



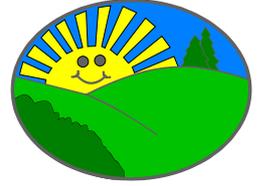
# Shinfield Infant & Nursery School Summer Term Newsletter 5

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a good second week back in school, a highlight of which has been the return of the F2 children in their 'bubble' groups. It is wonderful to see smiling children in their classrooms again. Our keyworker groups are working very well too. We are now almost at full capacity for all groups due to restrictions on the number of children we can safely accommodate within each classroom and the numbers of staff available to teach them. We are looking at a way to say a proper goodbye to all Year 2 children and will be in touch with Year 2 parents about this very soon.

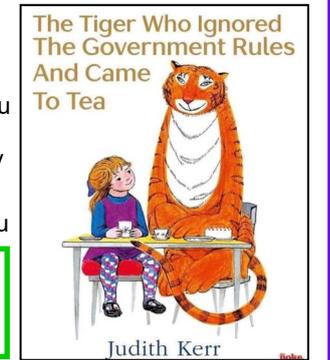
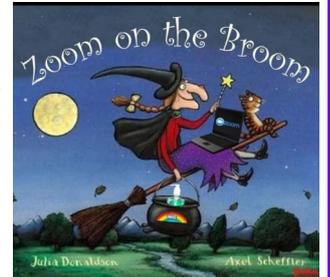
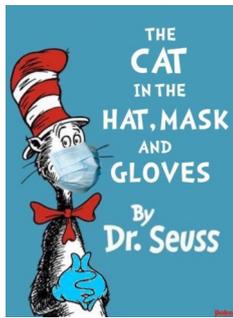
If you are working at home with your Year 1 or 2 child, please do make use of the facility to send your child's work for marking to the teachers providing the feedback for this. You can also book a Zoom call for your child to read to Miss Lendrum, following our school safety guidelines in doing so. Please remember that for safeguarding reasons parents must stay in the room with their child in sight of Miss Lendrum during these calls at all times. Please keep giving us feedback on home learning as we will follow up on this.

If you are coming in to school with your child, please keep him or her with you at all times, in order for us to continue respecting the 2m safety distancing rule at all times when parents and children are entering the school site. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Mrs Linkens found these posters of well known book covers—we thought you and the children might appreciate them!

Wishing you all a good week and weekend ahead.

Mrs Amanda Turner, Headteacher



Next year's term dates are attached for your reference

## Message from the Community School Nursing Team:

Berkshire Healthcare is launching a new School Nursing advice and support line for children, young people and their families, to offer health advice and referral into the service for on-going support if needed. The line will be available from 9am-4.30pm, Monday to Friday. You can access this service by dialing **0118 9312111** and selecting 'Option 4' to speak to a School Nurse.

**Everybody Worries** Please find a link below to a picture book for children who are worried about coronavirus, especially if they are coming in to school bubble groups or collecting reading books, etc. It may be useful to support your child's mental health and wellbeing:

<https://en.calameo.com/read/000777721945cfe5bb9cc?authid=Xu9pcOzU3TQx>

We have been told by a parent about Sky News for children, which may be of interest to your child. Here is a link to the online site:

<https://www.sky.com/watch/title/series/99387495-8564-4bce-8e5f-9457bb3f931a/fyi>

The very sad events in America have prompted many discussions about 'Black Lives Matter' and the news programme presents this in a way that is relevant to children. You may also like to take a look at this week's 'Picture News' about this with your child, as this asks some very searching questions.

Black lives matter very much at Shinfield Infant and Nursery School, and we are also very aware of the need to protect the members of our school community in BAME groups through our risk assessments for COVID-19 as well.

Please contact Mrs Lauchlan [nlauchlan@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:nlauchlan@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk) or I if you would like to discuss these important matters with us or have any suggestions for the school.



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## Nursery Corner

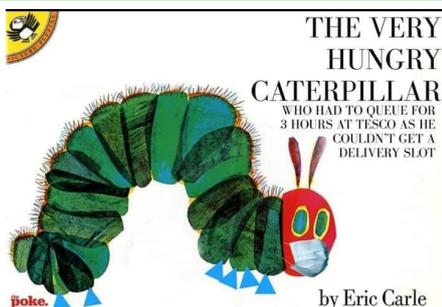
Nursery Bubbles you are amazing! Despite a very different environment, we are having lots of wonderful play, talk and adventure. I am so proud of you all. Here are some photos of our first week back.

We also have a nest of baby blackbirds hidden in the Nursery garden—this is the third nest we have discovered in the school grounds this year, so the birds clearly love school as much as us!



## F2 Bubble Groups

Well done to all the F2 children who have returned to bubble groups in the last two weeks. They have been enjoying lots of outdoor activities in the sunny weather. Although the groups have played together, each group has been carefully kept apart from the others and we have kept to a strict routine of handwashing and cleaning of equipment. The children like having their own workstations complete with their own playground equipment and are very happy getting on with their table tasks, which also include individual named pots of playdough for the daily 'Dough Disco'! It is lovely to see so many smiley faces in the morning and at the end of the day too.



## Please return your child's school library book

Please can parents to bring any school library books they have at home and leave them in a special library box outside the school office door when you come to collect reading books? There will be some post-it notes and pencils for you to put your child's name on the front of the book.

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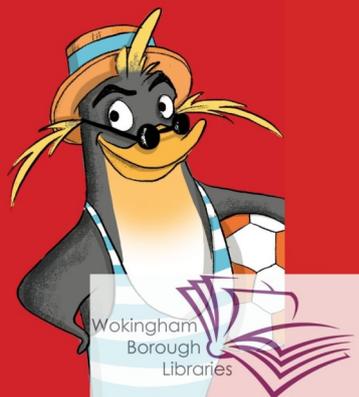
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Join online and set a personal reading challenge just visit:

[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

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**SUMMER  
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## Join the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge from the Reading Agency takes place every year during the summer holidays.

This year the Summer Reading Challenge is back and online with Silly Squad! It's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books. This year, our challenge features extra special characters designed by the award-winning author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, who you'll know from amazing reads like Amelia Fang and Evil Emperor Penguin!

### Set a personal reading challenge

You can join the Silly Squad on a new adventure by setting your own personal reading challenge to complete this summer.

The online platform will help you keep track of your books, reviews and the rewards you unlock along the way.

As always, The Summer Reading Challenge website has lots of brilliant book suggestions to get you started, and tips on how you can keep reading even while schools and libraries are closed. There is also heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and more to keep you entertained at home!

### Sign up

You can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge on the national website. This year, instead of registering at your local library, you should register online.

[Join the Summer Reading Challenge](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

### Library membership for the summer

If you are not already a member of the library, you can join the library online here <https://wokingham.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/OPAC/JOIN> to borrow e-books, e-audio books and e-comics for the challenge.

### Reading lists

Why not visit our RB Digital platform and download some of these brilliant stories during the challenge?

- Cookie! By Konnie Huq
- Amelia Fang and the Unicorn Lords by Laura Ellen Anderson
- Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai
- Hamish and the Monster Patrol by Danny Wallace
- The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

### Benefits

Some of the benefits of taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge include:

- encouraging children to read throughout the summer holidays
- developing a lifelong love of reading for pleasure
- encouraging children to read a variety of genres
- encouraging the whole family to use resources in the library
- helps make sure that literacy levels do not drop over the summer
- most importantly- it's fun!

Parents and guardians can find out more on the [Summer Reading Challenge website](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk).

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