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# De Lacy Primary School

## Newsletter

***"Working together as a community to enable all our children to develop as responsible citizens."***

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021**

I hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well. It has been another good week for the community of De Lacy Primary School, with lots of great learning taking place. I have seen in the lessons online or in school some great discussions and children showing their knowledge and understanding as it deepens throughout the week. I hope you all have a lovely weekend – stay safe and continue to follow the government guidance!

### Twitter

We are sharing lots of positive things via our school twitter page. Such as what learning is taking place in school or at home, useful links to support materials, links to free reading resources and much more. Please take one minute out of your busy day to follow us on @DeLacyPrimary and keep up to date with useful learning resources.



### Reading resources

As you will agree, reading is so important to a child's development and it is the foundation to learning in all subjects. A good reader equals a good learner! Because of the school closure, children have a reduced access to reading materials. There are many websites out there that are providing lots of great and free reading resources! I encourage you to check them out and let the children enjoy reading popular books written by authors they know and love!

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

<https://www.bookspaceforschools.co.uk/lockdown-booklist-resource/>

Welcome to our library!



### Remote Learning

A huge thankyou to all the parents who continue ensure their children are logging onto the live learning sessions and submitting the work via their class Dojo! I have been really impressed with the increasing amount of children accessing this and we are nearly at 100% in some classes – this is great! The more children access the live sessions the less the knowledge gap will be from lost learning - keep at it! You can help us by:

- Making sure the device your child uses to attend remotely is fully charged and ready to be used.
- You log your child online 5 minutes before the session starts so they can begin their holding task whilst the rest of the class join.
- Your camera is switched on so that the teacher can identify who is attending the session.
- Your microphone is muted so that the teacher can communicate with the class clearly.
- All work completed is submitted onto class Dojo for their teacher to mark and direct further learning.



## Timetable Rockstar

We know you all love Times Table Rockstars, but I wonder who is the biggest Rockstar of them all? Tournaments on Times Table Rockstars have begun! The tournaments will run from Monday morning to Friday evening each week. The more times table challenges you complete each week, the higher number of points you will achieve and win the tournament against another selected class! The tournament challenges are:



**Year 1 Vs Year 2   Year 3 Vs Year 4   Year 5 Vs Year 6**

Please encourage your child to log on and compete to help their class to win the weekly championship! Weekly certificates will be given out virtually to the top 3 players in each year group based on the number of calculations completed correctly. If you need support with accessing TT Rockstars, please message your class teacher on Dojo and they will help you to get set up.

## Home support and homework

The learning journey of each child can only be successful with a productive partnership between home and school. You can help by:

- Listening to your child read at least 4 times a week. Ask questions about what you have read together, can they retrieve and use information they have just read?
- Help them with their timetables and the fundamentals of adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying numbers.
- Ensure they complete their homework or spellings they may have to learn that week.
- Discuss what they are learning in school – is there any way they can continue to learn topics at home

## Star of the week!

As you will have seen in an earlier communication this week, every week, we are nominating our class star of the week. This will be in school and in our online classes. The pupils will be selected for either excellent attendance, great contribution to class discussion, fantastic work or being a role model who has gone that 'extra mile'. I'm proud to say that this week our star of the week pupils are:

The image shows a 'Star of the Week' banner with a gold and yellow starry background. The text 'Star of the Week' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below the banner is a table with two main columns: 'School' and 'Online'. Each column has sub-columns for 'Class' and 'Pupil'.

School		Online	
Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
EYFS	Felicity R	Reception	Bella C
Year 1 & Year 2	Jack J	Year 1	Charlie W
Year 3 & Year 4	Ruslan K	Year 2	Lewis W
Year 5 & Year 6	Jacob L	Year 3	Lucas W
		Year 4	Evie-Mai H & Charlotte B
		Year 5	Jackson D
		Year 6	Amashi N

Thank you for your continued support, I look forward to seeing you all soon!

**Mr J Parkinson**

**Headteacher**