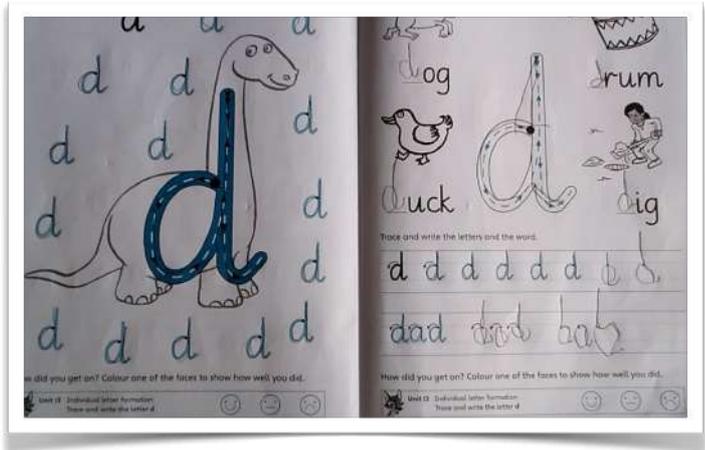


# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2021



## Let's Keep Going...

Welcome to this week's edition of our school newsletter. I will try to keep this newsletter brief, as I know there has been lots of information sent to you over the past few weeks.

I do hope that you are all keeping safe and well and have managed to get outside for exercise without getting too cold (or wet!). I have to say what a fantastic job the children are doing at home with their learning. The teachers are absolutely thrilled with the level of engagement from the children on Seesaw. A huge credit goes to every single one of you.

We understand that there are different pressures and demands on each of you and would like to reiterate that we are here to support you, so please get in touch if you need us. It can be very easy to compare ourselves to others, particularly in these days of social media. Please remember that Facebook and other platforms only show a curated version of people's lives. Your best, whatever that may look like at the moment, really is good enough, so please be kind to yourselves. Family wellbeing comes first and is the priority for all of us at this challenging and uncertain time.

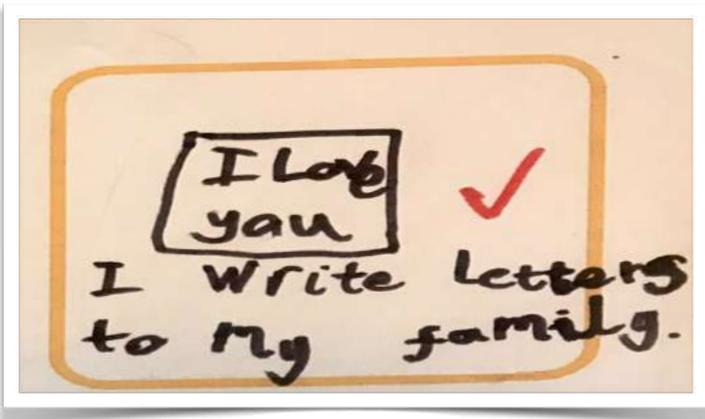
As usual, there is a lot of speculation in the press about when schools will reopen to all children. Please remember that you will find out when Templemoor will reopen at the same time as we do. We will all be back together again when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, please keep in touch, stay safe and keep going, because you are all doing a fantastic job.

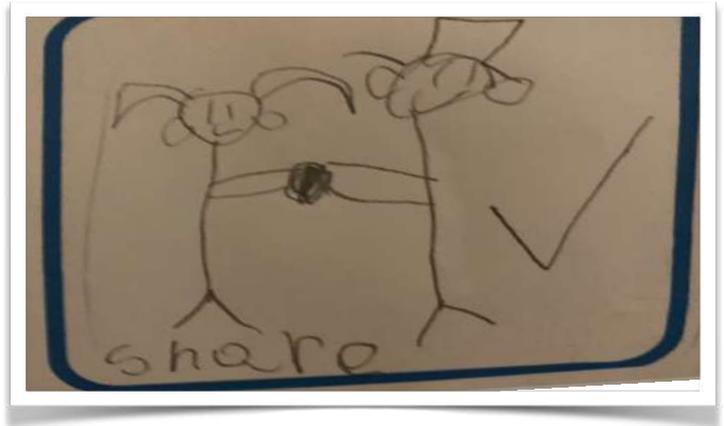
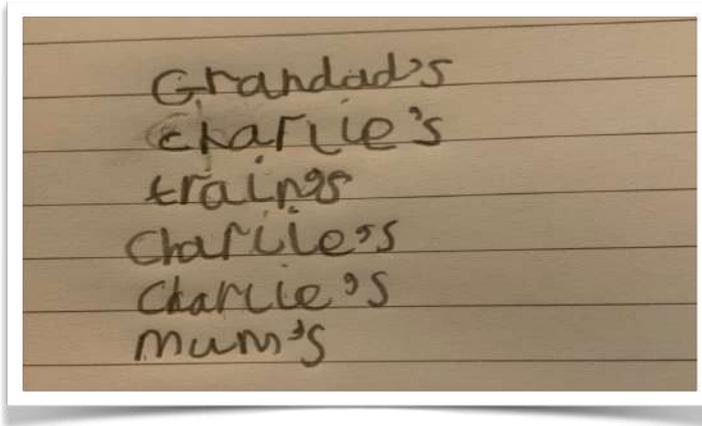
I will be in touch with further updates once we have them.

