

Attendance, Attention and Achievement

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 5th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been hard at work preparing for all pupils to return to school on Monday 8th March 2021. We are all very excited and look forward to seeing your children on Monday morning. Please ensure you have read the information sent on school ping for a safe return. A detailed risk assessment has been completed to minimise the risk of transmission of infection. This risk assessment can be found on the school website: www.essex.newham.sch.uk . I would like to encourage parents to wear a mask or face covering when dropping off and picking up your children. Please make sure that you maintain your social distancing.



WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS

World Book Day is a brilliant celebration of reading and an opportunity to discover new authors and illustrators. Essex Primary School celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 5th March by hosting two World Book Day Assemblies. It was a little different this year, but it did not stop everyone from taking part and enjoying the fun.

All participants of the assembly shared their love of reading and engaged well via zoom by using the chat facility and using the option of unmuting themselves. Essex staff were truly impressed with the remarkable effort children made by dressing up as their favourite book character. Lyubov from Year 6Q dressed up as Chloe from Dork Diaries. "I chose to dress up as Chloe because she is humorous, extremely talented and reflects my personality."



During the assembly, the children took part in an interactive game called catch phrase and it was clear that children were familiar with book covers as the books were barely revealed and the children were able to immediately recognise the book.



MC Grammar's song really created a buzz during the assembly and the screens demonstrated children and teachers nodding their heads to the beat of the music, whilst trying to count all the different books that he mentioned in his rap. Visit the following link to listen to the song again.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/mc-grammar/>

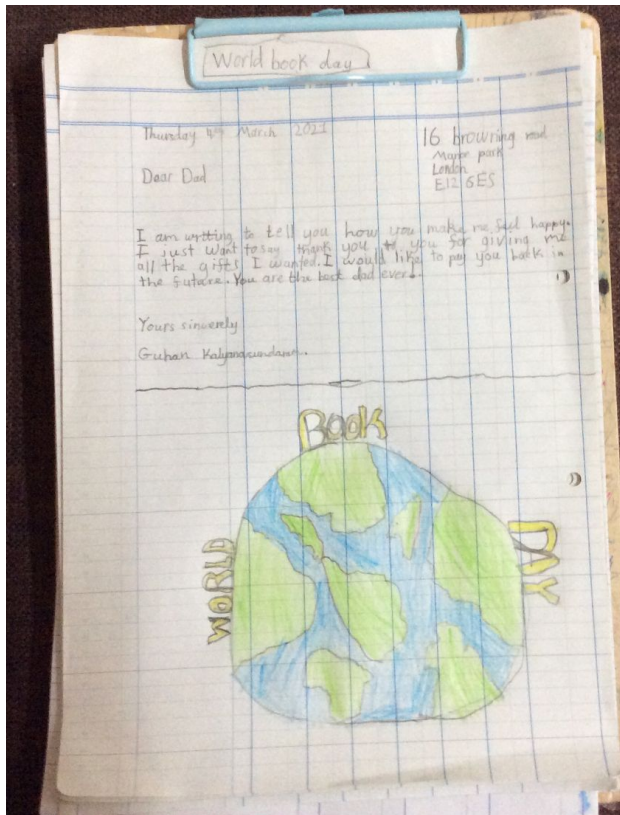
Which of your favourite books does he mention?

Staff at Essex joined in the fun by being masked readers for the assembly to promote some of the books that can be purchased when children exchange their token at any supermarket or book store.

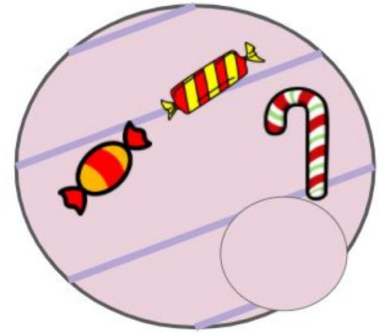
Following our assembly to launch the day, every class across the school focused on the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. The book touches upon important themes such as diversity, being kind, surviving and caring for the planet. The children were enthralled and were able to immerse themselves during their live zoom sessions with their class. Children across the school were then given a task to complete linked to a particular theme.

Please see below some of the examples of work shared by each year group.

Guhan Kalyanasundaram (3M)



The Planet Candy Land



When I landed on the candyland planet,
I was shocked to see only rivers of chocolate,
Plants made out of sour strips, rocks made out of batches
of sugar and houses made out of gingerbread.

There was no sign of humans or animals
Just infinite batches of houses of candy right in front of me,
Soon I met a creature made out of candy so I ran for my life
until I reached the rocket.

I WENT BLAST OF TO PLANET EARTH

By Touhidul Islam 4M



Gurkirat (1N)

SURVIVAL

Name: Umar

Class: 2N

Presentation



What item did you choose?

My chosen item is clothes.

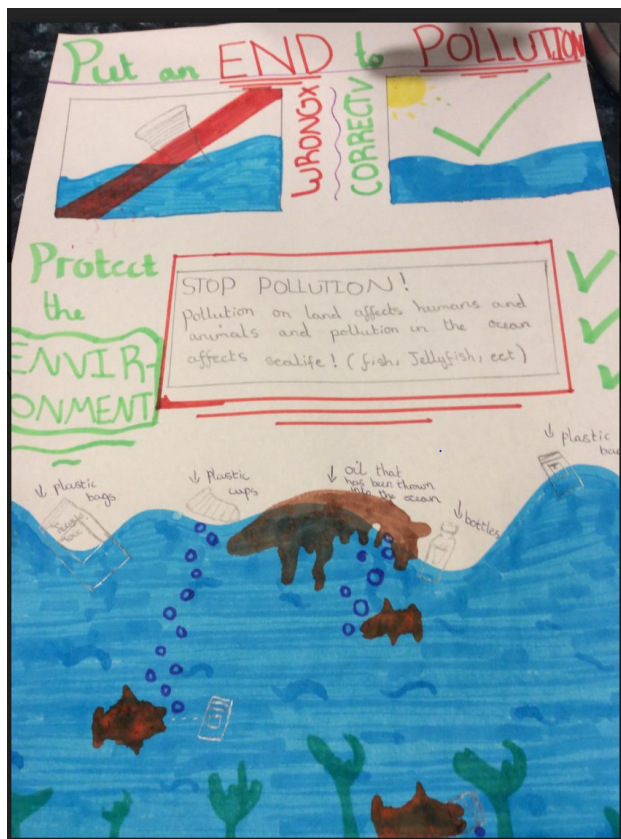
Why do you need this item?

