



Dear Parents,

Today marks the start of the RSPB's Gardenwatch 2021. It is really easy to take part and no specialist equipment is needed, although if you have a pair of binoculars, these might help! All you need to do is:

- choose 1 hour over the weekend between 29th January and the 31st
- count the number of birds you see in your garden or from your window (only count those that are not in flight)
- submit your results to the Big Garden Watch <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

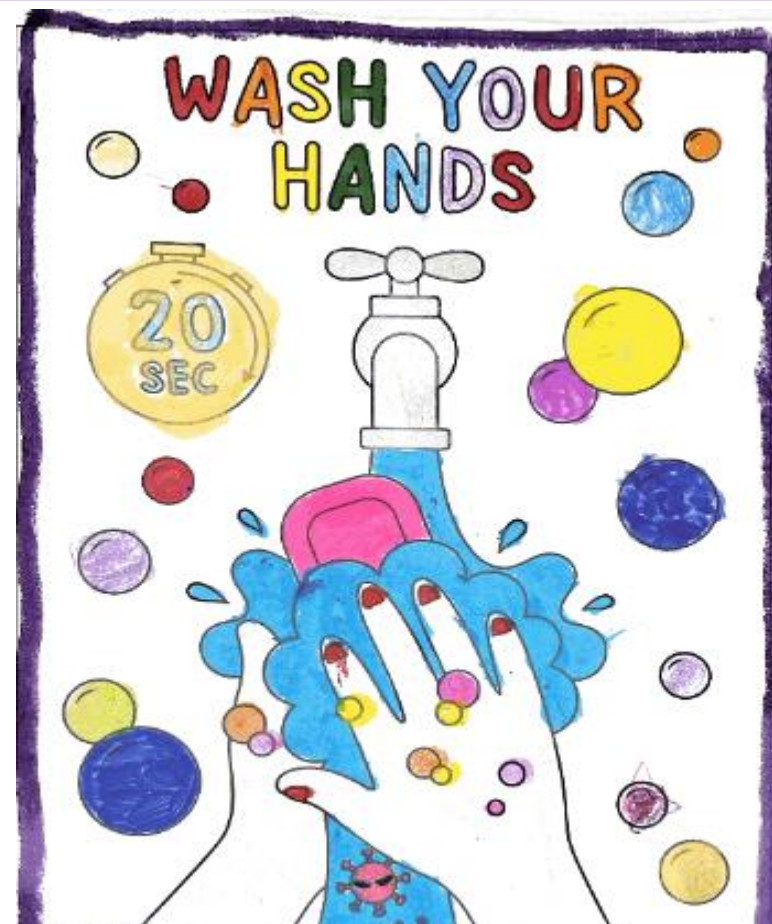
There is also advice on how to make your garden attractive to birds so that more come to visit on the website. Let us know how you get on!

Also, for those of you up early this morning, the Wold Moon was in full view as the rain clouds of yesterday parted. The moon was super bright due to its position in relation to the sun!

Finally, we've had a number of queries about whether the school will be open over half term, as it was during the spring/summer lockdown last year. Yesterday, the DfE confirmed that schools are not expected to open during holidays. As such, we will be closed for February half term. As at Christmas, our COVID-hotline will be monitored for the purposes of Track and Trace, so please use this to inform us of any test results that come in after the last day of term. We politely remind all parents that this is a dedicated email address for the purposes of Track and Trace only; any unrelated correspondence must be sent to the school office email address only.

Finally, it looks like this weekend will bring more wintery weather, although it doesn't seem sure if it is sleet or snow. Either way, enjoy the weekend,

Rhiannon Price



One of the many great posters we have received this week
Please keep sending them in!

E-safety is important –now more than ever!

Help children to stay safe online when using a phone, a tablet or a computer. Thinkuknowhow is an education programme that helps children stay safe online and offline.

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



You can find the most amazing collection of stories being read aloud by volunteers by following the following links. They have been recorded as videos.

The link: <https://www.schoolreaders.org/storytime>

Password: love2read

Quiz news!

We will be introducing a weekly Friday Quiz for the children. This week we have trialled it with groups of children to ensure that it is working smoothly.

