



Shinfield Infant & Nursery School Summer Term Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a rather wet start to the week, which I know will be hard for those of you staying indoors and not being able to get out very much. We have been very lucky with the sunshine so far, but the school gardens are soaking up the much needed rain. We have some really beautiful flowerbeds as you may see if you look on our Twitter feed.

Many thanks to the children and staff 'Team E' who were in school last week, and have added to the many colourful displays popping up around and at the front of the school, as you will see throughout this newsletter.

Below right, you will see a photo of myself with the Turner family cat, called Jigsaw. She would not pose for the photo for the Easter video! Jigsaw came from Shinfield Vets about 14 years ago. She was a hand-reared kitten and still enjoys being carried about everywhere at home. As the children and parents (and staff!) enjoyed seeing many of the staff with their pets on the video, perhaps your child would like to send me a photo or drawing of your family pet/s and some writing about them for next week's newsletter!

We are in school this week with the return of staff Team A. We are planning on continuing with our arrangements for the next few weeks until we hear more about Government advice for the future reopening of schools. In the meantime please keep up the great effort of staying safe at home, as the more we can do this now the better things will be in future. It will be worth a few more weeks of waiting. We will hopefully have an easier and more effective return to school as a result.

With best wishes to you all, and keep going!

Mrs Amanda Turner, Headteacher Head@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk



Home learning

We have been working as a team to provide you with guidance and lesson ideas for home learning. This has been developing since March 20th when schools first went into lockdown. We hope that what we are providing is giving you enough support. We know that it is a stressful time for all and that it may not be possible for you to complete all activities and tasks with your child due to your home or work situation. The ideas are there for you if you want them.

When we eventually return to school, we will gently assess each child to see where they are in their learning and take it from there. The most important thing is that you and your child are well and happy. We will not judge you on how much or how little you managed to do.

For children in F2, Year 1 and Year 2 there are two ways to access our home learning ideas:

Each Monday morning the home learning area on the school's website will be updated with a new learning grid for Year 1 and 2. This includes all the subjects that we would have been teaching in school. We have been advised not to teach new skills, but instead to revise and practise what we have already taught. There is an F2 Learning page for each half term with lots of ideas and suggestions, many of which are easy to follow in a normal home setting.

Every week day a staff member from each year group team is adding learning ideas to the Year group Facebook page. These ideas are linked to the Year group topic work and learning grids. If you are a Facebook user but aren't accessing these pages this is what you should search for:

Shinfield Infants F2/Reception Class

Shinfield Infants Year 2 teaching ideas

2019 Year 1 Shinfield Infants

There is also some helpful advice for parents from the Government at these two links:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>



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Picture News

This week's Picture News is all about the inspirational Captain Tom Moore. A wonderful role model for all generations at this time.

'Squashed spider' biscuits from Dom in Plum Class, who worked on his Year 1 home learning with his Grandpa! Well done Dom! We bet they tasted delicious too!



Jai, Year 1



Nour, Year 1



Emily P, Year 1



Gregory, Year 2



Gabrielle, Year 2



Ellie, F2



Reece, Year 1

More great planner cover designs—thank you children! The winners will be announced next week.



Sienna S, F2

Pyjamarama: Friday 1st May

To celebrate the bedtime story and reading together, this year's Pyjamarama will be a day when families across the country can join in a festival of story-filled fun at home.

There'll be loads of activities and events for children to take part in – the only requirement is that they're done in pyjamas!

To make things even more fun, we've got PJ Masks, Horrid Henry and Tracy Beaker on board. They'll be helping out and providing extra ideas and activities for a brilliant day in pyjamas on Friday 1st May.

[Sign up to get the Pyjamarama newsletter](#)

For more activities to support the online events on Friday please visit <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/pyjamarama/pyjamarama-activities/>

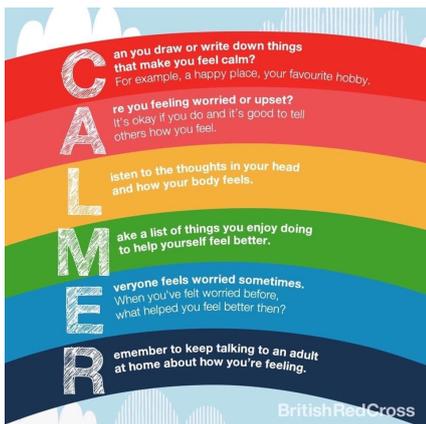
BookTrust are also running regular events on their Hometown pages <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>

Library Update

It is now possible to join the library online which gives you access to our many online services including ebooks, emagazines, ecomics, audio books, Press Reader, Freegal Music Service and many more. For online events and activities please visit <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/online-library-events-and-activities/> Please follow us on our social media pages and take part in our virtual library clubs, eg lego club, origami club and join us for storytime on Tuesday and rhymetime on Fridays.