Take good care.

With my very best wishes,

Mr Hodgson - Headteacher





### Rapid Lateral Flow Tests

Last week we received, from the government, our delivery of testing kits for school staff. Staff are now testing themselves twice a week. These tests are to pick up asymptomatic cases. Please note that if a member of our staff tests positive, they will immediately self-isolate and book a PCR test. This may mean that we will be forced to close a bubble in school at very short notice. If this is the case, you will be notified as quickly as possible via text message and email. Please check your texts and emails each morning before you set off for school – just in case. Regular testing of school staff will undoubtedly support the national drive to make schools and their local communities safer, and allow life to return to as close to normal as soon as possible.

### Important Reminders

I would like to remind parents and carers attending school to continue to wear a face mask. Please contact school if you are unclear about this. I would also like to clarify that if a member of your household is showing any symptoms of Covid-19, you must NOT bring your child into school. The person showing symptoms should have a Covid test and the whole household needs to self-isolate whilst awaiting the results. If the result is positive, then the whole household will need to self-isolate for 10 days. If it is a negative, the child can return to school. As part of our Covid-19 risk assessment, we ask all parents on site to please keep younger siblings close to you, either holding their hand or

in buggies. An updated whole school Covid risk assessment can be found on our school website.

### February Half Term Holiday

Templemoor will close over February half-term to all children, to enable all staff to have a much needed rest. Holiday Club will not be running. We will be using this time to thoroughly clean the school in preparation for the next half term. Thank you for your understanding.

### Extra Resources

There are some great local online activities and resources to keep children of all ages creative and having fun. See below for resources for story, dance, drama, music and art!

#### **The Lowry: Creativity for Wellbeing**

The Lowry is offering a weekly timetable of free online activities for children and adults to enjoy from home. **Creativity for Wellbeing** has something for everyone. These weekly workshops with professional artists are designed to help families feel invigorated and inspired. No experience or skill is necessary and everyone is welcome, and it's all completely free. **Click here** to join an online event.

#### **The Octagon: Storymakers Online**

Bolton Octagon has a collection of accessible read-a-long and sing-a-long stories that are voiced by actors bringing original tales such as **The Gingerbread Man** and **The Ugly Duckling** to life.



Make sure you download the activity sheet for each story too!

**The Book Trust: Fun at home with authors and illustrators & Hometime**

Looking for something fun as a family? The Book Trust has put together a fabulous website, broken down into age ranges. Tips include draw-along videos, downloadable worksheets, and draw a story masterclasses. Enjoy storytime with free online books and videos, play games, win prizes, test your knowledge in book-themed quizzes, or even learn how to draw some of your favourite characters. Further resources will follow in next week’s newsletter.

**Rights Respecting Article of the Week**

This week we are thinking about Article 29 - the goals of education. Education must develop every child’s personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child’s respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment. This article is about:

- being able to read, write and calculate and use this learning to solve real problems
- learning about and experiencing lots of different things
- being able to think critically
- developing individual personalities and talents
- living in a peaceful and fair world

- being respectful and having good relationships with other people
- learning about rights
- respecting and looking after our environment.

**Perhaps your child could:**

Think of some examples of how they have looked after our environment.

Talk about Paddington. He is the champion for children at Unicef. He is friendly, kind and brave. Can your child think of any other words to describe his personality or someone in your family? Perhaps they could draw a picture and write some describing words around it.

Think of a time when they have shown respect to someone in your house? Maybe they’ve been a great listener or had wonderful manners.

Think about their own talents and abilities. Some children are fabulous at cartwheels, others are brilliant at keepy-uppies, Maths or Art. We would love to see yours!

