



# The Parkland Press!



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Dear Parents and Carers,



A very warm welcome to Term 4! We are absolutely delighted to be busy preparing for our full re-opening on Monday and can't wait to see the children all together again. A huge thank you to you all for doing such an incredible job with home learning and working to support us in ensuring the children's education has been able to continue. A very big thank you also to the dedicated staff here at school who have worked tirelessly to deliver such a wonderfully diverse curriculum online, as well as teaching the children of our critical workers. I am immensely proud to be part of such a fantastic school community.

## CAREERS AND ASPIRATIONS - Celebrating National Careers Week

This week is National Careers Week. Teachers have been discussing hopes for the future with their classes and we have been so impressed with how children are already aspiring to great things. One of our school values is **Aspirations** and it is lovely to see that this is being reflected in the way the children are thinking.

**Sienna:** I want to be a nurse and help poorly children like the nurses who have helped my sister get better

**Zoe:** I want to be doctor     **Vicky:** I want to be a doctor too     **Harlie:** I want to be a hairdresser when I grow up

**Arthur:** I was thinking a postman. I don't want to be an artist anymore     **Melody:** I would like to be a pilot

**Amelia:** I want to be a firefighter, because I want to care for people and fight fires.

**Lacie:** I want to be an astronaut or a builder.     **Paige:** I want to be a teacher.

**Maddox:** I want to be a zookeeper.



## IN BLOOM PROJECT DAY

A huge THANK YOU to all of the children and families who took part in our project day earlier this week! We are busy preparing our entries for the Competition and will be in touch soon with an In Bloom Special where we will share with you lots of pictures, work, prize winners and most importantly - THE RESULTS! The Competition is Friday 12th March so look out for your Special Edition In Bloom Newsletter then! How exciting!



## RED NOSE DAY - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



On **Friday 19th March** we will be having a mufti day to help raise money for Comic Relief. The theme for this year is red and spots! We recommend a donation of £1 and this can be made via ParentPay. We are unable to accept cash donations as we are now a cashless school. Don't forget that red noses can also be worn on the day! We look forward to seeing a sea of red and spots very soon!

## BEING SOCIAL ONLINE: A PARENT'S GUIDE

Access to new tech over the winter period can provide new opportunities for children and young people but also present risks.

[This Think U Know guide](#) for parents looks at how they can support their child to be safer online this season by focusing on 3 key areas: viewing, sharing, chatting and friending.



## WELCOME TO THE MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK

Each week, we will be bringing you a 'Makaton Sign of the Week'. Makaton uses signs and symbols to help people communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression. In school, we use a lot of Makaton when we sing and when we talk to one another. In order to keep promoting and using Makaton, we will include a Makaton Sign of the Week for the children (and adults!) to learn and use. The lovely Mrs Deaves will model it for you.



