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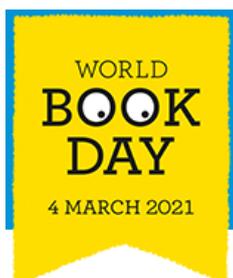
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This week at LPPS

Believe it or not, the senior leaders and I are looking ahead to all sorts of exciting things that we can do next half term. One thing that will certainly happen, whether we are all back at school or not, will be World Book Day.



World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 4th March 2021 this year and we cannot wait. Given how strange things are at the moment and the restrictions that are in place, we think planning early is the key.

We will hold our annual Book Character Day where we all dress up as some of our favourite book characters and we will be planning activities that can be completed both at home or at school. We are preparing for all scenarios.

So, get planning. I thought that bringing this to your attention now will give you and your little ones something fun to plan for and will also give you time to collect items that you may use to make your costumes. There is no need for you to have to rush and order anything online with this much notice and pay unnecessary amounts of money that can be used for other things. This way, we can all think creatively about recycling clothes, fabrics, junk modelling that we have to bring our characters alive.

We just can't wait to celebrate the joy of reading together.

And yes, Mrs Browne, Mrs Marrison and I already know who we are going to be.

Helping your children at home

Bitesize

Lockdown Learning

Learning at home? We've got you! Try our lessons full of videos, quizzes and practice activities to help you with home learning.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Wellbeing



The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **Express Yourself**.

Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. It is about finding a way to

show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

We will be taking part in school and reminding children of the importance of taking care of their mental health. Next week's assemblies for children at home and at school will be focussed on wellbeing.

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Little LPPS

For this week's Little LPPS, I would like us to think about and explore one of our school values... Wonder. Wonder is about developing your curiosity and discovering new things that cause amazement and take your breath away. To help with this, I have included some simple experiments you can do at home whilst you are home learning, that will cause your eyes to widen and beaming smiles to appear across your faces. I hope you enjoy conducting these experiments as much as I did!

Rainbow in a Glass

Watch **Scientist Joe** conduct the experiment [here!](#)

Materials

- ★ Water
- ★ A mug
- ★ 5 separate cups
- ★ A Tablespoon
- ★ A clear glass
- ★ A dropper or pipette



Instructions:

1. Separate the Skittles into the cups, in these amounts: 2 red, 4 orange, 6 yellow green, and 10 purple.
2. Heat a mug of water in the microwave for a minute and a half (or long enough t the water is hot, but not boiling). Be careful removing the water from the microwave—it's hot!
3. Measure and pour two tablespoons of hot water into each cup, on top of the Skittles.
4. Stir each cup carefully so no water splashes out. The cups need to be cool for t next part of the experiment, so leave them somewhere where they won't get knocked over. Stir them every ten minutes or so until the Skittles are dissolved the water is room temperature.
5. Using the dropper, add the colored water from the five cups to the clear glass. Start with purple, then add green, then yellow, orange, and red last. Go slowly here, you don't want the different layers to mix.
6. Congratulations, you made a rainbow. You didn't even have to go outside!

MAKE PLASTIC MILK

YOU WILL NEED

- One cup of milk
- 4 teaspoons of white vinegar
- A bowl
- A strainer
- Adult help

WHAT TO DO

1. Ask your friendly adult to heat up the milk until it is hot, but not boiling
2. Now ask the adult to carefully pour the milk into the bowl
3. Add the vinegar to the milk and stir it up with a spoon for about a minute
4. Now the fun part, pour the milk through the strainer into the sink – careful it may be hot!
Left behind in the strainer is a mass of lumpy blobs.
When it is cool enough, you can rinse the blobs off in water while you press them together .
Now just mold it into a shape and it will harden in a few days. – Cool!

