



GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 2021



REMINDER: Deadline to apply for Reception starting September 2021 is today.

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

I hope you're all keeping well.

Last week we sent a changed weekly again and we hope you enjoyed reading it. Do try to make the soup recipe shared last week, it's just the thing in this cold spell.

Children, I'm happy to learn that so many of you are working so hard at home on work set by your class teacher on Google Classroom and turning in such wonderful pieces of work. Your teachers are so happy with how you are engaging with the learning - keep going you're all doing so well. Don't forget to keep visiting the Gordonbrock School website to stay updated with any new information and activities that are posted.

Everyone at school has been doing 5-a-day fitness to stay fit and healthy and I hope you are doing the same at home too.

The Gordonbrock team miss you all and cannot wait to see your wonderful smiley faces again soon.

Mrs Wright.



CONGRATULATIONS

GORDONBROCK..

We were informed this week that our school has been awarded the prestigious Artsmark Gold Award!



The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports settings to develop and celebrate their commitment to arts and cultural education.

We were particularly pleased to be told:

Your firm commitment to providing rich arts and cultural opportunities for your pupils is impressive and is evidently enriching the learning for all pupils through exciting cross-curricular and extra-curricular learning opportunities, which are having a measurable impact on children's enjoyment and achievement.

We are delighted with this achievement and we hope that, during this incredibly challenging time for everyone, you will be able to enjoy this news too.



Free School Meals



Have your circumstances changed?

If so, and if any of the following applies to you, you can apply for free school meals for your child.

- * Universal credit with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7400
- * Income support
- * *Income based job seekers allowance*
- * Income related employment and support allowance
- * Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC that does not exceed £16,190

Please apply online. See the link below.

<https://schools.lewisham.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

Even if your child(ren) is/are in Reception and Years 1 & 2 and are Universal FSM (do not pay for school lunch) you may be entitled to lunch vouchers/hampers from the government for your child at this time. So please apply.

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

Please do not forget, if your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you must apply for a school place by 15th January 2021.

The best way to apply is online

www.eadmissions.org.uk

You may apply for up to **six** schools on your application. Due to the high demand for places, it is recommended that you use all your preferences and list your most local school as one of your preferences.

We hope that as many of you as possible choose Gordonbrock as your number one choice, but please note that unfortunately, our current Nursery children **do not** automatically get a Reception place.

A separate application must still be made. Please remember to tick the sibling tick box.

GET A ONE-OFF PAYMENT **IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING** **DUE TO COVID-19**



You may be able to get a one-off payment to help you buy essential food and fuel.

There is an emergency payment for those eligible for Universal Credit who are facing further immediate, financial hardship due to COVID-19 and have no other assistance available. If you have no income as a result of losing your job or ability to work, you may qualify for a one-off payment.

The payment is a grant so it does not need to be paid back. It does not replace any other form of support from the Government.

Can I apply for the grant?

To apply for the grant you must:

- not have an earned income
- have savings of less than £6,000
- be a permanent Lewisham resident
- be liable to pay rent, bills, a mortgage or council tax
- claim or have made an application for Universal Credit.

There may be a delay in Universal Credit being awarded. You can claim for immediate support if your initial payment from Universal Credit is delayed.

How much will I receive?

The grant will be a fixed amount based on:

- the number of people in your household and their ages
- set amounts of money that the Government suggest you need to live on.

How do I apply?

Fill out our online application form. You will need to provide:

- a contact number
- an email address

If you disagree with our decision, you may ask for it to be reviewed. Any decision following a review is final and you have no appeal rights.

You need to log in to your My Lewisham account before you apply. Log in or register for an account <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myaccount/login-or-register>

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/benefits/covid19-hardship-grant>

What other help is available?