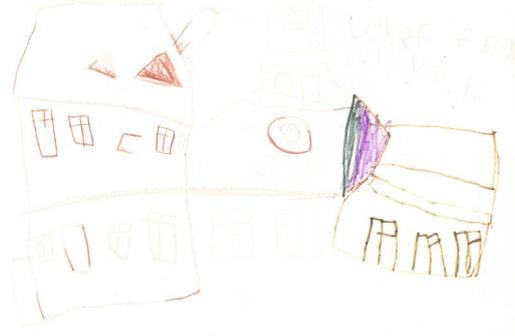


Some of the lovely art work that has been done by the children who have attended school. It is a cheerful sight when we come in. Maybe children at home might like to make some rainbow hearts like these ones on the right!



Letterbox surprises

Each day we empty the school letterbox and there are often lovely things in there left by the children, such as this drawing of the school by Oliver in Cherry Class. Thank you Oliver! You have captured some good details in your drawing, including the unique shape and design of the windows.



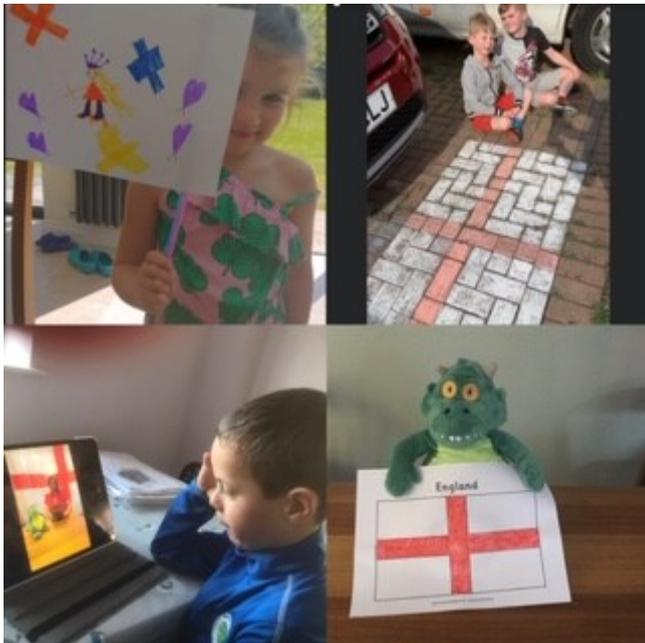
Loddon Reach Magazine

Due to Covid-19 there is an on-line version of the Loddon Reach magazine for May & a special **bumper** edition for the summer. Please click on the following link: <http://www.loddonreach.org.uk#magazine> to view the online May issue of the Loddon Reach Magazine. There is a page from our school on page 47, and details of a children's competition on page 51. Please take a look!

Road Safety Resources

Please see links below and attached for road safety resources, including a film, game, storybook and colouring sheet that parents could use with children to reinforce important road safety rules for this age group. We appreciate there are less cars on the road at present but families are likely to be walking more for daily exercise. Also there may be more cars on the roads once lockdown ends, as people may be reluctant to use public transport. These resources are also on our My Journey website at <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/schools/road-safety-resources/>

- [Green cross code with photos of safer crossings](#)
- [10 minute film – children play dress up and learn how to cross the road safely using the Stop. Look. Listen. Think](#)
- [Be Bright Be Seen game](#)
- [Colour me Bright poster activity](#)
- [Child Car Seat Story](#)
- [For KS1 children who scoot to school](#)



Year 1 News

Year 1 have been busy at home! Look at all this lovely work.

Their challenges were to:

Choose a minibeast when out for a walk or in their garden. Draw and label it with body parts

Try a chilli number bonds maths challenge

Draw a flag or a picture of St George.

Well done Year 1!

