



Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2021

Newsletter 2



There were so many exciting learning experiences happening in school last week.



In **Reception** they received their caterpillars and learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly. In **Year 1** they worked on their map reading skills, finding the countries and capitals that make up the United Kingdom. **Year 2** had a very exciting treat that linked their topic of Rainforests with World Earth Day; they watched a special performance of The Lorax via video link from The Old Vic theatre.



In **Year 3** they have been learning about the layers of the Earth. I know there has also been some lovely writing about what it would be like to be in a volcanic eruption. As you can see from the photos, **Year 4** had fun learning about how sound travels. They have also started their new class text, Griffin Gate by Vashti Hardy. **Year 5** have been learning about free verse poetry. Their whole class text this term is Odysseus..

Year 6 learnt about how the heart works and writing explanation texts explaining their understanding. This half term, they are reading a fabulous book, Skellig by David Almond.



Last week we have also had a visit from our Learning Network Inspector from Barnet who looked, with me, at some of the children's books. We also visited the children in their classrooms. As always, school was calm and focused and in every class we went into the children were eager to share their learning.

Please remember that we are closed for Polling Day next Thursday. In fact next week is just three days because of the Bank Holiday on Monday. Fingers crossed for goose weather!

Monkfrith reads...

Miss Deasey reads...101 Collective Nouns by Jennifer Cossins.

I must confess that I bought this book for my niece and nephew on the recommendation of Miss Cooper. It is a complete joy! If you like language, words or animals then it is the perfect book. You can dip in and out to find out the collective noun for all sorts of animals from albatrosses to platypuses, kookaburras to polar bears.



Term Dates Summer 2021

May

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday. School closed.

Wednesday 5th May - Year 5 and 6 Science Workshop

Thursday 6th May - Polling Day. School closed.

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - Half Term

June

Monday 7th June - INSET Day

July

Friday 2nd July - INSET Day

Thursday 8th July - Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm

Friday 23rd July - Last Day of Term 2pm finish.

September 2021

Wednesday 1st September - INSET Day

Thursday 2nd September - Children back to school

There are still more dates to be finalised over the next few weeks as the restrictions on schools start to lift.

What are the symptoms of Covid?

The NHS website states that the main symptoms remain:

- A temperature (hot to the touch, over 37.8°C)
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change in taste or smell

If you are in any doubt or concerned about whether to get a test, the advice is to call 111.

If my child, or someone in my household develops symptoms, what should I do?

Your child should not come to school. Keep them at home and book a test. These are very easy to book now so, please avoid the home test kits, as this adds a delay to getting the result. **Everyone** in your household should isolate until you receive the result. **If you have another child at school, they should not be sent in.**

If the test is negative, you can stop your period of isolation and your child can return to school.

If the test is positive, you must inform us straight away so we can identify contacts and ask them to isolate. Please email the Office (even at the weekends). You must then engage with NHS Test and Trace and follow their advice in relation to isolation. We will provide work for your child during this time.