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## Spring 1 Lockdown Newsletter

*I can do all things through Him who strengthens me  
- Philippians 4:13*



Dear Community

**TO THE STAFF**, thank you for the incredible work you have done over this last term. Whether you have been in school or working from home, you have adapted to this new way of teaching brilliantly and always put the children first. For many of you, this has come at the expense of your own family and individual concerns and worries. You have truly lived out our aim to be ambitious, resilient and compassionate.



**TO THE PARENTS**, you have been fantastic. Balancing your role as a parent, teacher and worker has not been easy. There may have been times when it may have felt a bit too much, and that is OK. We think you are superheroes for what you are having to manage.

The support and encouragement you have given us in our work has been incredible. Whether it has been an email of thanks, comments of gratefulness in the survey, contributing to the Coffee Cart or little gifts of nourishment for the staffroom or individual teachers, we have found your actions of appreciation motivating and heartening. Thank you.



**TO THE CHILDREN, YOU ARE AWESOME!** You are living through something that has never happened before and you have risen to the challenge. It is hard and sad not being able to see your friends properly and having to work on Google Classroom every day. But it won't be too long before you are back in school with us and we can't wait to see you all again. We miss you, deeply.



**TO OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY**, the situation we are in is unprecedented, but there is hope that it is going to come to an end. The pandemic has highlighted how much our small village school is more than just a place of teaching and learning: it also keeps our community connected and is a place of happiness, laughter and somewhere to have a giggle in the toughest of times.

Have a lovely half-term break.

Andrew Denham

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These are the things we have been up to this term...

*Murphy Class*



*Donaldson Class*

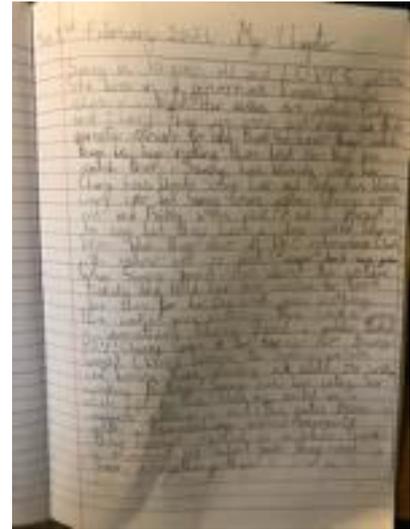


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Blake Class



Dahl Class



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### Morpurgo Class



There ears are small so they lose minimum amount of heat.



Arctic foxes construct a system of tunnels (inside the den) which is quite complex. The dens have more than one entrance. These dens have been adapted to keep the foxes warm and have lots of room in a smaller space.

The Arctic fox (*Vulpes lagopus*) lives in the **Northern Hemisphere**—Arctic. It has adapted to living in extreme cold. The fox is covered with **dense white fur** which serves as insulation.

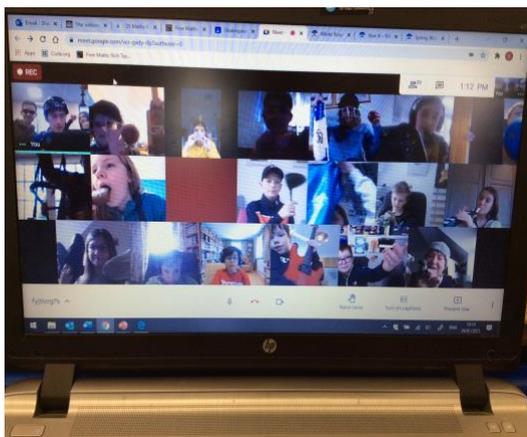


They have got thick white fur to camouflage and keep them warm.

Arctic foxes are omnivores. They have adapted to eating more than one type of thing. They eats lemmings, birds, carrion, hares, voles, fish, rodents, berries, insects, seaweed, and eggs. Foxes are also scavengers in that they often feed on dead animals

The arctic fox is able to survive extreme temperature of -50 to -70 degree Celsius. The dense guard hair prevents the body from losing too much heat.

### Shakespeare Class



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## Achievement Book

*The following children have shown particularly impressive words or actions this term...*

### DONALDSON

Henry for enthusiastically joining in with all sessions and creating a fantastic story of Dogger

Beth for consistently joining in with all lessons and a fantastic family retell of our story

Lena for persevering and gaining confidence in our online learning

George for contributing enthusiastically to class discussions

### BLAKE

Elias for fab engagement and attitude in all online lessons

Ella for being keen and engaged with our new topic and creating a brilliant Aztec headdress

Kitty for incredible hard work and determination in all subjects

Finley for improved effort and concentration during our online lessons

### DAHL

Jack for being resilient and overcoming challenges

Leila for being so engaged and motivated in her online learning

Ciara for keeping focused during online lessons and working hard on tasks

Finn for effort, engagement and high quality work during lockdown



### MORPURGO

Grace for hard work and determination with all home learning

Kasper for fantastic engagement and contributions in our lessons

Autumn for always smiling, working hard and pushing herself out of her comfort zone

Emilia for always putting 100% into all of her work and her contributions to our lessons

Angel-Marie for being super interactive during the call and working hard

Kate for always being so positive and engaged in all of our learning

Milo for having a 'I can' attitude and producing high quality work because of it

Cameron for fantastic hard work and determination during a difficult week

### SHAKESPEARE

Sam for fantastic engagement with all of our online learning and creativity in the work that he is producing

Freya for fantastic perseverance and determination—even when technology was causing difficulties!