BUILD A FIZZ INFLATOR

YOU WILL NEED

- One small empty plastic soda or water bottle
- 1/2 cup of vinegar
- Small balloon
- Baking soda
- Funnel or piece of paper

WHAT TO DO

1. Carefully pour the vinegar into the bottle.
2. This is the tricky part: Loosen up the balloon by stretching it a few times and then use the funnel to fill it a bit more than half way with baking soda. If you don't have a funnel you can make one using the paper and some tape.
3. Now carefully put the neck of the balloon all the way over the neck of the bottle without letting any baking soda into the bottle.
4. Ready? Lift the balloon up so that the baking soda falls from the balloon into the bottle and mixes with the vinegar. Watch the fizz-inflator at work!



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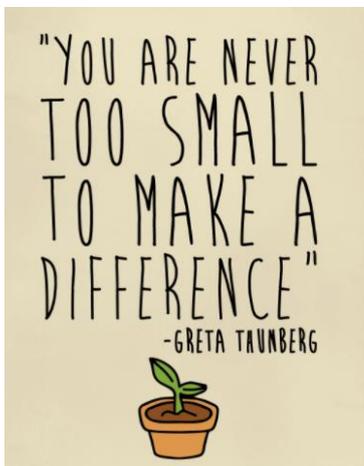
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Eco Week 2021

Calling all **Eco Warriors**, it's time to celebrate another fantastic **Eco Week** in lockdown. It didn't stop us last year so **Let's BE KEEN and THINK GREEN!!** Even though we might be at home, this should not stop us from thinking how can we think or act greener! What changes can we make to help our environment?

Remember:



Eco Warrior Updates

Firstly, our team of elected Eco Warriors have been super busy creating our Eco Code for our school and wanted to share it with you. Our Eco Code highlights how, as a school, we will act responsibly and sensibly with our choices and try to think as green as possible in our attempts to transform our school into an Eco haven.

Our Eco Code

1. Turn off computers, screens and lights when not in use.
2. Use recycling bin for all paper and cardboard
3. Put our rubbish in the bin and not litter
4. Walk, cycle or scoot to school if we can.
5. Reuse and reduce plastic materials

This year, our school has excitedly registered as an Eco School as part of *Keep Britain Tidy* and we are now beginning our work collectively to achieve our Green Flag. Our Eco Warriors will keep you posted as we continue on this journey!



Thank you for registering as an Eco-School

Eco Week Activities

This week, your class teacher will share your Eco Week theme and activities linked to this with you. You might have the opportunity to listen to a story based on your theme with your class teacher if you are in KS1 or complete some research in KS2.

Excitingly, each class/year group will create their own poem for their theme. These poems will be shared in our next newsletter and be displayed on our school Eco Warriors display! 😊

Themes for each year group:

Reception: Littering and our environment.

Year 1: Recycling

Year 2: Plastic Pollution

Year 3: Climate Change

Year 4: Sustainability





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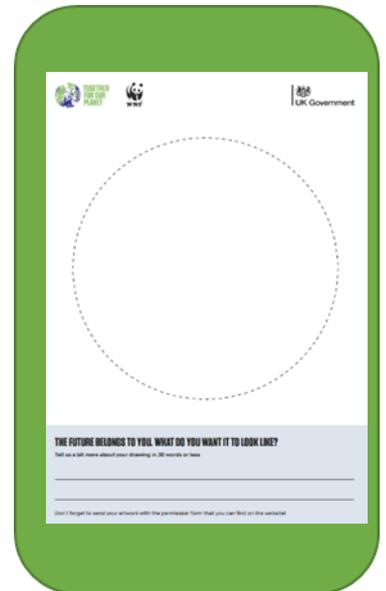
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Eco Week Competition

As part Eco Week 2021, we would like you to enter the inspiring Creative Earth competition which can be found using this link: <https://together-for-our-planet.ukcop26.org/creative-earth/>

This competition encourages us to think about what we want our future Earth to look like- If we make green choices now, how will this impact our future?



Thought-provoking Facts

Did you know?



- An estimated 13 billion plastic bottles are disposed of each year
- Around 30 million tonnes of household waste is generated in the UK every year, of which 5.9 million tonnes is packaging
- Disposable nappies take 500 years to decompose
- Every tonne of paper recycled saves 17 trees



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