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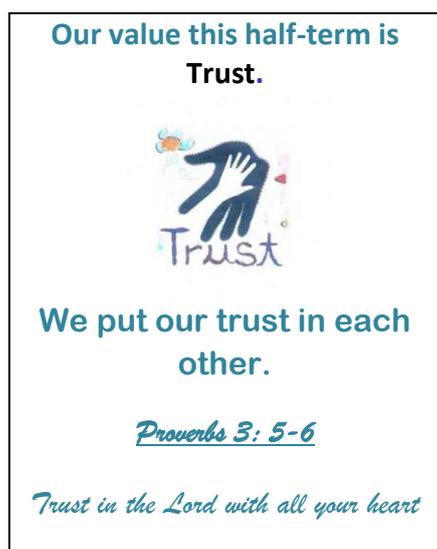
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9th February 2021

Newsletter 6

Dear Parents,

I wanted to start with a heart-warming outcome from our 'Love Thy Neighbour' project, where we reached out to



our local communities who were potentially feeling lonely and isolated, by sending them a Christmas card from a Newdigate pupil. We have received some messages back from our neighbours, one was particularly poignant as it finished by thanking the pupil

for 'touching her heart' after a loss. This pandemic continues to darken our world and even a small glimmer of light brings hope and positivity. We look forward to developing our relationships with our neighbours (and that includes grandparents of children at the school) in the immediate and longer term.

Remote Education

Now that we have increased our zoom sessions for children learning remotely, we will be sending home our policy, as well as a set of 'Zoom Rocket Rules' for children and parents that have been cleverly put together by Miss Jones, to make sure everything goes smoothly. We are all adapting to these new ways of learning so these frameworks are essential in getting the best out of them. We have tried to find the best timing option for the majority of our families, although we appreciate that not all parents and carers can attend the allocated sessions due to other commitments. I am sure you will understand that our scheduling of these sessions across the school is limited by a number of factors. We are currently not recording any zooms as GDPR and safeguarding compliance is a complex process and we do not feel that this is the right thing for our school at the moment.

I promised you that I would share a poem from one of our year 2 children who may one day be changing the world with her words, just like Amanda Gorman, so here it is. Enjoy!

The Great Fire of London

*2nd September 1666,
The houses were made from sticks not bricks.
On Pudding Lane the fire started,
And loads of people darted.*

*People began to choke,
Because their lungs were filled with smoke.
The city of London was covered in smoke,
Like the dark vampire cloak.*

*People started packing for the night,
It gave them a fright.
It was hard to recover,
From the greatest fire ever.*

By Emily Brewis, Owls Class

'Do something different Day.' Friday 12th February

At the end of this week we will be stepping away from our usual school and remote learning day structure and finding joy in the freedom of learning outside and enjoying this special time of year. As we are approaching Pancake Day and Ash Wednesday we thought we could immerse ourselves in all things pancake (making and flipping pancakes on a fire/cooker with the help of a grown up, pancake races, nature yoga and choosing a topping for our pancakes). We are then hoping to find Newdigate School's favourite topping by sharing our choices at home and at school. This day is a day that we want to share with all of our families regardless of where they are. Post your pictures on Padlet (Year 1 & 2) or Family (Class R) to show us what a 'flipping' wonderful time you have had!

Covid-19 related issues

School and pre-school staff are now engaged in twice weekly voluntary testing through rapid lateral flow tests that we have been provided with. This will continue for the foreseeable future and allow us to identify some asymptomatic cases as early as possible and prevent any further transmission.

