

# Good News!

**Year 6** We have started a new text in SFA called Walter Tull's Scrapbook. It is a non-fiction book written in the style of a scrapbook about a black boy whose parents died and he and his brother went to a children's home. The book takes us on a journey from his early childhood through to him achieving his goals, becoming the first black professional footballer. He started off as an amateur footballer but ended up playing professionally for Tottenham Hotspur. It is set in the 1900's and we are about to find out how he went to fight in the War. This ties in nicely with Remembrance Day which falls next week.

We have been revisiting factors and multiples in maths. All numbers have at least 2 factors - 1 and itself. Multiples are numbers that are in the times table of a particular number. For example, the factors of 12 are : 1 and 12, 2 and 6 & 4 and 3. The multiples of 3 are: 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 etc.

In Geography we have been learning about the Blue Mountains in The Caribbean and comparing them to The Tatra Mountains in Poland. We have been looking at terrain, temperature, altitude and other features of each area. We have just started doing hockey in PE and we will let you know how it goes. So far we have just been practicing our passing techniques. Freya and Isla

**Year 5** This week we have been practising square and cubed numbers in Maths, it really helps to know your times tables off by heart. Manny

I have enjoyed reading poems about school, we read 2 poems and then using a graphic organiser we can compare and contrast the poetry. We have been learning about why Remembrance Sunday is so important even if we can't celebrate it this year.

In the afternoons we have been sketching sweet wrappers and will be using paints to add colour. This is to help develop our design, sketching and painting skills

Manny and Lily

**Year 3** This week we have been learning about the Bronze Age. People lived in houses made of grass and mud and the made axe heads and other tools. They used a furnace to heat the metal to make it into useful things.

We are reading a new book in SFA called Why Can't Humans Fly? We have learnt that ants are incredibly strong and that elephants can't jump. Humans can't fly because we have heavy bones and no wings! We also discovered that the larger the animal the longer it lives - this is because they have slower heart beats. All animals have adapted to survive in their habitats.

We loved our PE lesson this week - we are doing tennis and we practised controlling the ball by dropping it onto the racket. Arthur and Ben

## Year 1

I enjoyed making up our firework dance in PE. It was fun to use the bean bags and balls. Ronnie

I loved the firework dancing. In maths we were learning to subtract by crossing out. Wren

**Year 4** This week in Geography, we have been learning all about rivers. We now know that there is a mouth to a river, an upper course, middle course and a lower course.

In SFA we have been reading a book on explorers. We have chosen a section to write about and are creating our own information booklets.

We have been learning about distance and measurements in maths and have been using centimetres, millimetres, metres and kilometres. Scarlett and Samuel

**Year 2** I have enjoyed doing exchanging in maths. This means that if you have more ones than ten you circle 10 and then you cross these out and you have made another 10 to add. Jake

I have enjoyed science this week. I have learnt about different materials. I have been testing different materials to see if they can be bent, twisted, stretched and squashed. I know rock cannot be squashed. Tahlia

## Reception

We have been looking at our senses. We had a story about a Princess and a Pea. Ben  
We did a taste test. Addie

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## Mrs Moore's Memorable Moment



This week as the country has gone into lockdown, it has been wonderful to continue with the normality of school. The pupils of Ditton Lodge continue to impress me every day with their enthusiasm for learning and determination to always do their best in all of their endeavours. I have loved seeing how Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been developing their phonics' skills and they were able to show how much they have progressed since September. One year 2 pupil was so excited and was telling me all about how good they were now at trigraphs and split digraphs!

The Ditton Lodge Values demonstrated in our children was highlighted this week, when we received a wonderful email from Forest Heath Sports' Partnership commenting on our KS2 pupils' great attitude to sport and their encouragement of each other, as they took part in the Virtual Cross Country Competition. One KS2 pupil said, "Well, we always aim high so we can achieve and we never give up." I couldn't have put it better myself! Well done Ditton Lodge.

## Who received a Good News Certificate this week



Rudi S	Samuel F
Jack G	Zoie P
Max P	Sahib D
Nell D	Louis B (Y6)
Thomas G	
Jessica L	
Thomas M	
Scarlett S	

## This week's House Points Winner is :



Palace House	1790
Tattersalls House	1250
Severals House	1285
Hyperion House	1360

## Sporting News



In October we entered our first ever virtual competition. Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 all took part in a Virtual Cross Country Competition with Mr Jackson from the Forest Heath Sports' Partnership.

17 schools entered the competition (including secondary schools).

3,798 young people took part.

7,384,400 metres / 4,589 miles were covered.

The children rose to the challenge using the daily mile and PE lessons to train and they improved week by week recording their personal best times.

Mr Jackson commented and praised our pupils on their sportsmanship and leadership skills as Years 5/6 timed and counted individual laps.

Times from the top 5 boys and top 5 girls from both teams were entered into the next level and we are pleased to announce we were awarded the Bronze position in Years 5/6.