This week's sign is: calm

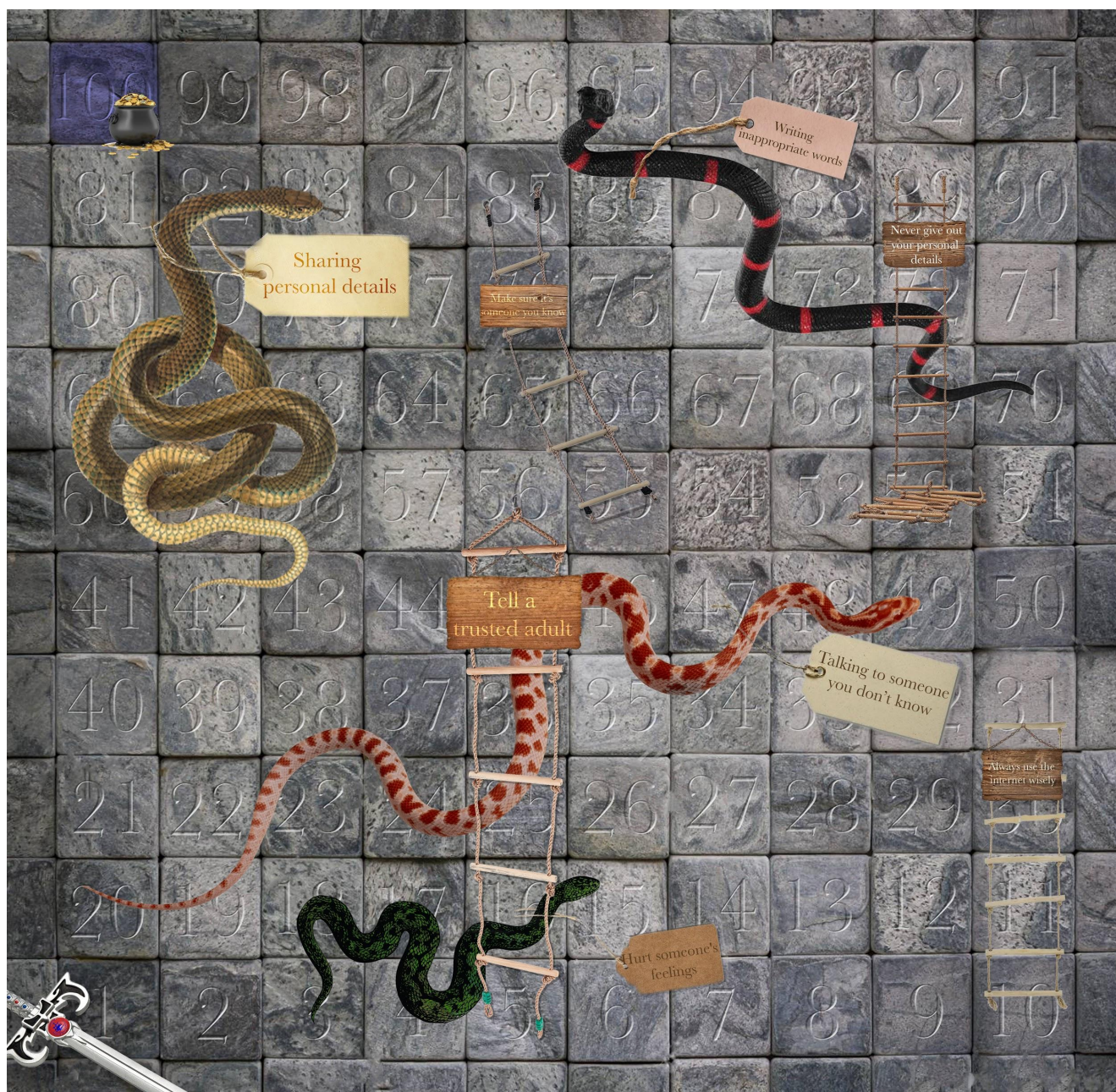
Put both hands horizontally in front of you, with your palms facing down and then rotate hands around each other slowly. Don't forget to say 'calm'.





## E-Safety Snakes and Ladders

The Digital Leaders have worked with Mr Johnson to come up with our own e-safety snakes and ladders game. Not one for the faint hearted, it should entertain our students whilst reminding them how to stay safe on the internet.



## Jessie and Friends

Recently, Think U Know have released a wonderful resource called [Jessie and Friends](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/) which not only has a catchy tune, but has also won awards for its animation. Children are accessing technology and the internet at a much younger age than ever before. It's never too early to talk to your child about what they do online and who to tell if they come across anything online that makes them feel worried, scared or sad.

[Jessie & Friends](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/) is a series of three animations that follow the adventures of Jessie, Tia and Mo as they begin to navigate the online world, watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games. There's also a storybook for each episode, to help you and your child keep the conversation going.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>





## STAYING SAFE ONLINE - FURTHER USEFUL LINKS

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.smoothwall.com/education/>



## Parkland Pupils Interviews Author Helen Dennis!

The week before World Book Day, children from the Junior School had the opportunity to interview author, Helen Dennis! Helen is well known for a range of interesting stories, with her best known work being that of *Secret Breaker*.

