

Acle St Edmund C of E Primary School

Newsletter



22 January 2021

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Clarke

Message from Mrs Clarke

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families well and safe. Once again, a very big thank you for the support you are providing to your children during this challenging time. The staff have reported really high levels of pupil engagement with both live sessions and with the quality of work that the children are uploading into Teams. I would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Green who organized exercise books and stationary to be collected/sent home earlier this week. We hope this ensures that the children have something to record their learning in.

Next week, we will be beginning 'Wellbeing Wednesday'. During the afternoon, we ask all children to switch off their computers and do something to support their wellbeing. We will send out four optional activities each week, via Teams, for your children to complete. This could be done as a family or on their own. The point is for the children to switch off from a screen and enjoy some wellbeing time! If you would like to, you can upload photos of your child completing the activities to your child's Teams page (however, please don't do this on Wednesday or you'll be looking at a screen!). Staff will not be sending responses to children on Teams during this time.

In addition, Miss Firago will be sharing some wellbeing resources each week on the newsletter for you to complete, if you would like.

At the end of last term, we shared with you two amazing designs for our school logo to match our vision. We have counted the votes and do have a winner. However, as we are not all together in school at the moment, we will wait to announce the winner until we are a little further down the line and we are all back in school.

Finally, we are keen to find out about your views on our remote learning. Please find attached a link to a Form to complete. This will help us to improve our remote provision.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1Le5MybyTkOSzK0kAlrqSMY7ZL7bsjFlsZzIV-3uHYtUOFJDUjc3SzhSMFhIOFBSSFVKRFhFUERZWS4u>

Please keep safe and let us know if we can help in anyway.

Best wishes,
Mrs Clarke

HEART Appeal

Acle Methodist Church has launched a HEART appeal which aims to fill the many windows of the church with colourful hearts made by the community. These will be displayed through the month of February. Anyone is welcome to make a heart, adults and children alike. Your heart can be made of any material and decorated how you like. It should be about A4 size and no wider than 25cm. Deliver or post your heart to Rev King at 2, Bensley Close, Acle NR13 3 RD.

Last week Year 6 used their artistic skills to use a painting, or image, as inspiration to decorate a toilet roll

YEAR 6



Freddie's,
Edvard Munch's
'The Scream'

LEARNING

Harry's beautiful toilet roll art based on Van Gogh's 'A Starry Night'



Monday 18 January

L.O. Write key features:

- I can research a flying fish using a specific document.
- I can read an extended text and find key information.
- I can write at least 6 facts in clear extended sentences.
- I can use exciting extended sentences with clear punctuation.

October 11th

Today we began our journey from Africa to Australia. The wind blew and we made great progress. Amazingly I saw some flying fish; of course I had to find out all about them.

Did you know...

- There are 40 different species of flying fish.
- Usually, they are about 7-12 inches long and they look like Torpedoes.
- Before they emerge from the surface, they zoom through the water at 37 miles-per-hour.
- When they are out of the water, they reach 4 feet in the air and glide for 655 feet before going back into the water.
- Their main concerns for predators are: Marlin, Tuna, Swordfish, Mackerel and Humans. On the other hand, the fish that should be scared of the flying fish are: Plankton, Bacteria and other tiny creatures.
- When they lay their eggs, they are usually found attached to floating debris.
- When they are young, flying fish have whiskers but after 1/2 a year they soon disappear.
- The average lifespan of a flying fish in the wild is recommended to be about 5 years!



PICTURES

Wednesday 13 January

L.O. To write and edit a biography.

- I can organise my notes into suitable paragraphs.
- I can use a plan to guide my writing.
- I understand and can show how I have changed my notes to exciting extended sentences.
- I can use exciting vocabulary and a range of punctuation.

Michael Morpurgo's greatest achievement!

Michael Morpurgo's greatest achievement was the Farms for City Children because he loves doing charity work but also because he was doing it with his wife. Michael has also had other greater achievements like the OBE and a knighthood!

Childhood Life

Michael Morpurgo was born on the 5th of October 1943 in St Albans in Hertfordshire, his mother was there too and his dad was at war in Baghdad. Michael had one older brother Peter, they were both evacuated to Northumberland when they were little, away from the bombs. 2 years later, nothing really changed after the war at home. But his mum found a new boyfriend and she divorced Michael's dad. Jack Morpurgo (Michael's mum's new boyfriend) married her. They lived in London, Michael attended 2 boarding schools the Abbey, Ashurst Wood school in Sussex and was there for 8 years and hated being away from home. He loved rugby and singing. Soon afterwards he moved to a school in Canterbury then the King's school where he got more comfortable being away from home. He wore strange uniforms, wing collars and black jackets.

Early life

After school he joined the army but only for a short period because he didn't like getting shouted at so he went to university instead. In 1963 Michael married the love of his life, Claire Lane. Allen Lane, the founder of the famous publishing house, Penguin Books (Penguin books published large numbers of children books). Claire and Michael went on to have three children together: Sebastian, Horatio and Rosalind. After university he became a school teacher in Kent and partially enjoyed reading books to his class. However, when he ran out of stories to read to them, he decided to start making his own in 1974, Morpurgo wrote his first book entitled 'It never rains: Five stories'. He reported that the years he spent teaching were some of his happiest years of his life.