Universal Credit advance payments

You can apply for an advance payment if you have claimed Universal Credit and

- you are waiting for your first payment or
- you have had a change that will increase your payments.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/universal-credit-advances#how-to-apply-for-a-universal-credit-advance>

Loans to help you buy household items

If you are in receipt of JSA, Income Support or ESA you can apply for a Budgeting Loan. <https://www.gov.uk/budgeting-help/benefits/how-to-applyto>

If you have made a claim for Universal Credit you can apply for a Budgeting Advance. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/universal-credit-advances#get-a-budgeting-advance>

Look what great Learning we've been doing at home.... (continued)

Lucas, E5

And there we are again,
We go dancing in the rain.
When sky set up with clouds
Dancey charcoal black,
The yard cocks flap their wings
and let out a crowing loud,
and the wind was very strong
being her hair feathered buns
and everybody start grabbing
clothes off the clothes line;
we know rain coming.

Speciality pen off, we clothes,
and there we are again,
We love dancing in the rain.

Then we hear it getting nearer,
rattling on galvanize tin roof,
and as it drops down starting hard,
we know rain coming.

Kelvin, E5

Dancing in the rain
And there we are again,
we go dancing in the rain.

When sky set up with clouds
Dancey charcoal black,
The yard cocks flap their wings
and let out a crowing loud,
and the wind was very strong
being her hair feathered buns
and everybody start grabbing
clothes off the clothes line;
we know rain coming.

Then we hear it getting nearer,
rattling on galvanize tin roof,
and as it drops down starting hard,
squealing, we pull on we clothes;
And there we are again
we love dancing in the rain.



Leo, E5

Year 4 student

Create (draw or write) something to express an emotion you have felt in the past:

Happiness raced down the street,
Sadness was hard to meet,
Something was new,
I had a clue,
And it made me jump with joy!

I gave a cheer,
It lasted so long that it could have taken a year!
Even though we had not met,
It would be cute I placed the bet.

It was family I could tell,
But not the type that cry and smell.
It was a pet,
I couldn't forget,
The moment when I first saw her.
"A bunny, A bunny!" I shrieked, I cried,
I was getting a rabbit my parents had not lied.

GRANNY'S SUGARCAKE PERFORMANCE

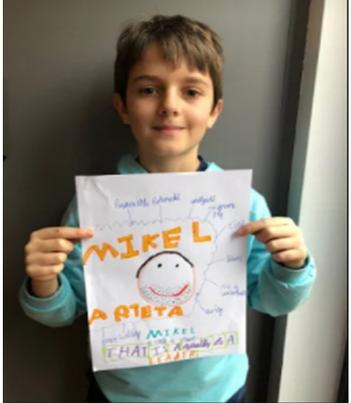


GRANNY'S SUGARCAKE PERFORMANCE

Winnie, E6

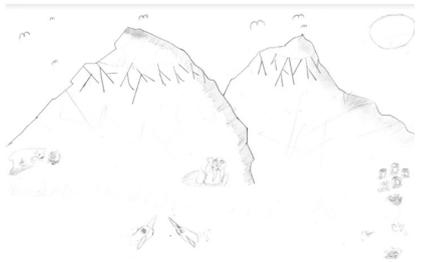


Annamarie, A5



Year 4 student

Eliza, A5



Shiloh, A5

Remel, A5



Sadie, A5

These are the ones I found

14	21
27	38

$$\begin{array}{r} 47 \\ 27 \\ 14 \\ +12 \\ \hline 100 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ 38 \\ 18 \\ +23 \\ \hline 100 \end{array}$$

- Where could you start?
at the bottom left right
- How do the gear digits you choose contribute to the gaps in the ones column of 100?
The bottom digit always has to be of the same number
- What can you say about the size of the digit in the top left cell?
It's small because it fills in the gap of the end of the tens column

Remel, A5

Support for Learning

We know that creating a 'classroom' at home can be difficult! This page is dedicated to links to resources and websites that will support your child to access their learning from home. If further support is required please contact the school SENDCo.