Helen told the story about what first inspired her to become a writer, as well as the process involved with this. Helen even revealed the first story she wrote when she was only 11 years old - and still has the text to this very day!

The children asked a range of exceptional questions - the adults were so very impressed with the high level of questions that the children had for the famous author.

The children and adults thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon and were truly inspired by their interview session with Helen. Thank you very much Helen, for giving your time to a highly inquisitive group of very excited children!



We will soon be celebrating British Science Week - 29th March to 1st April. There will be competitions and exciting experiments going on in school and on Wednesday 31st March we will be having a scientific themed mufti day in order to support our wonderful FOPS team. Watch this space for more information! If you have a science background, please let Mrs Carver know as we have plans for a special event in the summer term - you may be able to help!





### Anti-Discrimination Virtual Workshop

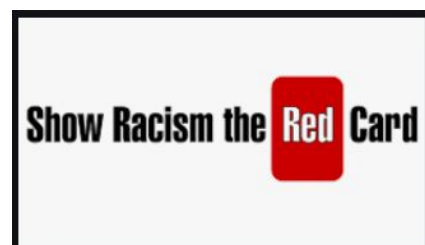
On Tuesday 23rd February, our wonderful Year 6 participated in an anti-discrimination workshop run by Albion in the Community. Several schools joined the workshop and there was animated participation through the webinar chat, including participation in quizzes.

The term *discrimination* was explored and the different types of discrimination were discussed. However, the main focus was racism. A hard hitting film showed the damage racism does to our society and the importance to "Show Racism The Red Card."

Guests from the world of football joined this live event, sharing the important message that we are all responsible for fighting racism. Brighton & Hove Albion U21 player , Antef Tsoungui, urged the young participants to "Never let things slide". Victoria Williams, English football defender and Brighton player, talked about "allyship. It is so important to speak out so that racist people are isolated.

Here are some of the ideas and thoughts shared by Parkland learners and other participants on the course:

- Racism comes from ignorance.
- In our multicultural society, most people get along
- Treat others how **they** would like to be treated,
- Racism comes from ignorance,



### The Beautiful Game A World Book Day Event



On World Book Day children in the Juniors had the chance to join an interactive virtual Literacy Workshop. Many of our children were enthusiastic participators in the live chat and quizzes that took place.

The workshop included a writing masterclass from Ben Lyttleton, author of the popular Football book series.



"My favourite part was when everyone was talking in the chat and answering the World Book Day questions. Reading is so important because it makes you smarter and more successful."  
Elliott 5Z

## ECO TIP OF THE FORTNIGHT

### Unplug Before Travelling

Even if electronic devices are shut off or in sleep mode, they are still **using energy**. Being away for too long wastes a lot of energy that could otherwise have been plugged off. So, before going on holiday, make sure to **unplug your devices from the wall sockets**, in order to save electricity.

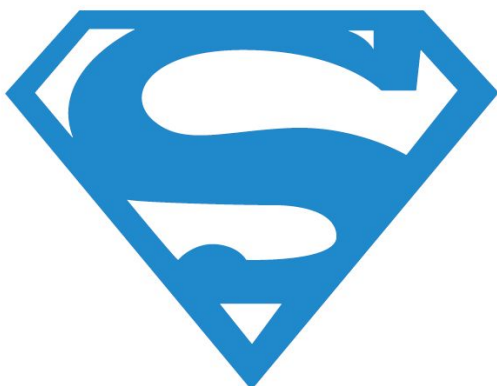
Each UK household spends around **£50 – £86 a year** to power appliances left in **standby mode** or **not in use**.