Emilia for her brilliant engagement with all of our online learning and always producing work of a high standard

Mae for her exemplary attitude towards her online learning and producing high quality work

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## Star Writers



The following children have shown some great writing skills this term...

### DONALDSON

Eadie for a fantastic Dogger story complete with full stops and finger spaces  
Layla for fantastic letter formations in phonics and retelling the story confidently  
Martha for using her sounds in her writing  
Kyle for using his letter sounds to write CVC words

### BLAKE

Elleni for great use of adjectives in all English activities  
Finlee for using imaginative adjectives when creating a setting description  
Ezra for using great alternative adjectives and similes in his writing  
Annabel for an imaginative chapter based on Charlie and the chocolate factory

### DAHL

Benjamin for beautiful presentation and trying hard to work independently  
Olivia for a great piece of writing comparing life in Pompeii to today  
William for a great setting description about Pompeii, using paragraphs and direct speech  
Kyrrah for aiming high with her writing and making real improvements with the presentation of her work this term

### MORPURGO

Archie for suggesting great ideas and being enthusiastic about his work  
Emily for a super persuasive advert for our school  
Rosie for working really hard on your presentation and being ambitious with your work  
Abi for coming up with some super vocabulary for our creative writing session  
Lucy for an amazing diary entry that made me feel like I was right there with her on the 'Endurance'  
Grace for trying to use excellent vocabulary choices in all of her writing  
Chloe for working extremely hard on her biography, responding to feedback and always wanting to improve  
Ava for a detailed biography about Shackleton and for using a range of punctuation



### SHAKESPEARE

Jake for super concentration and perseverance when re-writing a fairy tale this week  
Che a creative and well-written re-telling of Cinderella  
Brodie for her wonderful creativity in planning and writing a poem this week  
Eddie for a super poem about crime and punishment – making great use of onomatopoeia

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## Marvellous Mathematicians



The following children have shown some excellent maths work this term...

### DONALDSON

Nancy for great enthusiasm during maths and demonstrating a great understanding of number bonds

James for trying really hard in our maths lessons and subtracting using his numberline

Ella for a great understanding of related addition and subtraction facts

Arthur for a great understanding of odd and even numbers

### BLAKE

Sienna for great problem solving using column addition

Reilly for asking questions and always striving to improve during your online lessons

Tilly for working hard and persevering with telling the time

Alexander for great work and perseverance when learning to tell the time

### DAHL

Ruby for accurate and independent work in maths this week

Ferris for working hard on subtraction this week

Josh for super effort in Maths, completing all 3 worksheets

Frederick for great work dividing and multiplying by 8 using bar models and arrays

### MORPURGO

Olivia for showing resilience with fractions

Niall for great percentage, fraction and decimal work

Sammi for having great independence and constantly having to use your initiative

Cameron for fantastic work with equivalent F,D and % as well as perseverance

Harry for working hard, answering questions, and having such a great attitude in maths

Louie for hard work and perseverance this week with area when it became tricky

Freddie for smashing maths every day with determination and ambition

Yilin for great perseverance when being challenged with something new



### SHAKESPEARE

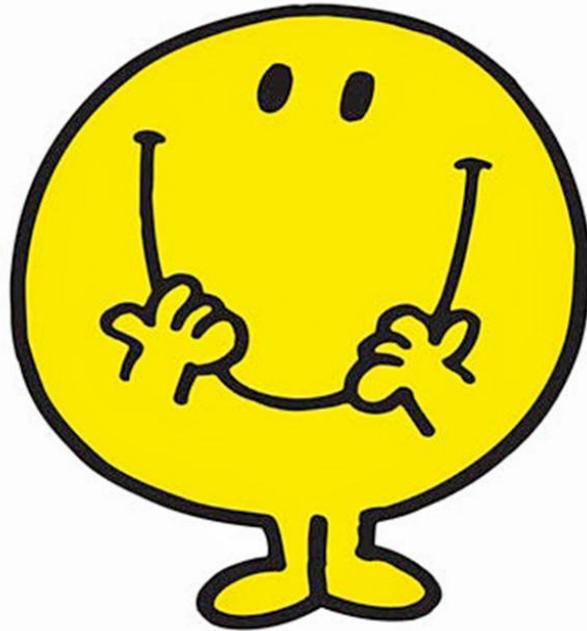
Fynley for brilliant progress in his understanding of BODMAS

Holly for her willingness to share her answers in maths this week

Sophie for good understanding of our work on fractions and percentages this week

Jack for his improved confidence in maths, particularly on this week's tricky topic of algebra

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*Turning a lockdown frown upside down!*

*See you on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February for more of the same...*

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