Maths

NRICH enriching mathematics

<http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage>

The Mathematics Shed

<http://www.mathematicshed.com/>

MATHSFRAME CO.UK

<http://mathsframe.co.uk/>

Math Playground

<https://www.mathplayground.com/>



<https://www.coolmathgames.com/>

Literacy

THE LITERACY SHED

<http://www.literacyshed.com/>

Spellingframe

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/>

Top marks

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/words-and-spelling>

Dyslexia SPLD Trust

website: <http://www.thedyslexia-spldtrust.org.uk/>

Online videos and activities to help motivate and support your children with their reading and writing at home.

Handwriting and Fine Motor Skills

Griffin OT

website - <https://www.griffinot.com/>

Advice, resources and fine motor skill activities to support children with sensory difficulties and motor skill difficulties.

Drumbeat

website: <https://www.drumbeatasd.org/attachments/download.asp?file=975&type=pdf>

A booklet to support fine motor skills, specifically cutting using scissors.

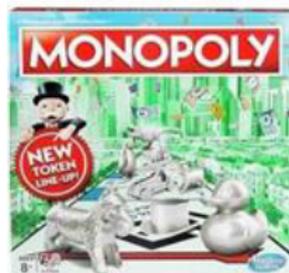
Twinkl

Website: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-l-141-line-handwriting-worksheets>

Website: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-l-5369-cursive-handwriting-and-letter-formation-pack>

Website: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-l-526889-ks1-continuous-cursive-letter-formation-practice-activity-booklet>

Fun and Games.



Support your child's turn taking, problem solving, number recognition, sequencing, counting, spelling skills and much more by playing games with them.

Please also check the school website for additional SEND Learning Support.

What's Cooking?...

Wash your hands, roll up your sleeves and get cooking.

Develop a love of cooking and learn a vital life skill in the process by preparing and cooking food. Not only are you making something delicious to eat, you're also applying the principles of a healthy and varied diet as well as learning a range of cooking techniques.

This week, why not try to cook a tasty chilli and keep out the cold.

Ingredients:

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
- 300g beef mince
- 1 tin red kidney beans, in water (420g)
- 1 tin chopped tomatoes (400g)
- 200g rice (easy-cook long grain brown rice, if possible)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 carrot, finely chopped
- 2 peppers, any colour, deseeded and chopped
- 2 tsp tomato purée (optional)
- 100ml reduced-salt vegetable or chicken stock (optional)
- 1 pinch ground black pepper (optional)



Method:

1. Heat the vegetable oil in a large saucepan and add the onion. Fry gently for 2 to 3 minutes, then add the carrot, garlic, red chilli and peppers and fry for 2 to 3 more minutes, stirring often.
2. Add the frozen mince, beans, tomatoes, tomato purée and stock. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer, partially covered, for 25 to 30 minutes. At the same time, put the rice on to cook in plenty of gently boiling water - it will take 25 to 30 minutes.
3. Season the chilli with pepper, then serve in warm bowls with the cooked, drained rice.

Chilled Times

During this time please make time for rest and relaxation. Below are some ideas to enjoy whilst having family time.

Lights, Camera, Action...



Grab your popcorn and enjoy one of the following productions on YouTube



Frozen: <https://youtu.be/BgL3vp8bEKO>



Tangled: <https://youtu.be/XFiQWzU5wSQ>



Aladdin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOrDtpGUSOU>

Or visit the Unicorn theatre to view:



The Twits: <https://www.unicorntheatre.com/twits>



Grimm Tales: <https://www.unicorntheatre.com/grimms>



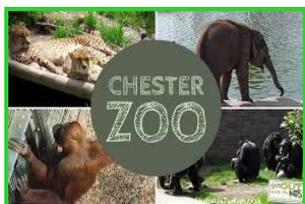
Anansi Spider: <https://www.unicorntheatre.com/anansi-respun>



Huddle: https://www.unicorntheatre.com/huddle_2020

Lets travel and discover...

