



Update Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Head Teacher Mrs Lynne Osborne

Dear Parents and Carers,

The days are getting lighter and longer and it feels like Spring may just be around the corner. Let's hope we get the opportunity to get outside this weekend spending time away from technology and outside with nature. Following my illness, I will be returning to St Mary's next week but I'm not sure I'm really needed? The team have done a fantastic job in my absence as evidenced by your many lovely emails and messages of support.

This week's 'reasons to be cheerful', some of Reception's fantastic remote learning activities.'



Beth's been busy this week!

*Mrs Bates says: I'm really pleased with the efforts of Reception class and it's great to see so much engagement on Tapestry. You're all superstars but special mentions have to go to Noah, Isabel, Oliver, and Ezra for their phonics work. (Also, Ezra's little sister Anduin who's a superstar!)*

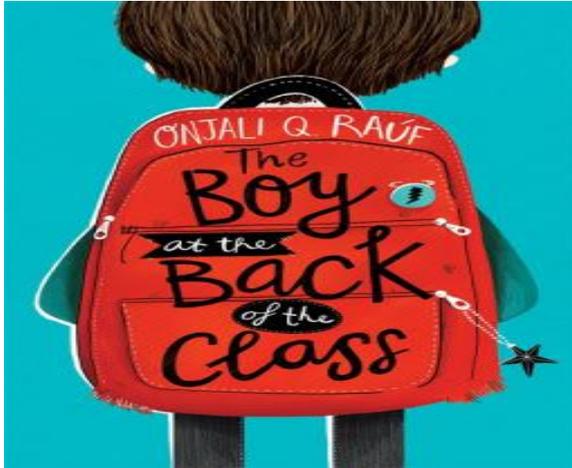
There's a lot of fish there Charlie. Can you count them all?



### The Boy at the Back of the Class:

When a new boy joins their class, a group of children try to befriend him. They soon learn that Ahmet is a refugee and has been separated from his family.

Mrs Bates is really enjoying this story and has started a blog on 'Purple Mash' so that anybody who is reading the book can comment.



Why not have a look? Or maybe your child can suggest the next 'whole school read'?

### 3 O'Clock Stop!

<b>Monday 8th February</b>	Miss Forsyth's story time – ages 7-11 Chapter 3 of 'One dog and his boy.' By Eva Ibbotson
<b>Tuesday 9th February</b>	Miss Gray – Internet Safety Fake News – Whole School
<b>Wednesday 10th February</b>	Mrs Osborne – Ways to Well Being Whole School
<b>Thursday 11th February</b>	Mrs Bishop – story time suitable for 3 -7 year olds
<b>Friday 12th February</b>	Miss Gray's 'Weekend wind down/up' <b>What will she get up to this week?</b>

## **Feeling Good Week:**

Next week is 'Feeling Good Week' and I'm sure you'll agree that it's very much needed. Your class teachers will have shared specific details for each day's activities and Art Materials are being left outside if any of you would like to come and collect them.

### **Monday - Lockdown Art**

### **Tuesday - Bake Off**

### **Wednesday - Workout Wednesday**

Whole school Zoom exercise session.

### **Thursday - Pop Dance**

EYFS - 11:20-11:50

KS1 - 1:30 - 2:00

KS2 - 2:15 - 3:00

### **Friday - Celebration**

A big zoom assembly to celebrate what we have achieved this week!

## **Anyone for coffee?**



Apologies, I have had to reschedule my 'Zoom' coffee morning. The new date and time is:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30 a.m.

There's no agenda for this meeting - it's just an opportunity to catch up and see how things are going. A Zoom code will be sent out on Monday. All welcome, I look forward to 'seeing' you.

## **PE Kits**

If you have any outgrown St Mary's PE kit or trainers Miss Gill would love to have them for her 'spares' box. Why not drop off any spare items when visiting the Lockdown Library or keep them safe until we return to school?

## **Parent Feedback**

In response to parent feedback, we will be trying to find alternative activities for remote learning on Fridays after half-term. Apart from morning meets we will be trying very hard to have 'Screen Free Fridays' where children are offered activities that do not require the use of a device.

### **Half-term:**

Mrs Bishop says, 'Half-term is nearly here and no need to be bored. Here are just some ideas for half term':

**Open Door: Community Space in Berkhamsted** will be running an online children's art exhibition entitled 'Smile'. More details are soon to be available on their website. Or why not join the free Bake-Along Cookery Session on Wednesday 17th February (10.30am) with your child.

<https://www.opendoorberkhamsted.co.uk>

**Zoological Society of London** are currently showing videos of their animals in action via their video channel. Watch the baby sloth eat his breakfast! Then have a look at the ZSL Zoo School for creative activities during lockdown.

[ZSL Video Channel](#) | [Zoological Society of London \(ZSL\)](#)

**Berkhamsted Library** are offering a Ready Reads service - They select you collect. Parents can order books for their child and themselves using an online form and then collect from a selected library.