I need this item so I can keep warm otherwise I will catch a cold.

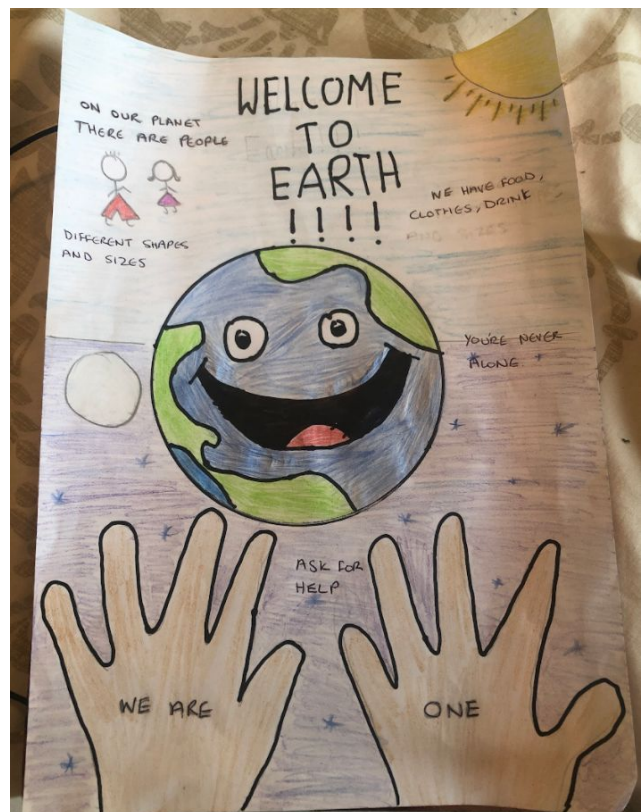
In the summer you can go in the swimming pool and you can wear shorts.

However, in the winter, the clothes we have to wear are jumpers, trousers and big coats because they keep us warm. Many people wear different clothes because they might go to mosque or to church. Without clothes you might die because you might get too cold, so it is important to look after our clothes.

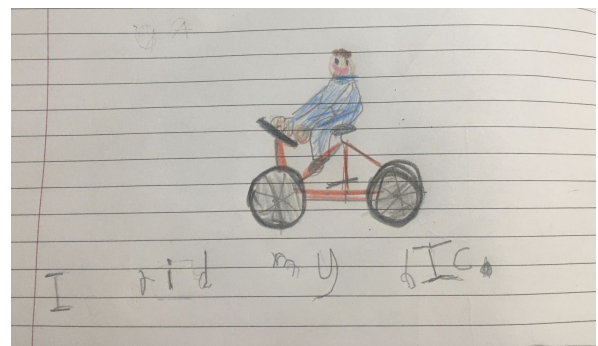
Nazeera (6H)



Yasin (5P)



Ahmad (RM)



National Book Token Competition

The fun continues with our book token competition! Children across the school will take part in the National Book Token Competition when they return to school.

Hosting World Book Day virtually was a great way to mark the end of remote learning and preparing the children for the return to school.

Shakespeare Competition

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust is holding a creative competition for Shakespeare Week (15 - 21 March 2021) with the prompt to explore their identities by responding to the famous Shakespeare quote from Hamlet: ***This above all, to thine own self be true.*** This can be through creating a poem, a piece of writing, a poster, picture, piece of art or even a short video.



There will be prizes available for each key stage for exceptional entries.

Children must ask for parental permission and help from parents to submit their entries. Children can share their work through Google Classroom to their class teachers and can submit entries via email to shakespeareweek@shakespeare.org.uk. The deadline for entries is **31st March 2021**.

Celebrating British Science week at Essex



Next week marks the beginning of British Science week 2021. On Friday 12th March, the whole school will be celebrating Science day.

For this special occasion, we would like the children to dress up as scientists. Please consider creating your own costumes using resources that can be found at home. For example, wear a suit, draw a moustache on your face and mess up your hair for that scientist look. You can also wear a white coat over a smart pair of

trousers or a skirt and wear smart shoes. Add a tie or a bow tie and brush hair neatly to one side or for long hair, tie in a neat ponytail or bun. Or maybe you want to decorate an old t-shirt to look like one of the planets in the solar system. You could also draw the periodic table, a constellation of stars or even some atoms and molecules. Household items can be converted into costume ideas. Swimming goggles, beakers, magnifying glasses and measuring jugs are all great accessories that can be used to create the scientist look. We look forward to seeing all the costumes!

Lockdown Rules

We would like to encourage all families to continue to follow all the lockdown rules and public health guidance to help maintain the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Remember:

- Don't meet indoors with anybody outside your household or support bubble
- Keep your distance and wear a face covering when out in public
- Wash hands regularly
- Reduce the number of journeys you take, to work from home where possible
- Self-isolate and seek a test if you experience any Covid-19 symptoms



We wish you a safe and enjoyable weekend. Remember to: “ Wash Hands, Cover Face, Make Space!”

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Executive Head Teacher

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