### ONLINE LEARNING ATTENDANCE FIGURES THIS WEEK

Class	Percentage	Class	Percentage
Inkpen	87%	Kerr	90%
Donaldson	77%	Shireen	93%
Dahl	90%	Santat	94%
Angelou	94%	Jeffers	84%
Walliams	87%	Blackman	87%
Lewis	90%	Zephaniah	87%
Rosen	90%	Mian	94%

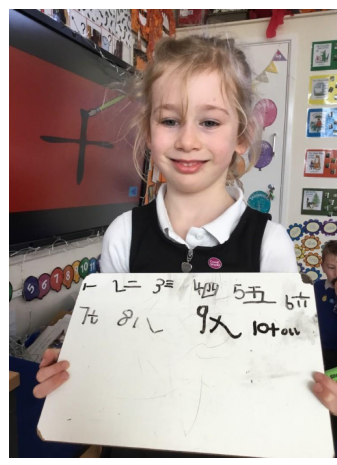
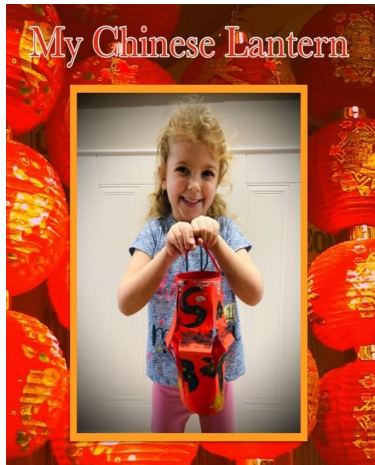
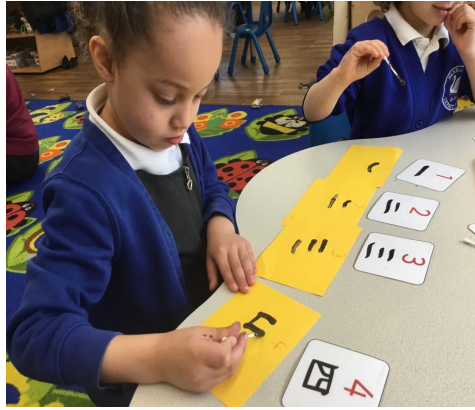
A very BIG well done to Santat at Parkland Infant School and **Mian & Angelou** at Parkland Junior School for having the highest attendance for online learning over the past fortnight. **What superstars!** Once again, a massive thank you to all of the wonderful parents and carers for supporting us in ensuring we could continue our pupils' education in the best way possible.





## EYFS LEARNING

It's been a great start to Term 4 in Reception. In the first week we were learning all about Chinese New Year. WOW! We were blown away with the incredible work that we've seen. Pi-Shu loved meeting you all in the half term and seeing all your wonderful learning.



This week we have been learning about 'The Three Little Pigs'. We've seen lots of experiments involving people building a house for the pigs to live in. Our Maths whizzes have been learning about the numbers 6 and 7, looking at patterns and working on their counting on.



We would like to say a MASSIVE well done and thank you to all of Reception for their outstanding learning during lockdown. We've been blown away with your resilience and hard work. Thank you to the grown ups for being amazing teachers and being so supportive during this time. You're all amazing!



## YEAR 1 LEARNING

It has been a busy but fun-filled two weeks in Year 1! The children have worked their socks off throughout the school closure, both at home and in the pod, and we could not be prouder of them. In Geography, we have been learning about the equator and how this impacts the weather in the Arctic, Antarctica and the UK. The children made their own globes!



In English, we have been looking at a new book - A Dot in the Snow! We have been acting out the story using puppets!

As part of our DT lessons, we have been learning to cook. Look at Skye's delicious Cornflake Cookies!

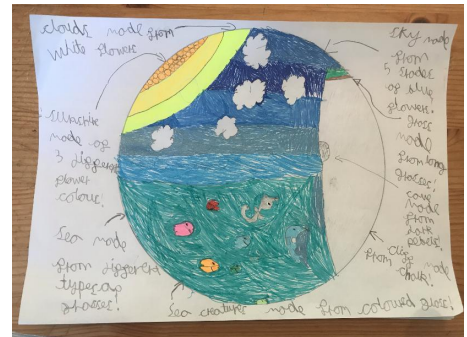


We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Year 1 children and adults for their hard work over the past few months. We could not be prouder to be part of such an amazing team!

