**For South and Vale please contact Citizens Advice on 0808 278 7907. For Vale of White Horse, please contact the team at Wantage Independent Advice Centre on 01235 765348.**

If you require an Advice Centre Winter Grant Scheme referral form, please contact the school office.

Please note that only one member (over the age of 18) per household can apply, and you must live in South Oxfordshire or Vale of the White Horse.

**This scheme will be available until the end of March 2021.**

To find out more about the Government's COVID Winter Grant Scheme, visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk), and to find out what other support is available to you during the pandemic, please visit the COVID support, advice and guidance pages on the following website [www.southoxon.gov.uk](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk)

# Class news & other bits

## White Horse

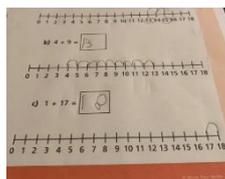
Last week White horse class looked at the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears! We had lots of fun doing a variety of activities around the story!



## Ridgeway

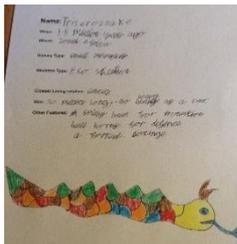
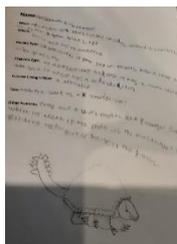
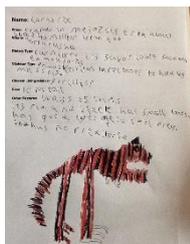
This week, remotely, Ridgeway class have been busy. In maths Year 2, children are learning their 2, 5 and 10 times table, using them to problem solve. We have been exploring fun ways to learn them, like Hit the Button and making fortunetellers. In Year 1, the children have been exploring addition and counting on, building on their mental maths skills. We have been noticing number bond patterns and that counting on from the biggest number is much quicker.

In English, we have been exploring two of the rules for changing words into plurals. We have been applying the plural rules to write sentences about Arctic animals. We are also working hard to maintain neat handwriting!



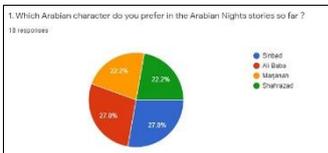
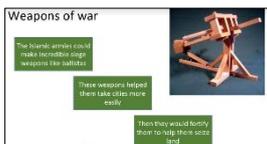
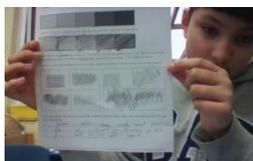
## Dragon

This week we have been combining our Stone Age knowledge and our Science work. The children have created some very imaginative prehistoric animals. I have been particularly impressed with the way they've applied their scientific knowledge to their creations. They have decided whether they're carnivores, omnivores or herbivores and why they have this particular dietary requirement. They have also thought about the types of skeletons the animals have and have used their scientific understanding to provide excellent explanations as to why they need that particular type of skeleton. It has been fantastic to see so many wonderful creatures ping into my email. I don't think I would want to come across them in real life!



## Wayland

Week 2 of lockdown learning has presented some challenges for us, as we all feel a little tired and we miss being at school, but Wayland - you have stepped up and are continuing to produce some wonderful work. I am particularly impressed with some of our creative thinkers, who, when the technology doesn't work quite as planned, find interesting ways to still complete their learning. Please continue to be kind yourselves, if something does not work out, don't worry, just do what you can! It is great to still be able to see most of you each day and hear what you have been doing. This week, in the newsletter, I thought I would focus on our art and history and show you some examples of the work produced; it includes some of the work produced by the recipients of the headteacher's award. From the comments online, it seems as though the children are enjoying the Arabian tales and as part of our reading work, we did a survey to find our favourite character. It was a tie between Sinbad (even though his ships sink - a lot!) and Ali Baba.



## Whole School

### Recommended by the DfE and PHE

**Coronavirus: How to keep children healthy, happy, learning and entertained at home**

Dear Parents/Guardians,  
Here is your free e-copy of Family First magazine, packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown. We hope it helps in some way.

Please click the link below:

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## Breakfast Club - Term 3

All bookings have been cancelled and payments have been credited to SchoolMoney accounts.

## School Money Accounts

We kindly request that parents check their SchoolMoney accounts and pay any arrears.

*Please remember all letters sent home are available to view on the school website.*

**We are a nut free school.**

**Please do not send your child to school with any food products containing nuts.**