Click on one of the following links to virtually tour or book yourself on to a workshop.



Chester Zoo: <https://www.chesterzoo.org/virtual-zoo-2/>



Greenwich museum visits and workshops:
<https://www.rmg.co.uk/discover>

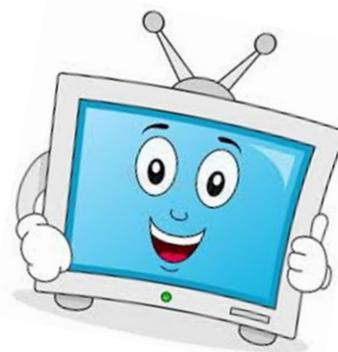


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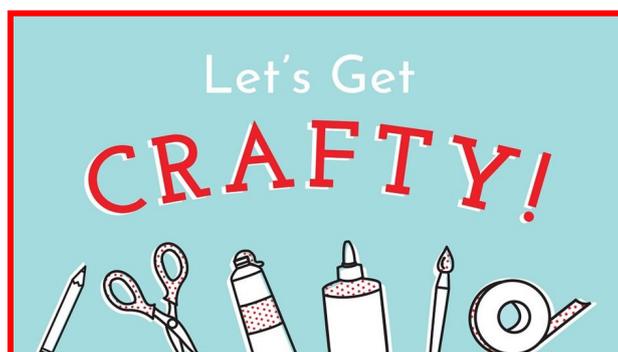
We have been informed by the Blue Peter team that they have launched Blue Peter on YouTube at CBBC and suggested it would be great as entertainment outside of home-schooling hours.

They have videos that are suitable for 5-11 year olds, showing world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They have also featured ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about their presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.



Don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

<https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter>



A great activity to
do while it's **COLD**
OUTSIDE

Take some twigs, berries or leaves and place them in a small pot or tub with some string/ribbon/cord to use for hanging. Add water and leave outside overnight when the temperature is to fall below zero degrees. Don't add too much water as it might not all freeze, as it depends on how cold it is where you are.

Once frozen, remove from the container and hang from where you can marvel at your creation and watch it glisten change shape as it melts away in the sun.

Lets get solving

Months of the Year Word Search

C S A L A N D A Y B E R A U G
 F G E H O C T O B E R I L A R
 E E R P Y E A T M A N M O Y A
 B E B E T A R G A P R I L E U
 S J N R C E E A T T R A Y R G
 D A M O U A M A H I E B R N U
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 M A R C H E R Y C R R A D E B
 A R J A E N U A E Y S J A M S
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CAN YOU SOLVE THIS MATH BRAIN TEASER ?



BRAIN TEASER

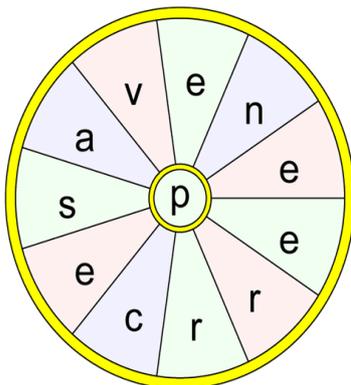
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| MARCH | OCTOBER |
| APRIL | NOVEMBER |
| MAY | DECEMBER |
| JUNE | YEAR |
| JULY | CALENDAR |



The goal of a word wheel puzzle is to create as many words possible with the letters in the word wheel. You can only use each letter once and every word must have the letter in the center of the wheel.

