

Copley Primary School Newsletter

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What a first week back we have had! It began with blue skies and smiles then was followed by an eventful few days. The week has had lots of positives: I have enjoyed meeting all the children and seeing how friendly and polite they are. Through the challenges we have faced, I have had the opportunity to work closely with the teachers and staff which has helped me to realise what a superb team I have joined at Copley Primary School.

The week has presented many challenges which have been frustrating for all- thank you for your patience whilst we have tried to plan the best way forward through these uncertain times.

Google Classrooms is our remote platform for teaching, and we are all learning how to get the most out of it. I hope those who could join our 'Technical Workshop' on Thursday found it useful. If you missed it, we have included some information on the 'Remote Learning' tab on our website.

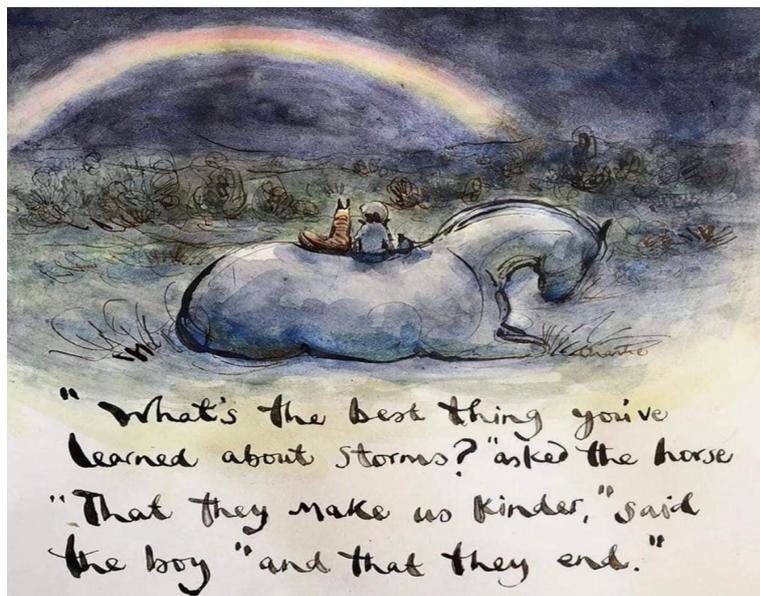
If there are any difficulties with Google Classrooms, please email the class teacher and they will try their best to sort the issue out as soon as they can. We are constantly reviewing our practice and will develop as we learn more about the platform. Thank you for your understanding.

Please keep checking the 'Covid information' section of our websites for regular updates about the ongoing situation. With things often changing and guidance being regularly updated, this is the best place for us to put any large amount of information.

This definitely isn't the first week I imagined as Head Teacher of Copley and am sorry that I have not had the chance to meet more of you but I am sure, in time, we can work closely together to create the best path forward for our children.

Enjoy your weekend, stay safe.

Mr Theaker



Covid Update from Calderdale Council

Calderdale Council have released a letter for parents with updates related to Covid within Calderdale. This can be found on our website ('Covid Information' tab). Please can I draw your attention to two paragraphs in particular:

'Anywhere where groups of people come together – such as schools – brings with it an increased risk of transmission now compared to what we saw last year. This means that schools are not as safe as they were in September, and the only thing we can do to make them safer again is to dramatically reduce the numbers of pupils attending school in person.... We would urge you only to send children to school if absolutely necessary, and instead to make use of other support available to you by speaking to your employer about furlough or changing your working pattern, or making use of any informal childcare bubble where you can (following national childcare bubble guidance). The new variant makes it much more likely your child will catch COVID from another child if they are in the same room as them and makes it much more likely they in turn will pass it on to other family members and friends.'

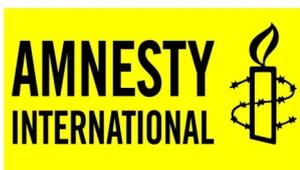
'We are also acutely aware that not every child that needs a laptop or internet access has that provision yet. Many schools are waiting for the devices to be loaned to disadvantaged families promised by Government and in fact some are not yet able to even order their allocation so again we ask for your patience whilst we work through arrangements to ensure that all children can access their remote learning. Schools are working hard to provide support for home learning which we know poses challenges for many families. We encourage parents to work with their schools where there are any specific concerns.'



BBC Bitesize & Live Lessons

The BBC has announced that they will show curriculum-based programmes for primary school children on CBBC from Monday 11th January at 9am for 3 hours every day.

These will include BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily as well as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories and Operation Ouch.



Year 6 Sponsored Silence

Before Christmas our Year 6 pupils completed a sponsored silence to raise money for Amnesty International. This was part of their literacy work last term and they raised an amazing **£1321.51!**

Well done to all the pupils and staff in Year 6 and thank you to everyone who donated.

PE with Joe Wicks

Joe Wicks has announced he will return with children's PE sessions during the current lockdown starting from Monday 11th January at 9am and will take place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday on his YouTube channel. These are a great way to get kids moving (and grown ups!) . Exercise can really help boost our mental health especially when we are stuck indoors with the gloomy weather so why not give them a try!