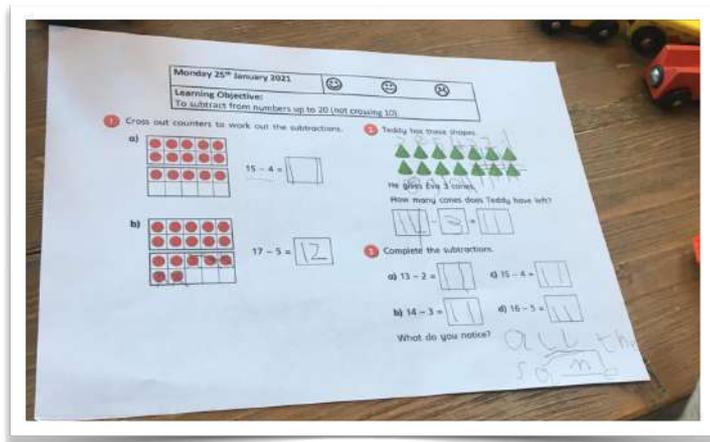
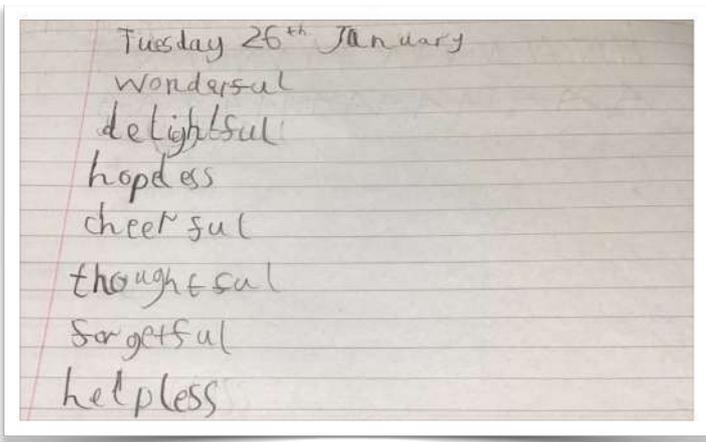
We would love to see any work, videos, photographs, posters or pictures on Seesaw that are all about Article 29. Click **here** to listen to Mrs Brown talking about Article 29.

**Storytelling Week**

Next week is National Story Telling Week where we celebrate the art of telling stories! Tune into Mr Hodgson’s Monday message to hear more about Story Telling Week and the very special challenge that he will be setting the children! Please note that the Monday message will now be posted on our **Templemoor YouTube** page and not on the school website.

**February Half Term Holiday**

School will close at 3:15pm on Friday 12th February and reopen on Monday 22nd February. (Please note that at this time we do not have any further information about whether school will reopen to all pupils on 22nd).



And finally...

We are all missing things at the moment. From a personal perspective, the thing that I'm missing most (apart from not seeing my parents in months and school not being full of course!) is having something specific to look forward to, like a holiday, or a concert or a meal out with friends. It all seems so surreal, waiting to hear what we will or won't be allowed to do in the next few weeks or so. So, let's keep looking after one another, as right now that is the most important thing. Thank you all for the fabulous support and understanding you have shown, which demonstrates just what an amazing community and school we have.

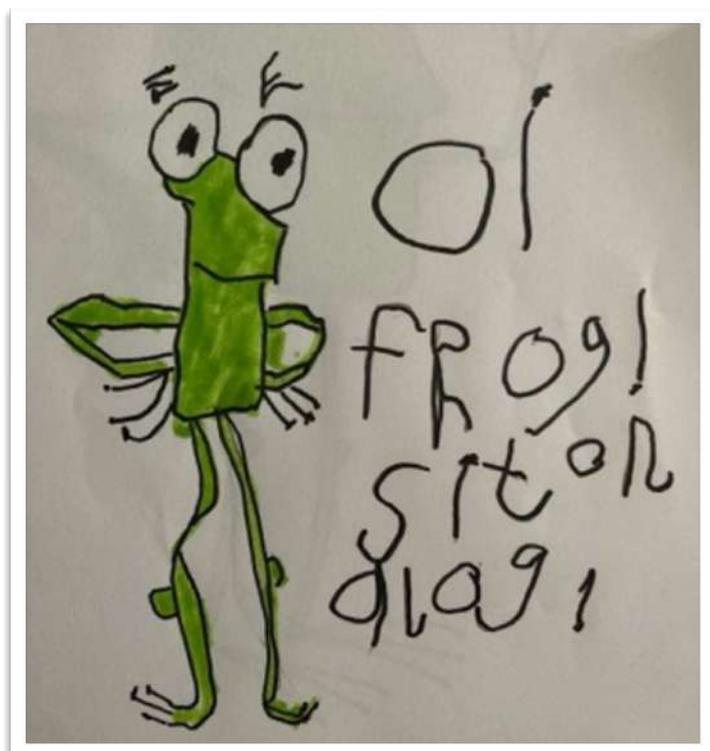
To finish. My mum sent me a photo of a poster earlier this week. It said:

'What do you want to be when you grow up?'  
 'Kind,' said the child.

It's a good lesson.

Until next week - stay safe, stay positive and continue to take care of yourselves and your children.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



### Spring Term 2021

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 4th January 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 12th February 2021
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 22nd February 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 1st April 2021

### Summer Term 2021

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 19th April 2021
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 3rd May 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 28th May 2021
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 14th June 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 23rd July 2021