Can you find the 12 letter word?
 Here is a little help to find the word:
 this P word means you don't quit



The 12 letter word is:

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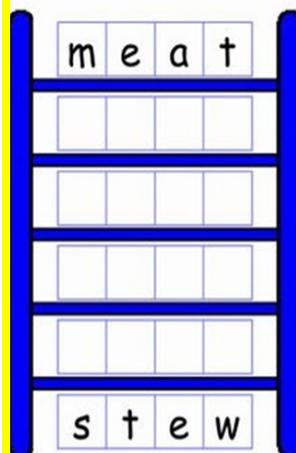
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Word Ladder with clues

The wordladder puzzle starts with 2 words on the ladder. You have to transform the word on the top of the ladder into the word at the bottom of the ladder. On each step of the ladder you must replace 1 letter of the word and you can change to order of the letters.



- The flesh of an animal used as food.
- Something (such as a chair) that you sit on.
- A thin, narrow strip of wood, plastic, or metal.
- Informal for coleslaw
- A large number of people or things.
- A dish of vegetables and usually meat cooked in hot liquid for a long time.

Home Learning...



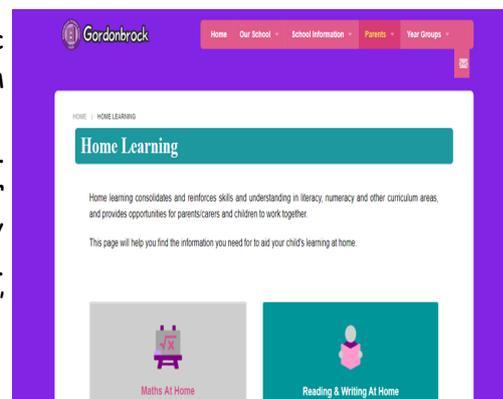
Children and Parents/Carers keep visiting the Gordonbrock website's Home Learning section and use the links provided as well as use the link to Google Classroom for quick access.

If you have mislaid the login details sent to you last term, please contact the school office via email info@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk and these will be sent as soon as possible.

Learning is being set by the year group's class teachers at 9.30 every weekday during the period of school closure (in the **Classwork** tab) and is accompanied by a video message from the class teacher each day (in the **Stream** tab).

From time to time, assemblies will also be uploaded, including music assemblies from Mr Prescott. These will feature in the classroom Stream, too.

To access Google Classroom visit <http://classroom.google.com/>. Please don't forget to use [@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk](https://twitter.com/gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk) after the username instead of lgflmail.org. You should make sure that any personal Google accounts have been signed out of before you login. Support videos for accessing Google Classroom and how to 'turn in' work are available on the Gordonbrock website homepage.



Did you know?..

To 'turn in' work you could also use your mobile by using the scan feature

How to Scan Documents With iOS



Open the **Notes** app and create a new note.

Tap the **Camera** icon and select **Scan Documents**.

Position the phone camera over the document. Notes automatically focuses and captures an image, or you can do it manually by tapping the shutter button. After you scan a page, drag the handles to crop the scan. Tap **Keep Scan** to continue. Repeat this process for all the pages you want to scan. When you're finished, select **Save**.

How to Scan Documents With Android

Open **Google Drive** and tap the + symbol.

Under the **Create New** tab, select **Scan**.

Position the phone camera over the document and tap the **Shutter** button when you're ready to capture the image.

Tap the **check mark** to keep the scan or tap the **back arrow** icon to retake it.

Tap the + symbol to scan more images or tap **Save** to finish and upload your document to **Google Drive**. There are also options to crop the scan, rotate it, or change the color.

When you finish scanning your documents, enter a file name for your new PDF and choose which folder to save it in. Then select **Save**.

How To Scan A Document To PDF



Documents scanner for Android using Google Drive

If you are having difficulties accessing Google Classroom, please contact the school office.

Home Learning... continued

Did you know?..

You can access Google Classroom from both Xbox and Playstation too. Given below is how to access Google Classroom with these consoles.



How to use Google Classroom on Microsoft Xbox:

The Xbox consoles have access to Microsoft Edge - the developer's pre-installed web browser. Microsoft Edge can be used to access Google Classroom, in addition to other online education services. Begin by plugging a wired keyboard into an Xbox One, Xbox Series X or Xbox Series S via one of its many USB ports.