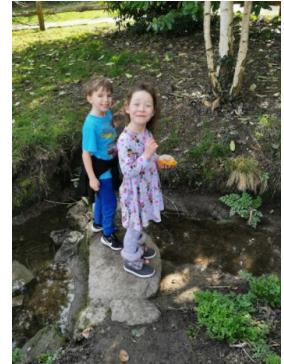
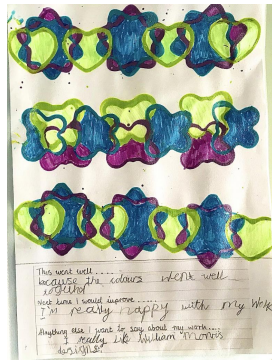


## YEAR 2 LEARNING

Year 2 has celebrated World book day in style! We will share more of their amazing pictures in the next newsletter. The children enjoyed a live webinar with the author, Nathan Bryon and learned to draw alongside illustrator Dapo Adiola. In maths, we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes with the children hunting for shapes around their houses and identifying them. In our reading lessons, we have worked hard to improve our inference skills as we explore a variety of texts. Through our writing lessons, Year 2 have been writing expanded noun phrases and have really impressed us with their vocabulary. We were so impressed with the childrens enthusiasm in participating in the Sussex in Bloom project this week!



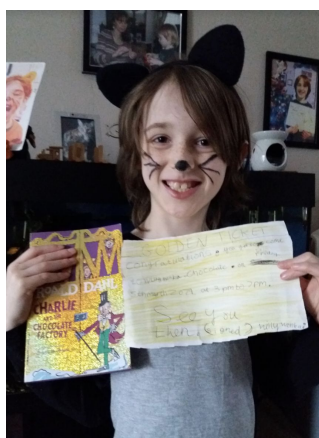
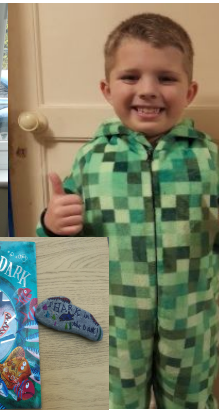
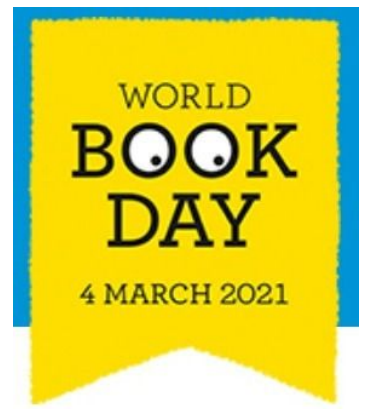
Year 2 has also been very creative this week, using their knowledge of the art of William Morris to try out re-creating repeating patterns. Here are some of their first attempts at block printing, including a good self analysis by Sophie.





## YEAR 3 LEARNING

World book day has been a huge success across Year 3. They've been busy making and decorating wonderful things such as story stones, paper hedgehogs, golden tickets, our own secret reading spots and even some poems. Not only this, but Year 3 has been super lucky to have some webinars from author, Nathan Byron, joining with illustrator Dapo Adeola, reading us their story and teaching us how to draw characters from the book.



On Monday, we took part in a very special In Bloom project day whereby we had lots of tasks to do which then helped us create our very own flower bed design, ready to be submitted into a competition! Fingers crossed we win!



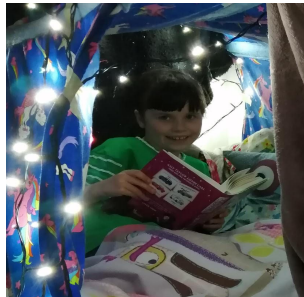
Miss Shadwell and Mr Wildman would just like to say how proud we are of each and every single child in Year 3 for everything they have done during this home learning period! We are so lucky to be your teachers and cannot wait to see you all on Monday!



## YEAR 4 LEARNING



This is Elsie taking part in some Gymnastics and achieving this fantastic balance - keep up the amazing work! The children have also taken part in drawing their very own self-portraits - please see a selection here!



