



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 2 Week 3

Dear parents/carers and pupils,

We're back! It has been wonderful to be able to welcome so many pupils back to William Ford and to see the joy and enthusiasm on their faces. All of us are incredibly impressed at how well the pupils have adjusted to their new routines and with the high quality of work that is being produced

Clearly, William Ford pupils have been working exceptionally hard during the lockdown to ensure they do not 'fall back' or coast and, as a result, are able to continue with their studies at full pace. Over the next few weeks, we will slowly be administering tests in order to see if there are any gaps in knowledge and understanding in order that we can ensure the right pupils get the right level of support.

In our collective worship on Monday, I reminded pupils that whilst it may feel strange being back in school, and some may be worried about lost learning, so many new skills and habits have been developed that will serve them well throughout their lives. From having to be self-motivated to log on and learn to perhaps having to persevere a little bit harder with challenges and problems when the teacher is not online. These are all skills that potential employers will look for in the future. We also have seen how well pupils have adjusted to online communication and enhanced their computer skills as well as developing high levels of initiative in terms of some of the more creative pieces of work they have completed.

Believe me, however challenging home learning may have been, these are fantastic skills for our young people to develop and they will certainly serve them well throughout their lives.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank you all for your support with our new drop off and collection arrangements that are allowing for a much quicker and safer start to the school day.

Finally, Year Three enjoyed a fantastic 'Egypt Day' yesterday where the children were immersed in a wide range of activities to develop their historical understanding of ancient Egypt including a wonderfully interactive show from Rainbow Theatre Company where the pupils learnt more about Moses and God's rescue plan for His people. Can I congratulate all pupils (and parents) for the incredible costumes and excellent learning that took place.



Parents, I do hope you have been able to find some time to relax now that home education has come to an end. Well done for persevering with it! It is great to have your children back in school. I pray you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher

**Bible Verse
of the
Week**

Exodus 14: 13-14

¹³ But Moses answered, "Don't be afraid! Stand still and see the Lord save you today. You will never see these Egyptians again after today. ¹⁴ You will only need to remain calm. The Lord will fight for you."

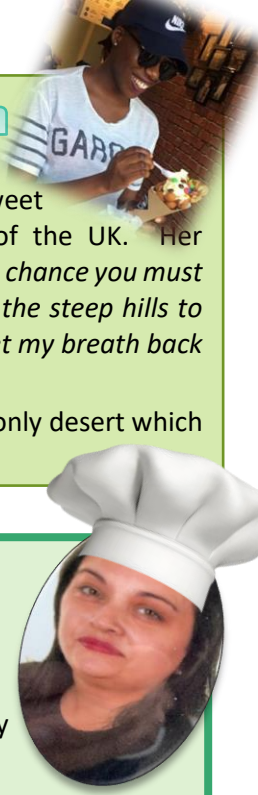


Meet our TEAM

This week: Miss. Ibukun

Miss Ibukun is one of our Year Four teachers. She is an avid film watcher, enjoys a cheeky sweet treat and enjoys exploring different parts of the UK. Her favourite UK beach is Durdle Door. *"If you get a chance you must visit. Hopefully you'll be able to walk back up the steep hills to go home. I struggled and had to sit down to get my breath back at least 5 times!"*

Interesting fact: Miss Ibukun visited Britain's only desert which is in Dungeness on the southern coast of Kent.



Kerry's Kook's Korner

Well what a fantastic week back seeing all the children.

Thank you to all those who have credit Parent Pay accounts as I know we had a few issues with Parent Pay at the start of the week.

The new menu has gone down a storm and we have served a total of 1095 meals and the chicken burger was a huge hit.



Egypt Day in Year 3

This week Khadija and Sophia in 3M write about Egypt day.

On Thursday, we had Egypt day. In the morning we went and watched a theatre group perform The Moses Show. I got to be one of the performers and acted out some bits from The Bible and Tora. We also made Egyptian death masks which was really fun because we got to paint it in whatever style we wanted and we even got to take it home!



Returning from Easter

Please remember that, following the Easter holidays, children return on Monday 19th April 2021. This day is no longer an inset day.

Please label school uniform

A number of Year 3 pupils have gone home this week having mistakenly picked up clothing belonging to other children. We will be reminding our children to be careful to check they have the right coat and jumper before they go. We would be very appreciative if all Year 3 parents would check that your child has brought home the right coat and jumper, so we can hopefully reunite the lost clothing with its original owners.

Have you been wondering what your children were up to in school?

Well, wonder no more....



had just begun before lockdown. The children really enjoyed making electrical circuits and learning about switches. In history the children have been amazed when learning about Stonehenge. We have wondered what it was used for and how it was made. It would be lovely if the children could tell you any of the fascinating facts they have discovered.

