



Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

This has been a very exciting week as far as weather is concerned! Beginning with snow (and more expected this evening), followed by wind and rain and floods and finally a little bit of winter sunshine. Mrs Prickett asked people to share their snowmen and women on Facebook and it was so lovely to see the fun you have all been having. I think we were all particularly pleased to see the snow this year! I would love to see what you all get up to if it snows again tonight or tomorrow.

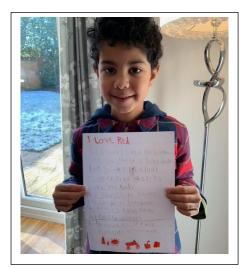


Work from home

We have seen so much amazing work this week; here is just a small sample of our incredible home learners who are being so brilliantly supported by the parents. Well done all of you.

Georgia sent me her brilliant poster on Africa and her mummy sent a link to watch Victoria Falls: https://youtu.be/WsMjBMxpUTc Thank you so much.











Home Stars of the Week

Reyansh in Larch for making the most amazing story book with beautiful illustrations retelling the Story of Super Sid the Silly Sausage dog, and for including Exclamation sentences in his writing too!

Leela in Pine for all her hard work over the past few weeks and showing great resilience.

Connor in Oak for using amazing handwriting when doing his English at home **Anna** in Sycamore: Who has remained so enthusiastic about her work and catch-up meetings and for showing a great deal of resilience.

Leo in Beech for fantastic effort in all areas of his home learning every single day! **Luke** in Robin: He has taken part in so many of the activities and demonstrated a fantastic attitude towards home learning.

Aria in Dove for her amazing practical maths video

Ivan in Woodpecker for his amazingly detailed drawings and beautifully neat handwriting while working at home.

Rosie in Magpie for her excellent minibeast work this week and for bringing a real worm to the class Zoom call!

Walter Reading Hub and Ebook Library

You should have received your log on details to access our Walter Reading Hub and Big Collins Ebook Library; if you have not, please let us know straight away and we will send it to you again or post a paper copy. Please visit the hub ~ it is wonderful! You will find it if you follow this link! https://wisreading.weebly.com/



Resilience and Perseverance

This week our assembly has been about Resilience and Perseverance; I know that some of you are finding it very hard to keep learning from home. I hope the assembly has helped a little. You can find it on the website under Home Learning where you can click on the link for Assemblies, but you will need to watch it as a power point.



Old land line phones, old tablets (no longer working) and old mobile phones

We would love donations of old land line phones, old tablets (no longer working) and old mobile phones to use in school as offices; these resources stimulate speaking and listening, social skills and develop communication. Children love to role play and recreate the world they see and hear around them. We have several office sets in school but we anticipate needing more resources in school for role play and imaginative play. If you have any of these items please bring them to school; we will place a box in the playground on dry days. Thank you in advance.



Internet Access or electronic Devices

If you do not have internet access or a screen that your child can use, please contact me immediately on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk as the Department for Education are not issuing laptops or ipads to Infant Schools!

If you can access 'Youtube' through your television, you will be able to watch all our videos, including our recorded lessons.

If you do not have printing facilities, please contact Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings on admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk or telephone on 01189780825.

Can you help us?

We would love some wooden stepping stones, discs, tree stump stools or even tables, rather like these!



Celebrating Differences

A large part of our curriculum is based on our values; Kindness, Respect, Empathy, Honesty and Resilience. Our children learn that we are all different but if we choose the same values and behaviours we can work and play happily in harmony. The world around us is diverse in so many ways and we have noticed that there is possibly a little less kindness during this lockdown than there was in March. As educators this is very concerning and we will be doing all we can to help our children recover from their negative experiences of lockdown and to celebrate the positive experiences! We will be learning all about each other and people from different countries, cultures, faiths and beliefs; I have worked hard to decide how to help this make sense to our very young children and after hours of research have come up with what I believe is a perfect starting point. I hope you agree; our extensive library of books and toys will support our learning as well as the excellent subject knowledge of our staff and of course our pupils. Miss Rose and Miss Potter will now be leading our RE curriculum with assistance from Mrs Issa, but if you feel you could contribute to help us develop our knowledge and understanding we would love to hear from you.



We look different on the outside BUT we look the same on the inside!

Key Worker School Stars

The children in school are working as hard as the children at home; learning the same things in similar ways. They all miss their friends so much and can't wait until we are all back together again. Well done to these 6 super stars!



Walter Lending Library

We haven't had any responses yet, but if you like to borrow some games let us know; we will of course quarantine them first.



Remote Learning Provision

To access the home learning you need to visit our website:



https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website then click on the home learning link:

Home Learning

Then 'Home Learning Resources'

Home Learning Resources

Welcome to our Walter Home Learning page. We are constantly updating this area with lots of resources, activities and things to try at home so keep checking this area of the website. Please visit your child's year group page by following the relevant link to the left for more things. Also, remember to visit and sign up to our Walter Tube YouTube channel.

We have produced home learning packs for each year group. You will find lots of activities, resources, lesson videos and links for websites with activities to keep your children busy at home.

Click



Then click on the work for your child's year group, for example:

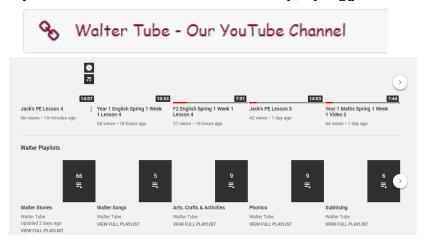
Year One



You will find all the recorded lessons for you to watch with your child and to learn alongside them: encourage your child to call out answers and responses to the questions and challenges posed. We will be updated our website daily.



If you cannot access the videos this way, try loggin on via this link:



You will be able to access all our recorded sessions from stories to songs, daily PE lessons to do at home with Jack and all your Mathematics, English and Phonics Learning.

On our website you will also find a document called Remoted Education Provision:

REMOTE EDUCATION PROVISION

This tab will take you to a document that outlines how we will be delivery our remote learning for home schooling.

We are expected to offer 3 hours of learning each day for primary school children (therefore children up to the age of 11). Our youngest children in Robin, Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker learn through play and they play a lot; 80% of their learning in school is child initiated and 20% adult directed.

We recommend that the children in Foundation Stage 2 still play for most of the day but also watch a Literacy Development Lesson and follow the learning, a Mathematics Development lesson, some phonics, some reading and some PE. They could then play inside and outside exploring their own toys, access Education City or Purple Mash or watch some good quality television programmes. Jigsaws and board games are wonderful opportunities for learning, so are construction toys and of course role play.

Please keep in touch; if you need help let us know!



If you have a problem, big or small, we may be able to help: we can help with food vouchers for the Food Bank. We can help with warm clothes and bedding. We can 'sign post' you to get help for fuel bills, we can provide paper, pens, colouring pencils.

Please keep in touch with your teachers:

Robin: samantha.potter@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Dove: jessica.bennette@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Magpie: rebecca.prickett@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Woodpecker: fiona.prickett@walter.wokingham.sch.uk and

lisa.parfett@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Beech: lauren.rose@walter.wokingham.sch.uk Larch: lisa.palmer@walter.wokingham.sch.uk Oak: jasmine.veale@walter.wokingham.sch.uk Pine: justin.lee@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Sycamore: andrew.herlihey@walter.wokingham.sch.uk and

mandy.mcdonough@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

If your child is on our Special Needs register please contact Mrs Walker on

louise.walker@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

And finally....

One of the things we are all missing, that you can all make more time for, and really works to make you feel better....



Hugging helps!

Best wishes; keep safe and well.

Judy Wheeler Headteacher