Year 4 had the opportunity to meet a very special celebrity - author Helen Dennis! The children had some fantastic questions for Helen, who commented upon how impressed she was with the children's inquisitive line of questioning!



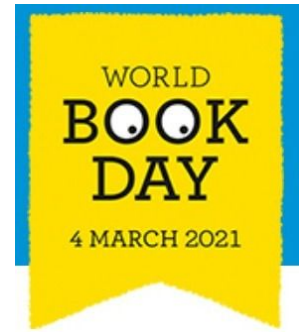
Well done Sam, what a star baker you are! I am sure you will all agree upon how delicious these cookies look!



Evie has been finding out how to sew over the last few weeks and has made these adorable sock monkeys! Well done, Evie - for showing such fantastic skills and making these wonderful creations - what a superstar!



World Book Day!



It's that time again! World Book Day was once again among us and the children have not disappointed us with their fantastic costumes. Thank you Year 4 for your fantastic efforts - we hope you enjoyed the day!



## YEAR 5 LEARNING



Freya has been busy creating different artwork, and helping in the garden!



We are delighted that so many children participated so enthusiastically in the Historic First Virtual World Book Day. This included Freya, Chloe, Ebenezer, Archie and Annabelle being selected to interview author Helen Dennis. The whole school has now been able to watch the interview.

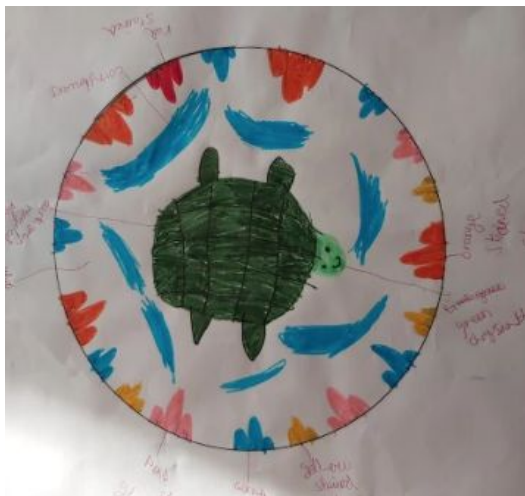


To Whom it may concern

My name is Phoenix I am a pupil at Parklands Junior School. we are participating in, in bloom competition and would very much appreciate a moment of your time for quotes for flowers and equipment or any donnachion for our chance to participate in this competition as some of us have no idea where to start

Yours faithfully  
Phoenix

On Monday, we had our In Bloom Project - the children have worked incredibly hard on their flower bed designs.





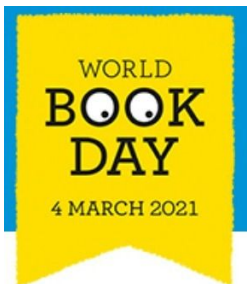
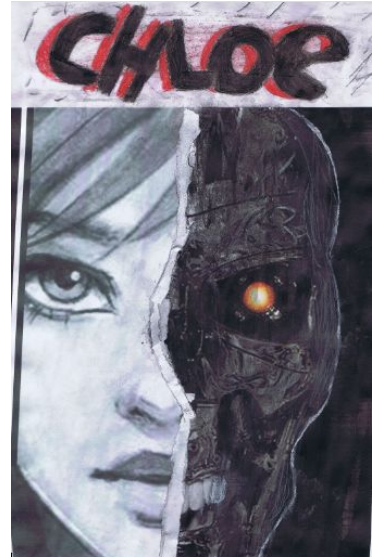
## YEAR 6 LEARNING

Year 6 have continued to work incredibly hard over the past two weeks. They have completed a wide variety of topics including art, music, PE, ICT, science and geography, in addition to the core subjects.

Here is some of their fantastic work - what a talented bunch!

### IN BLOOM DAY

On Monday, the children completed activities for our competition entry for 'Eastbourne In Bloom'. Not only did they look at the coast and marine environment but they designed and created 3D designs for their own flowerbeds.



### WORLD BOOK DAY

Yesterday the children took part in a range of activities including identifying the masked reader, making bookmarks, writing stories, an emoji reading quiz and much more. What an amazing day!