Year Five

This week, we have had a very exciting first week back after lockdown. In English we have continued to focus on persuasive writing, drafting and then writing a persuasive letter to the Mayor of London. The children have been learning about techniques for persuasive language. The Y5 teachers will be choosing 3 of the best letters to send to the mayor. In Maths we have begun to work on decimals, looking at decimals to 2 decimal places and then finally working on thousandths. In Science, we have been investigating which materials would make good electrical conductors for a football stadium's floodlights. As we move towards Easter, we have been looking at the stations of the cross in RE – the story of Easter broken down into sections. In our Art Design for Purpose unit, we have continued to look at the work of the designer Morag Myerscough and how she used colourful shapes and patterns to brighten up the children's hospital in Sheffield. The children have created their own designs for a quiet prayer/reflective area in the school. In French, this week we have started

the new topic 'Getting to Know You'. The first lesson was 'When I Grow Up'



– 'Quand Je Serai Grand', looking at various jobs in French. We are so pleased to have the children back in school and know that they have been very excited to be back with their friends and teachers.

Year Six

We were so happy to welcome all Year 6 pupils back to school. In English the pupils have been introduced to the narrative poem The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. They have thought carefully about the atmosphere created by the poet and have highlighted some of the incredible figurative language used by him. They have shared their opinions on the text. Maths lessons this week have been about ratio. The children have taken part in a range of investigative activities that have enabled them to develop their understanding of this concept. This week's history lesson involved the children researching new technologies that were utilised during World War One. They have made a Top Trump of the technology that they felt had the most impact on the war. The

children have also continued their science unit on light. They have found out how light reflects off a surface and how mirrors can be used to reflect light in a



different direction. They have seen that one practical use of this is the periscope, which was a technology used in the trenches in World War One.

Year Three

Year Three are delighted to have returned to school and wowed us yesterday with their breath-taking Ancient Egyptian costumes. Our pupils were delighted to join in a theatre performance show about Moses and have created their own Tutankhamen-style masks. I



would like to thank all our parents and carers for your support in making Ancient Egyptian Day a success. The children loved the day

and have learned a lot about Ancient Egyptian life. In English, we have been conducting grammar-based lessons on word classes, and we have started a new unit in Maths focusing on fractions.

Year Four

It has been lovely to welcome all of the children back to Year Four this week. It is clear they have been working hard at home but are excited to be back at school with their friends. In English, the children have moved on to a new topic exploring stories from other cultures. This week, we introduced the children to a story from Poland called Basia's Birthday Present. The children completed a comprehension about the story before moving on to analysing the key character. In maths, the children have begun their new topic on decimals. In science, we have gone back to the topic of electricity that we



Year Three		
3A	Name: Kaiona For: continuing her positive attitude and striving to do her best.	Name: Jahmene For: showing a genuine interest in class activities and self-discipline.
3D	Name: Mwene For: Hard work and a positive attitude to writing.	Name: Fara For: A great attitude to learning.
3M	Name: Tishe For: Having a great attitude to learning and being a great listener.	Name: Alfie For: Working hard and excellent producing excellent work.
Year Four		
4A	Name: Doyinsola Lamidi For: Excellent effort in all lessons and perfect behaviour.	Name: Daniel Ologundudu For: Participating in lessons well and settling back in to school.
4I	Name: Adedire Adediran For: Listening well and contributing to class discussions.	Name: Khadijah Ullah For: Working well and trying her best.
4R	Name: Eva Kaithakulath For: Her fantastic contributions in English.	Name: Khemani Mangaroo For: Acting generously with those around him.
Year Five		
5B	Name: Nathaniel Rotiba For: For his excellent approach to his school work this week.	Name: Nicole Usman For: Supporting her classmates in maths.
5H	Name: All of 5H For: Settling in well after a long period of Home Learning	Name: Riley Hubble For: Trying really hard in all areas of his learning
5P	Name: Louis Mills For: Diligent work especially in his letter	Name: Kacie Wiseman For: Perseverance and kindness
Year Six		
6H	Name: Chloe Hicks For: her hard work in Maths lessons and diligence in all lessons this week.	Name: Chibuzo Okoli For: acting generously when helping others in class.
6L	Name: Isaiah Waterman For: Really focusing on his work on The Highwayman poem.	Name: Emmanuel Monteiro For: Working hard to use evidence to back up his ideas about The Highwayman poem.
6N	Name: Abi Sangster For: Working hard and having a positive attitude on her return to school.	Name: Keldon Mangaroo For: Focusing hard on all work since returning to school.



Learning from Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to work diligently, act generously and live at peace with everyone.

Psalm 34:14 - Seek peace and pursue it.