Ten years later Morpurgo wanted a change and so, his family moved to Devon. They bought a large house next to a farm and set up the charity, The Farms for City Children. It's for the disadvantaged who live in cities or big towns. It gives them an opportunity to stay at one of the three farms for a week. Children learn from hands-on experience learning about where food comes from, how to care for animals and working as a part of a team. The charity is still running to today and over 90000 children have stayed at the farms since it began in 1976.

Since writing 'It never rains', Morpurgo has written many more children's books and stories. The list of titles includes: Friend or foe, War horse, The butterfly lion, Kensuke's Kingdom, Private Peabody and an Elephant in the garden. Morpurgo enjoyed working with his neighbour and friend, poet Ted Hughes, and together they set up the position of Children's Laureate in 1999. In 2003 Morpurgo was given the title himself, following on from Quentin Blake and was given a knighthood in recognition of his services in literature and charity work. Despite all of this, Michael Morpurgo himself says that starting the charity, farms for city children with his wife is still the greatest achievement!

WB: 11-1-21

L.O. To be able to write a Character Description

I can make clear notes about a character from a book.

I can organise my notes into groups.

I understand and can show how I have changed my notes to exciting extended sentences.

I can write a character description using fronted adverbials, clear punctuation and paragraphs.

Character Description of Michael

Michael is an eleven-year-old boy and is the main character in Michael Morpurgo's novel Kensuke's Kingdom. Sadly, he had no siblings but he did have a loving mum and dad (who worked at a brickworks) and lots of friends. Curiously, his dad called Michael 'monkey face' and his school St Joseph's 'the monkey school'. Their black and white sheepdog is called Stella Antols and her job is to be the ship's call! Anxiously Michael's Gran was full of doom and gloom about their adventure but she was upset when they left.

Michael loves football and plays for a team with his friends Eddie, Matt and Bobby called the Mudhuts. Every weekend he did a paper round from Mr Patel's shop. Every Sunday, the family, including Stella Antols would go dinghy sailing on the reservoir. Happily, they all loved it, mum was the skipper, dad was the fier and Stella barked at other boats.

Sadly, Michael's parents are made redundant as the brickworks closed down and his paper round was their only income. The house became very unhappy and his parents argued because they couldn't get new jobs. Obviously desperate, Michael's dad bought a boat called Peggy Sue and they all moved into it. Courageously, they set sail for a trip around the world. Unexpectedly, he disappears the night before his twelfth birthday!

Alexander's character description of Michael, from the class book 'Kensuke's Kingdom'

Gestation		18/1/2021
Gestation means how long the mother is pregnant. (Even when the egg is fertilised, the young is born).		
Human	Gestation period	9 months
Elephant	21 months	They have the longest gestation period of all animals. They are intelligent and can take a job - take 30 to take place in the womb (Gestation period).
Horse	11-12 months	They have a shorter gestation period than horses.
Kangaroo	30 days	They have a very short gestation period. They are very small and grow and spend about 255 days in the mother's pouch.
Cat	63-65 days	
Mouse	19-21 days	A female mouse can give birth between 5-20 times a year.
In most cases, the bigger the animal, the longer the gestation period.		
Kangaroos cannot be bigger because their gestation period is short.		
The kangaroo's gestation period is short. (Even though they are quite a big animal) however, the baby stays in the mother's pouch for 18-22 months (18-22 months).		
It is important for the baby to get up quickly after birth because it needs to be able to protect itself.		
A mother kangaroo can have up to 16 young (from dead) and a baby goes into the pouch with them and has to go through the development process (Egg - pup - frog).		

Kai's biography of Michael Morpurgo

Esme's Flying Fish factfile using key facts from science research

Harry's gestation and life cycles work

Collective worship

As part of our collective worship, on the theme of Hope this week, the end takeaway reflection was to think about how we could serve others. What simple thing could we do to help others around us? Flora made her mum some delicious cupcakes!

Poppy in Year 4 wrote a hope prayer.



My Hope Prayer

I hope that I can give my friends a hug soon and see all of my teachers in school.

I hope I will see all of my family again soon and give them lots of hugs.

I hope one day all the animals will be safe in the world and loved by all.

I hope and pray to one and all.

Poppy, Year 4

Wellbeing corner with Miss Firago

A wellbeing activity you could choose to do this week is a family "Bake Off". If parents want to send us pictures of their creations to their class email and write few words how they all felt as a family doing this together, we'd love to see it! Have fun! Be silly! Make a mess! (Don't tell the children but they will be learning maths, communication and science, all whilst having lots of fun, and tasty food at the end!)

Coronavirus: wellbeing activity ideas for families

Parents and carers may be looking for activities to try at home with their children. By clicking on the link below you can see a list of recommended resources for families from trusted organisations.

www.place2be.org.uk



"What's your best discovery? asked the mole



"That I'm enough as I am" said the boy

"Asking for help isn't giving up," said the horse.



"It's refusing to give up!"

Inspiring quotes for these times by the fantastic Charlie Mackasy, author of the book 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse'.

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