

Friday 5th June 2020

The start of the new month of June has been a very exciting one for us all here at West Road. We have welcomed all our staff back to school and we are once again enjoying working together as a staff team.

The children and staff are organised into 'bubbles' and have been getting used to a 'new normal'. The social distancing rules and hand washing routines are a key part of our day in addition to our new routines entering and leaving school. The children have been amazing and we thank all our parents for your support in following our new systems.

All the adults want to ensure that the children who have returned are happy and they feel safe and secure whilst they are at school.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

So what has been happening this week in school?

This week Nursery have been looking at sunflowers. They have looked at the life cycle of a sunflower and created their own collages. They have also spent time outside playing in the rain in their waterproofs using powder paint in the puddles to mix the colours. They then had fun jumping in the puddles!

In Year 1 they have made a superhero of themselves and made a pet each using natural objects collected in Jenny's Wood. They have been reading the story *The Troll* by Julia Donaldson. The children made predictions about the story and described the Troll. They have invented their own pirate characters and made treasure chests with real treasure in them!

They made a pirate ship with a flag which they designed. They have done maths and other things as well but the other activities were more exciting!

The Year 2 children have been designing and creating their own special magic seeds. They have used their imagination to create a seed which will blossom into many different plants! They have had marshmallow trees, money trees and a plant that grows coca cola!! All the children have thoroughly enjoyed doing this!

In LKS2 they have enjoyed escaping into Jenny's Wood by solving maths puzzles - they were challenging and the experience was thrilling. They have also enjoyed social distance gymnastics in the hall while it was raining outside - they did not let the rain ruin the PE session! They have loved learning how to use PowerPoint more effectively and have been researching plastic pollutions and ways in which they can help save the environment.

In Mr Eastwood's bubble they have been looking at how pollution is affecting our oceans. Alongside this, they have been focusing on coral bleaching the Great Barrier Reef as well as artwork for the different layers of the ocean. Their reading has revolved around the *Twits* by Roald Dahl.

In UKS2 the children have been working on Algebra in Maths. In Literacy, they have started reading *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman. In topic they have started learning about Black History and studying Mandala art.

Just a reminder that from Monday 8th June there will be no further work packs provided at the school office. Please continue to email your child's class teacher with concerns or questions regarding their work. The online learning through the school website will still be available.

Pit-Stop Bookings

Due to the current situation Pit-Stop bookings are now limited to 10 children per night and places are only available to keyworker and vulnerable children. Bookings are therefore on a first come first served basis. Bookings should be made in the usual way by completing a form at the office and payment should be made in advance on ParentPay.



ParentPay

There are currently some ParentPay accounts showing debts. We would be grateful if you could check your ParentPay account and clear any outstanding balances. If you are not in a position to clear the outstanding balance, please contact the school office. Please be aware all payments should be made in advance to avoid debts accruing. We are unable to offer credit.



Are you entitled to a £100 uniform voucher?

Am I entitled to free school meals for my child?

Your child will be eligible for free school meals (FSM) if you are receiving one of the following benefits or support:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related ESA
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and your annual income is below £16,190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

You are NOT entitled to free school meals if:

- You receive Working Tax Credit except where the 'four week run-on' applies

Even if your child is in Reception to Year 2 and they already receive a free meal under the government's Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) system, it is still worth applying for FSM. Benefits of successful FSM applications are:

- A £100 uniform voucher (payable on your first successful application only)
- Reduced Breakfast Club charges
- Free school milk up to the end of Year 2
- Reduced costs for residential visits

For more information and to apply online please visit:

<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/free-school-meals>

or alternatively, please call into the office and speak to Mrs Tuplin who will be happy to advise and help you with an application.



Quiz Answers – 29th May

- 1000
- Hedwig
- Jupiter
- Manny
- Leonardo da Vinci
- The White House
- 30 days
- Olaf
- Gold
- Pen
- Thermometer
- Plants
- Caddy
- Meerkat
- Earth
- Dopey
- France
- Meat
- Arctic
- Eye
- What is the name of the invisible line that runs around the middle of the Earth?
- Which word can go before ache, brush and paste to make three other words?
- What magical item does Aladdin use to fly on?
- Of what African country was Nelson Mandela president?
- What are the colours of the five Olympic rings?
- What do tadpoles turn into?
- Which is the largest ocean in the world?
- In which Australian city is the Opera House?
- What is the name of the plumber who features in several video games?
- What is the largest country in Scandinavia?
- What is the name of Peter Pan's pirate enemy?
- Which planet is closest to the sun?