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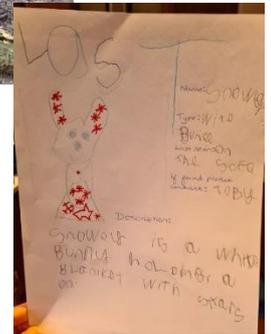
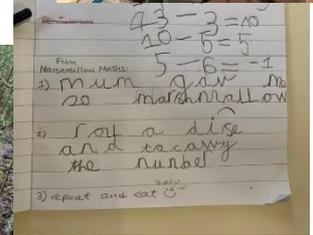
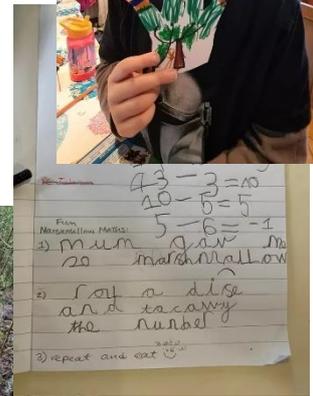
Half-term is approaching and I wanted to remind you that in the half-term the school are still responsible for tracing of any positive Covid cases for people who become symptomatic up to 48 hours after they leave our school. Please use the office e-mail (info@newdigate.surrey.sch.uk) or the school telephone to let us know if you have received a positive result for a pupil. We would ask that you make sure you receive a reply so that you are certain we have received your message and acted upon it.

We look forward to seeing those at school when we return on Tuesday 23rd February. Monday is an INSET Day and we will therefore not be setting any work for that day.

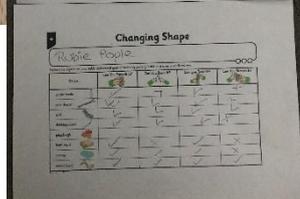
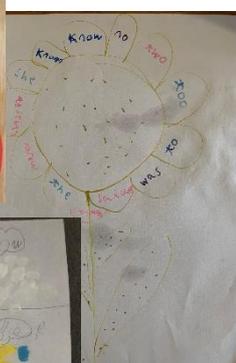
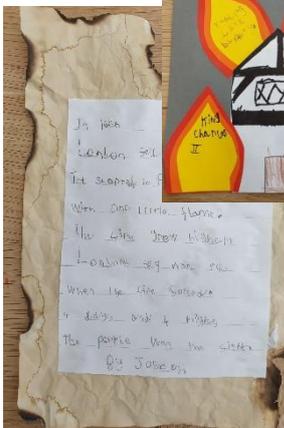
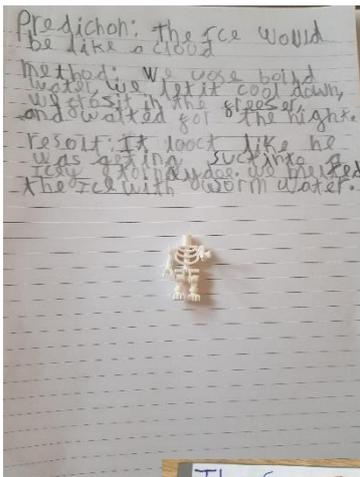
We hope you enjoy just a few examples of the amazing work that has been happening across the school and at home.

Stay well and safe.
Paula Bliss

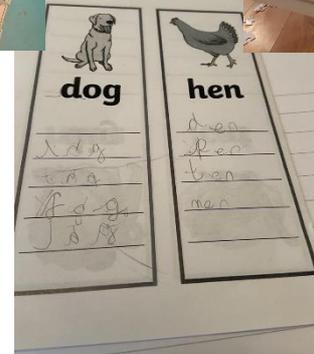
Foxes Class



Owls class



Hedgehogs class





Hello,

We would usually welcome families into the Surrey History Centre to make crafts for half term but this year we have gone virtual. Feel free to add to your newsletters to parents or use in the classroom.

The video explains how to make a wind sock and showcases some of the old windmills of Surrey.

[Make a Wind Sock with Surrey Heritage - YouTube](#)

'Coming Soon / in the Spring'
Parenting Puzzle course
*at the Family Centre, Goodwyn's site or
virtually*
March 2021

Bookings should be made by calling the
Family Centre on 01306 740095.
Flyers will be sent out as soon as possible.

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