Next week, the Friday Quiz will be launched for all the children to do. This quiz is to see what they have learnt over the course of the week. The information will come back directly to the class teachers, who will be able to assess what has been learnt and where there may be need for revisiting an area.

The Quiz will be accessed online and all you need to do is help you child click on the link. **It is really important that you allow your child to complete the quiz independently, so we get an accurate assessment of how they are learning.** As with any new system being trialled, please let us know how you get on.

change 4 life

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>

¡Hola a todos!/ Hello everyone!

We hope you have all had a fantastic week and managed to do your best with your home learning activities. We have had some truly magnificent work sent into us this week, which we have thoroughly enjoyed looking at, so a big thank you and well done from us! Moving forward, in addition to video links being sent to you, we will also be putting them onto the weekly plans. We also want to remind you that, although we send worksheets for you to complete, you do not need to print all of these out. If you are able to, you can complete work on a piece of paper to save on printer ink. Finally, as we come to the end of another week and look towards a fresh one, remember that a new week means new possibilities! We hope you have a brilliant weekend.

Take care,

The Year 5/6 team!

This week's quote:

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss

Hi Year 3 and Year 4s!

Well done on another week of working hard, whether you have been working at home or at school.

We are very excited to be introducing a FABULOUS FRIDAY QUIZ from next week! This will be a weekly fun quiz for you to complete every Friday. It will also help your teachers to see what you have learned throughout the week. Details of how to access the quizzes can be found on the next week's Parent overview.

We have really enjoyed receiving your entries for the weekly optional Reading Challenge Competition. Congratulations to last week's winners: Ollie, Imogen and Amelia! We are really excited to hear the announcement of this week's winners during Mr Leather's Monday Motivation assembly!

Please keep emailing your work to your class emails. We love seeing what you have been doing each week and it also means that you may be celebrated for your work in one of our Monday Motivation assemblies! Keep up the hard work everyone!

From the Year 3/4 Team.

Reception news:

Sawubona, Molo, Hallo and Hello to our splendid Reception children and families. We hope you have had another action packed week, especially as the weather has been so varied with sprinkles of snow and rays of sunshine. Well done for all the fabulous work from work on phonics to art work. Keep those emails flooding in, it helps to cheer us all up as we miss you all so much. We have enjoyed hearing about how you have measured items and ingredients and learned about empty and full in maths.

This week we have also been looking at the book 'Anna Hibiscus' Song', where you have explored the illustrations and thought about what makes you happy.

Please don't forget we are at the end of the phone or email should you need any support during this time. Reception class teachers and email addresses:

Darling Class – Miss Clements darling@rosecroft.school

Seacole Class – Mr Williams seacole@rosecroft.school

Benjamin Class – Miss Snowden benjamin@rosecroft.school

To our lovely Nursery Children,

With the extremely cold weather starting the week off, we decided to take the opportunity to explore the environment and what effects it had in the playground. We had fun with an ice hunt, chatting about the shapes and sizes of the ice that the children discovered. They made different sized foot prints on the frosty ground and discovered frosted spider webs. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about our cold weather spell.

We continued to focus on the book 'Each Peach Pear Plum' by creating activities around this. Some of the children's favourite activities were making Robin Hood dens and Robin Hood hats. Other activities included sorting out the 3 Bears in size order, finding things that begin with the letter A in the book, and also tracing the letter A on the large white board. Have a lovely weekend!

Hello to all our lovely YR1s and YR2s,

We hope you have had a fun week doing your home learning and are enjoying the stories and assemblies with your teachers. We have really enjoyed looking at all the work you have sent to us, amazing maths, fabulous phonics, super science and lovely literacy. Look out for a link to our weekly literacy story so you will be able to watch someone reading the whole book on YouTube. But no peeking until Friday! Well done for working so hard both at home or in school! Keep sending your work to us and pictures of other interesting things you have done at home. We can also help if you have any questions about the week's learning.

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It's the Big Garden Bird Watch this weekend so if you have made your bird feeder and put it up in the garden hopefully you spot some visitors.

Take care and happy birdwatching.