



# 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

The children have produced some superb work this week. I love all of the different versions of Stonehenge! It has also been lovely to see how each class has taken part in the national birdwatching drive, especially as it has meant spending time outside.

I am enjoying receiving lots of comments from everyone about our Jigsaw assemblies. It is really important that we focus on our wellbeing and mental health, especially during the lockdown. For those of you that are interested there is a free e book filled with useful observations and strategies:

<https://www.hachette.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/How-to-Stay-Calm-in-a-Global-Pandemic-Free-ebook.pdf>.

For those of you still in need of borrowing a laptop, we have now managed to acquire six reconditioned ones from a local charity - so do let us know if you would like to borrow one to support home learning.

Next week is the last week before half term and there seems to be some hope on the horizon for fuller school reopening in March. I have asked the class teachers not to be online for drop ins or live lessons in the afternoons next week. This is because they will be planning for after half term. Morning lessons will carry on as normal and afternoon lessons/resources for projects will be available. As a staff we really are proud of the way in which you are all keeping going under difficult circumstances to support the children's learning.

### Whole School News



Next week's puzzle piece is:  
Help others to achieve their goals.

### 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.

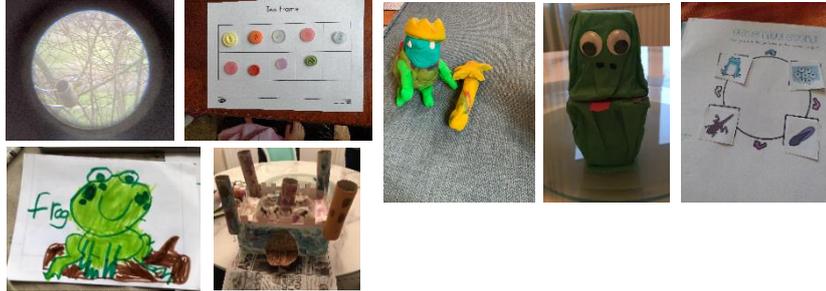
**This scheme will be available until the end of March 2021.** To find out more about the Government's COVID Winter Grant Scheme, visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk), and to find out what other support is available to you during the pandemic, please visit the COVID support, advice and guidance pages on the following website [www.southoxon.gov.uk](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk)

# Class news & other bits

## White Horse

We have been very busy in Whitehorse class this week! We have been looking at The Frog Prince and we have been very creative in how we can represent him! We have made frogs out of yoghurt pots and playdough, we have watched a tutorial about 'how to draw a frog,' we have looked at the life cycle of a frog and made masks and the frog prince castle! It was a weekend of 'bird watching' as well and the children made some lovely bird feeders using toilet rolls etc. One child managed to get a photo of a bird actually using their bird feeder! Super job this week children!!!

Reception: Just remember to keep reading as much as you can. If you have problems with finding things etc please let me know!



## Ridgeway

This week in Ridgeway class, we have been exploring the differences between fiction and non-fiction texts. We have been looking specifically at the features of non-chronological reports like headings and subheadings. After researching information about a polar animal, we wrote sentences using the facts we found. In Maths, Year 1 children have been applying their knowledge of addition and subtraction to compare number sentences and solve fact families. Year 2 children have concluded their learning of multiplication and division and have moved onto statistics, which links nicely to this week's Science lesson.

During Science this week we enjoyed taking part in the 'Big School's Bird Watch'. This involved watching and recording which birds landed in our garden. It was great being part of such an important national study and we loved being outside and away from the computer!



## Dragon

This week we have been exploring persuasive writing. We have been creating our own Stone Age inventions and making adverts to sell them. In maths we have explored correspondence and scaling problems and we have moved onto looking at length. Our history work has focused on Stonehenge this week and we have been amazed by the Stonehenge replicas the children created. Thank you everyone who took part in our school bird watch as well this week. It's been lovely to hear about the children's experiences and to see their fabulous bird cake creations.



## Wayland

It has been another busy week in home learning and the children continue to show how resilient they are with some wonderful examples of independent work. This week, we took part in the RSPB's big Bird Watch as part of a UK citizen Science project and used our maths skills to create graphs and, inspired by this, created our own winged mythical beasts using collage and drawing. Look at the examples below! In English, we are using these designs to inspire creative writing.



## 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:

[https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/f\\_f\\_issue\\_7\\_digital211220](https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/f_f_issue_7_digital211220)

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### School Absence Reporting

All absences from school (including online learning) still need to be reported to the school office.

Please email as the telephone is not fully manned.

[office@uffingtonprimary.org](mailto:office@uffingtonprimary.org)

### 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.**