Next, press the **Xbox button** top-centre on the controller and navigate to the side menu's **My Games & Apps**.

Now tap **See All** before scrolling down to Apps, which should present **Microsoft Edge** in the icons on the right-hand side.

Once opened, enter **classroom.google.com** into the **URL bar** and **log in** as you would on a regular desktop or laptop computer via an educational Gmail account.

Pupils can either use an Xbox controller to move the cursor or a separate USB mouse plugged into one of the other ports.

How to use Google Classroom on PS4 and PS5:

The PlayStation 4 has its own web browser that is easy to find on the PlayStation 4.

However, be aware this process is a little trickier on the newer PS5.

PS5 users should instead open the System Settings, then the User Guide.

This will open up an online user manual inside a PS5 web browser page, meaning users need only to change the URL. In all other regards, the rest of the steps are identical to the PS4.

Start by plugging a wired keyboard and mouse into one of the many USB ports on the PS4 or PS5.

Next, enter **classroom.google.com** into the browser's **URL bar** and **log in** to Google Classroom using the details provided by student's educational establishment.

As before, we are looking forward to seeing pictures of you whilst at home completing your home learning and other activities as well as pictures of your home learning. So please email in your pictures to info@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk and we will feature as many as possible in the coming weeks.

Each week day on CBBC there are three-hour blocks of primary school programmes from 9am, including BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily, as well as other educational programming such as *Our School* and *Celebrity Supply Teacher* and much loved titles such as *Horrible Histories*, *Art Ninja* and *Operation Ouch*.



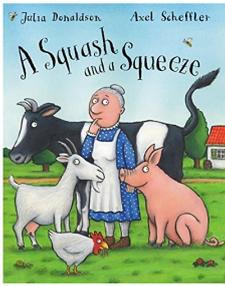
In addition, the BBC Bitesize online has expanded their offer of structured lessons in Maths and English for all year groups - for use in both the home and classroom. 'This Term's Topics' also covers other curriculum subjects and curates learning content that works for the Spring curriculum. This can be used to explore different topics at home. To visit go to bbc.co.uk/bitesize and click on your year group and subject to find lots of content.



We are currently sharing our 5-a-day fitness logins on Google Classrooms when the task is set. Please feel free to use it. Another alternative is to exercise at home with Joe Wicks via his YouTube channel on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays tune in at 9.00am and get moving. Exercising is so important and recommended at least 30 minutes a day.

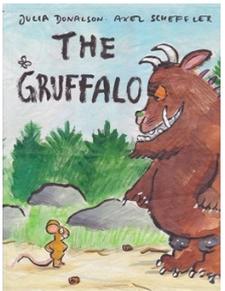
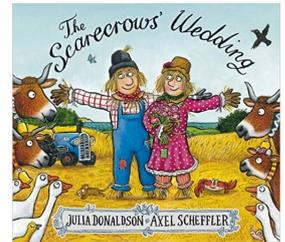
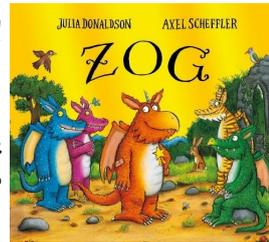
Home Learning... continued

FREE Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler Home Learning Packs



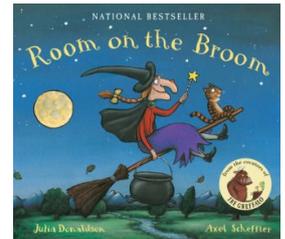
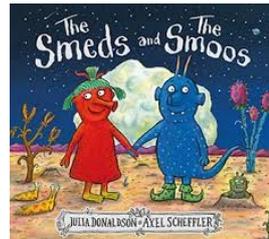
Is your child a fan of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's wonderful picture books?

Now you can download a range of home learning activity packs to complete as you read the books!



