

Friday 15th January

Since the beginning of term and the reintroduction of home learning we have...

- ◇ Shared more than 1500 messages over Do-jo in one week
- ◇ Welcomed 85% of a class to a live lesson
- ◇ Shared daily story time videos
- ◇ Engaged with every family to make sure that everyone is ok, can access home learning and just to say hello!

We've made it through two weeks of home learning! Well done to each and every single one of you for embracing Google classroom, juggling work and school as well as everything else which is thrown at us!

Top parent tips for home learning:

- Do what you can. You don't have to become a teacher. You are a parent and what your child needs most is what parents give best - love and support.
- Provide a structure to the day - this does not need to be a strict timetable. And for younger children, keep the afternoons free for more fun activities, craft, cooking, PE.
- If you can, set up a small workstation for your child. Headphones could help for online lessons.
- If you have a Playstation or Xbox, but not an extra computer, both Microsoft Teams and Google Classroom can be accessed via the consoles.
- Talking and reading don't need devices - and both are vital skills.
- Practise the basics, like multiplication tables, playing with money, or imaginative role-play.

This week we have been continuing our traditional tales topic by reading Little Red Riding Hood and completing activities to go alongside this at home. We have been continuing to learn our phonics sounds and Miss Johnson has been incredibly proud of the progress seen within the live lessons. In maths we have been learning about capacity and weight. Well done for all of the hard work this week! Keep it up.

Badgers have worked really hard since we had to switch learning online again. We have been doing lots of work on multiplication and division in maths. We are writing instructions in English and have started our new topic on the Roman Empire. In science we are learning about sound and are going to try some experiments with Mr T very soon!

This week we have been finding out about Amy Johnson and why she is famous. In science we have started our 'Animals including Humans' topic and looking at different parts of the body. In maths most of Hedgehogs have been doing addition using number lines and known facts. Some have been doing multiplication.

Foxes have started their new science topic 'Evolution and Inheritance' and their new geography topic 'South America'. They have been working with fractions and decimals in maths and, in English, doing some writing based around their new book, 'The Explorer'. I have been so impressed with the way in which the children have adapted to the combination of live lessons and independent study over the last two weeks. It is lovely to see most of them daily for our live lessons and story time and I have enjoyed speaking to them on the phone too.