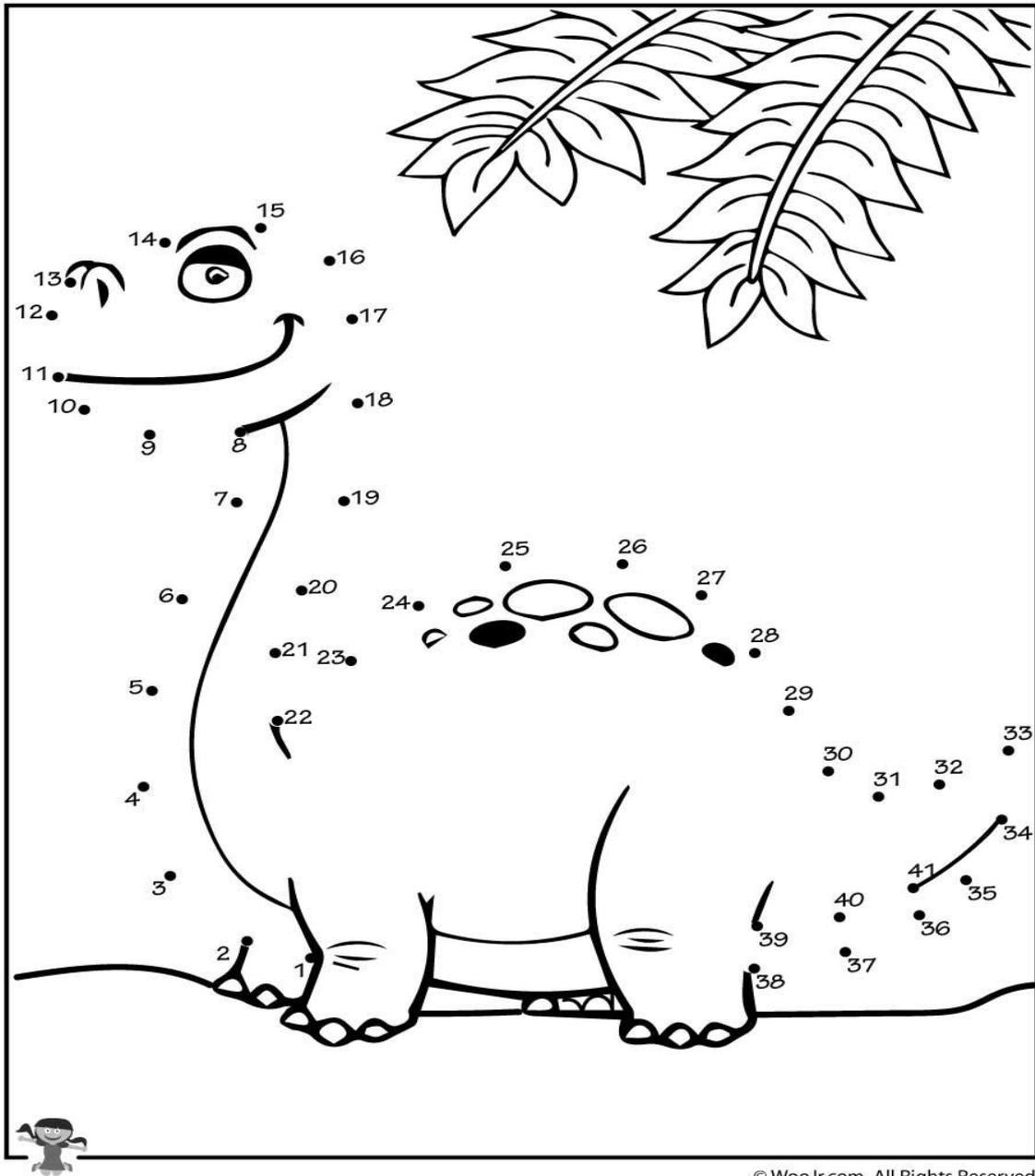
Quiz – 5th June

- In which sport was Muhammad Ali a world champion?
- What is the name of the lion in "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe"?
- In which country is the Sphinx located?
- Which chess piece can only move diagonally?
- What colour belt are martial arts experts entitled to wear?
- In the film "Stuart Little", what kind of animal is Stuart?
- What kind of creature is a Komodo dragon?
- What name is given to someone who studies the stars?





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