Just visit:

<https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/FREE-Julia-Donaldson-and-Axel-Scheffler-Home-Learning-Packs-4014>



Lexia Superstars

Well done to all of the children who are completing Lexia at home and at school.

Keep up the good work!

Well done to these children for logging onto Lexia this week!

Jachai (E1), Ivaylo (E1), D'Nae (E2), Elizabeth (E2), Nusta (E3), TJ (E3), Maisie (E3), Iyla – Rae (E4), Sam C (E5), Deivid (E5), Sam M (E5), Ayman (E6), Malachi (E6), Rose (E6), Robert (A1), Oscar (A2), Thailen (A2), Hayley (A2), Filippo (A3), Filip (A5), Zaria (A6) and Ollie (A6)

[A special congratulations to](#)

[TJ \(E3\), Iyla-Rae \(E4\), Thailen \(A2\), Ivaylo \(E1\) and Robert \(A1\)](#)

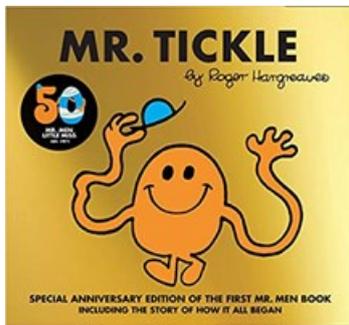
[for completing a level this week.](#)

Please try to ensure that your child completes 20 minutes of Lexia 3x weekly.

Children that complete a level will have their certificate sent to them via email.



MRS WRIGHT'S READ OF THE WEEK



Mr Tickle by Roger Hargreaves

Mr Tickle is small and round and has arms that stretch and stretch. Extraordinarily long arms, perfect for tickling!

In 1971 Mr Tickle was published, bringing fun, tickles and laughter to children everywhere. Now, 50 years later you can enjoy this special upsized edition of the classic story with a **bonus new story about how it all began.**

FRENCH CORNER

The French main dishes contain: fresh vegetables, meat and cheeses. French cuisine is well known for its freshness and high quality dishes. The French people enjoy their main meal in the evening and this meal often consists of three courses starting with a 'hors d'oeuvre', a starter dish which often is soup or a salad and bread, then the main course and afterwards some cheese or fruit.

André Michelin est né le 15 janvier 1853 à Paris. Il était un ingénieur et industriel français qui a fondé l'entreprise « Michelin », célèbre partout dans le monde pour la fabrication de pneumatiques.

Meaning: André Michelin was born on the 15th January 1853 in Paris. He was a French engineer and industrialist who founded the "Michelin" enterprise, famous all over the world for manufacturing tyres.

ONLINE SAFETY : TIP OF THE WEEK



Be responsible and ethical when using the Internet whether at home or in a public online centre or cyber café, for e.g. not plagiarising information from the Net, using the computer equipment responsibly, not causing harm to others through your online activities.

This week in history...

1934 It was reported that the Loch Ness monster had been spotted.

1936 Henry Ford established the Ford Foundation.

1954 Marilyn Monroe married Joe DeMaggio.

1967 In the first ever Super Bowl The Green Bay Packers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs in Los Angeles.

1983 Breakfast TV was launched in the UK.

1997 Princess Diana angered Defence Ministers around the world after calling for an immediate international ban on land mines.

2003 The space shuttle Columbia was launched on its final mission.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Fri 15.01	Deadline for Reception 2021 online applications.
Mon 01.02 - Fri 05.02	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
Tue 09.02	Safer Internet Day
Fri 12.02	Last day of Spring Term 1
Mon 15.02 - Fri 19.02	Half Term Break
Mon 22.02	First day of Spring Term 2
Thu 04.03	World Book Day
Thu 01.04	Last day of Spring Term
Fri 02.04 - Fri 16.04	Easter Break
19.04	First day of Summer Term
03.05	Bank Holiday Monday

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Do you have a joke that we could publish in the weekly?

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