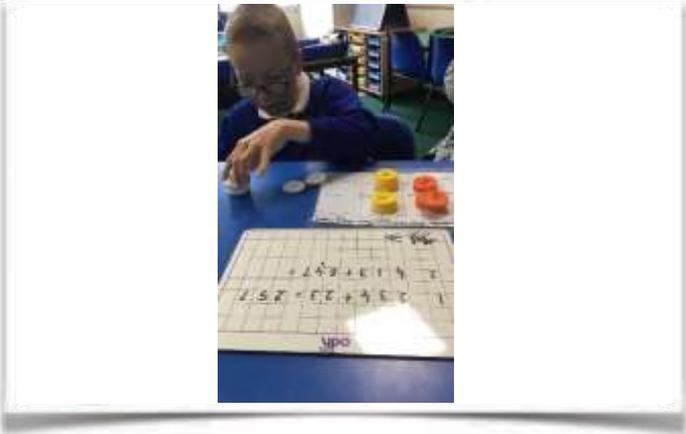




**Newsletter Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020**



**Message from Mrs Grainger**

We have now completed our first two full weeks of school and this week has seen our very youngest children start. Welcome to all our new children and parents and carers in Reception and Nursery. They have all made an excellent start to their school career and have taken all the new systems in their stride – well done.

The rest of the school have settled into their new classes perfectly, with their timetable becoming more familiar to them, and the morning drop off and afternoon collection happens with ease. The classrooms are filled with excited chatter of children and are vibrant places with a real buzz – this is how a school should be and all the staff are delighted.

A polite reminder: please do not allow your children to play in the staff car park and move away from school as quickly as possible, to avoid congregating on the footpaths and at the school entrances. Thank you.

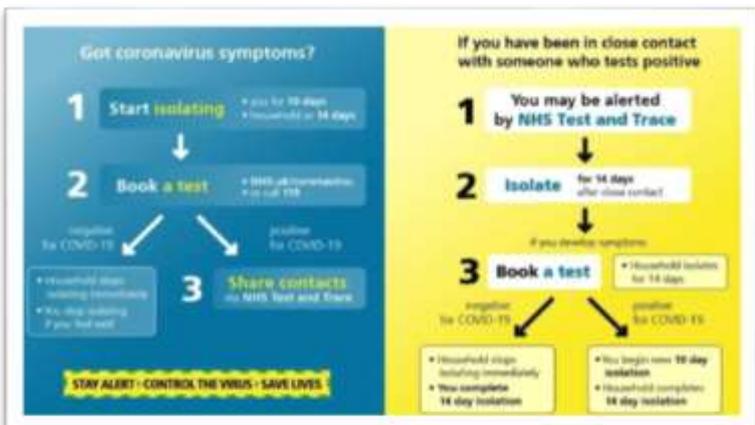
**Name the Bug-House Competition**

As you can see Dr Sarson and Mrs Barratt have continued the Gardening Club over the summer holidays by creating a new luxury hotel for all of the local bugs and insects! It has been designed to encourage a whole host of creepy crawlies from spiders and earwigs to solitary bees and butterflies. This will help the plants and vegetables we plant to grow and it is an amazing improvement on the space. Huge thanks to them.

Now over to you! As yet we haven't named the bug-house and so we have decided to run a competition to choose a name. To get you started, our suggestions are Bugging-ham Palace or Slug-borough Hall but do you have a better idea?

Think up a name for the bug-house and send it to the school office by Friday 3rd October and the best / funniest will be chosen for the name plaque to be attached.

Get thinking!!!



## Years 1 & 2

This has been a fabulous week in KS1. All the children have settled into their new class bubbles and are following our routines very well. They have been working really hard in all lessons and producing some fabulous work. On Monday we began our new theme 'Moon Zoom' and we investigated an alien spacecraft crash landing. The children were excited and thoroughly enjoyed coming up with theories of what they thought had happened. We've created astronauts and investigated different materials and their properties.

Please be reassured that we are taking great care of the children and their mental health and well-being. They are truly amazing and resilient!



## Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have had a great second week in school. We have enjoyed some lovely weather doing our tennis skills PE lessons with Mr Squire.

It has been lovely seeing the children so cheery in class and outside and even though school is quite different to pre-lockdown their attitude is excellent!

We have enjoyed learning about forces in Theme and went on a 'Magnet Quest' to see what we could find which is magnetic.

In maths, we have learnt about place value and are whizzing along practising our times tables using the 3-minute challenge.

Please remember homework goes out on Thursdays, in the following Tuesday and spellings are Friday-Friday. Thank you for your help with this.

## Years 5 & 6

This week, in Years 5 & 6, we have been recreating artwork in the style of Andy Warhol, using a colour palette that reflects our personalities. We have also been ageing photos of ourselves and comparing our characteristics with our parents. We have begun to draft our 'I am' poems and have learned lots about each other. The children have been completing assessment papers and we are extremely proud of their effort and their determination to do their best. Well done Years 5 & 6!



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