## Congratulations to the following pupils

### AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND INFANT SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Inkpen	Julianna - for all her fantastic home learning throughout lockdown and for having such a wonderful attitude towards her learning! What a superstar!	Vicky
	Connor - for working his socks off throughout lockdown! His beautiful smile brightens every day!	Riley
Kerr	Cayden - for all his incredible home learning. It's been a pleasure to see your progress and hard work. A massive well done to you Cayden!	Hunter
	Yasmin. W - for all her lovely home learning. She has been working so hard with her phonics work. Well done Yasmin!	Finley. B
Shireen	Ivan - for his amazing reading! Ivan can read 41 of his Year 2 sight words! Super work	Melody
	Phoebe - for trying really hard at home with her learning. For her fabulous creativity and art! Little superstar!	David
Donaldson	Louis - For continuing to give his home learning a go and for being a little ray of sunshine! We are proud of your hard work Louis!	Jesse
	Freya - for always trying her best in all that she does and for being such an amazing role model to her friends. We are so proud of you!	Theo
Santat	Lucas - for being incredibly kind and always thinking of others	Alfie
	Alannah- for her incredible work and always putting 110% into her learning	Brody
Dahl	Edi - for showing strength and resilience during the last tricky week of lockdown. I am so proud of you!	Archie
	Reggie - for an incredible week of proactive learning. You are amazing! Well done!	Lucas



## AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Angelou	Owen - For doing amazing work during the lockdown and having the determination to keep going. Well done for believing in yourself! Lily FI - For having a go at everything whilst in the pod. Lily has a wonderful can do attitude and always happy to help anyone.	Kirbie  James
Jeffers	Bella - for being a ray of sunshine every day and having such a positive attitude Dante - for trying so hard during our recorder lesson and being so well behaved during his time back in class.	Lauren  Danielle
Walliams	Kayden - For working incredibly hard throughout this week - we are so proud of you! Kai - For his outstanding work throughout lockdown - well done Kai!	Nevaeh A  Zahraa
Blackman	Logan - For his amazing Art work and dedication to his work on Google Classroom! Tommy - For his amazing work on the History of Eastbourne during Project Day!	Scarlet  Rosie
Lewis	Lily - For her ongoing outstanding online work, and for taking on board advice. Jamie - For continuous hard work and being a great friend!	Jayden F  Ethan
Zephaniah	Kai B - for excellent learning Elliott - for helpfulness and returning to make his work even better.	Erin C  Lillith
Mian	Finian for always being enthusiastic! Summer for her amazing work during World Book Day!	Holly  Lewis
Rosen	Chloe G for your fantastic art work. Gaby C - For your continued effort in every single lesson on Google classroom. Amazing!	Enzo  Macey

## USEFUL WEBSITES

<https://www.childline.org.uk/> - Some incredibly useful information on how you can support your children with emotional health as well as topics such as online safety - something we are very passionate about.

<https://www.e-motion.org.uk/> - This website is aimed at pupils aged 12+ but may well be useful for families with secondary aged pupils who may need support with emotional health.



# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Are you caring for a child who is struggling with their mental health? You are not alone.

Join us for our friendly parent support group where we offer a safe, non-judgmental, confidential space for you to come together, be supported, share and chat with like-minded people. Everybody is welcome!



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## PARENT SUPPORT

Holding space is a local organisation that provides support to parents, families and children who are experiencing mental health issues. Parents can contact Holding Space directly for more information about their sessions which include walk and talk and weekly parent support group meetings.



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## Willington Trees Community Volunteers Coronavirus Help Point

Are you self-isolating and need help?

					
ARRANGING DELIVERIES	PICKING UP SHOPPING & MEDICATION	A FRIENDLY PHONE CALL	POSTING MAIL	URGENT SUPPLIES	HELP TOPPING UP ELECTRIC OR GAS KEY

Our team of volunteers are here to support you!

Telephone: 01323 504438  
Text: 07796869347 or 07920526216  
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