



It's All About Opal...

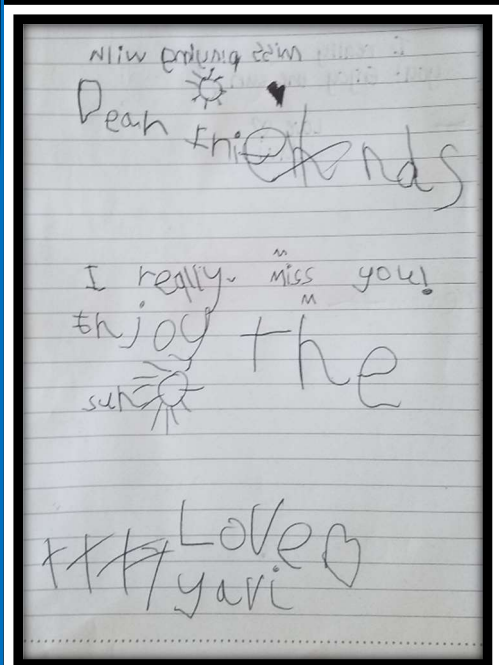
Edition 9 Week Beginning **15.6.20**



BIRTHDAY WISHES

MASSIVE APOLOGIES

We missed **ASA's**
Birthday 29/5/15!!
So...Happy Birthday to
Asa from all of us! We
may not be able to be
with you but we are
thinking of you always!



Recipe for
successful
learning:

Action and short
Fun and playful

PLEASE NOTE PAGE BELOW

G'Day To All The Brilliant Opal Class Families Out There (fingers crossed no rain this week)...

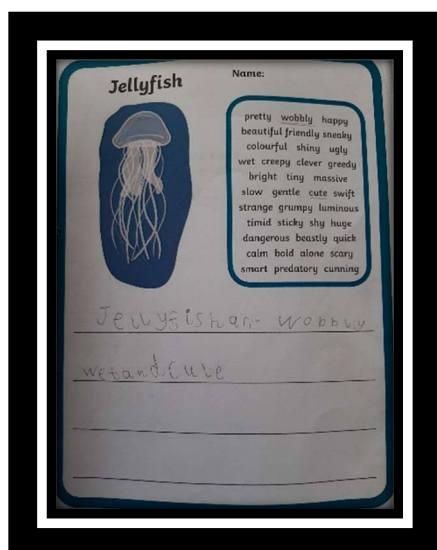
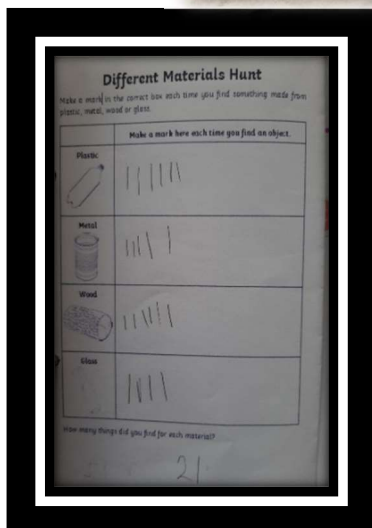
SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION...

I am ever more mindful as time ticks on of the transition from Reception to Year 1 and given the children's experiences of not being in school for a prolonged time. These have been exceptional circumstances for everyone and as a school, we have understood and listened to the challenges that families are facing during these difficult times. Knowing that transition is all about 'adaptation' I am certain, the children will find the courage to adapt and settle back into school- dipping their toes into the National Curriculum. However, families have been asking me how they can start preparing their children for Year one learning. The children are on their own unique journey of learning and the way I would strongly encourage you to support your children by giving them as much of your time as possible. Including activities such as listening to them read and reading to them, going over their RWInc sounds, counting and completing practical activities with number and encouraging handwriting of any sort be it cards, menus or letters to friends. This will support the children in feeling not so isolated when returning to school. Please use the learning grids or look at past learning grids on-line for lots of ideas to support you in this.

BUT please remember short bursts of 10-15min of adult led learning is best. They are only 5y!

VIRTUE THIS WEEK: COURAGE

Courage is bravery in the face of fear. You do the right thing even when it is hard or scary. When you are courageous, you don't give up. You try new things. You admit mistakes. Courage is the strength in your heart.



TADPOLE UPDATE: Look at the froglet everyone!

WOW Carter you have been looking after the tadpoles. Almost fully-grown and ready for releasing back into the wild. High Five!



OPAL CLASS LEARNING

Great to receive some lovely work this week inspired by our weekly home learning grid! Thank you Millie for my beautiful letter and to Yavi for the letter to your friends. **Please read everyone!!** Yavi has also sent in a picture of her vegetable patch – looking VERY professional and lush! That beats my carrots. Carter has been busy with a paintbrush and screwdriver I see which is impressively grown up! I feel some woodwork learning coming on in September... You're in charge Carter!



LEARNING GRID

Although our learning grid attached to this email focuses on mathematic/ measures: **Capacity**, throughout this week please **keep in mind 'Black Lives Matter'** and equality for all. Try to focus on the themes of love, fairness and courage throughout the week in everything you do remembering we are role models to these young inspiring minds – set the example! PLEASE take the time to look at the reading link below for some excellent on-line books to share with your children.

RWInc/PHONICS

Please take ten minutes to go over:

- practise letter sounds and reading cvc words
- handwriting
- common exception words/tricky words/high frequency words



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE: Please read flyer below and refer to Mrs Storey newsletter.

PSHE Back to School Resources

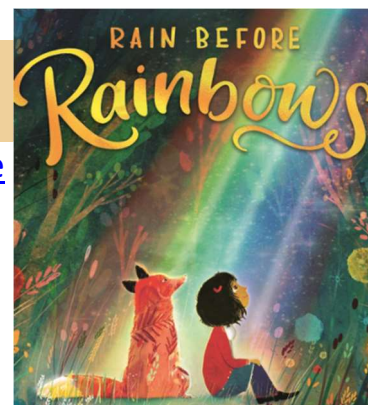
Resources that may help in a particularly tricky time for children and adults

<https://en-gb.padlet.com/grahamandre07/backtoschoolpshe>

RWinc

www.ruthmiskin.com

DON'T FORGET... some great phonics catch up sessions find 'Read Write Inc' sessions on YouTube (10-15 min), 9.30 am Mon-Fri slots. Set 1, 2 and 3 speed sounds and activities including reading red words and holding a sentence.



It's so easy to take part

- Children sign up to our easy-to-use website and create their own profile at sillysquad.org.uk from 5th June onwards.
- They set their own challenge to read any amount of books during the Challenge, with children being encouraged to read anything that makes them happy – whether it be comics, joke books, poetry, fiction or non-fiction; in digital or print format; from e-book lending through the public library service or from what they already have at home.
- Each time they finish a book, they add it to their profile and write a review. They are rewarded with activities and incentives along the way, such as online badges, games and videos.
- Families are encouraged to join in and 'Get Silly' with downloadable activities, games, quizzes and more. With new content to enjoy each week, the fun will continue throughout the summer to keep families engaged.
- They receive a downloadable certificate once they've completed their challenge!



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