



St. Lawrence CE Primary School

Executive Head Teacher - Mrs Rebecca Nash

Head of School - Mrs. Alison Moore

Dear Parent and Carers,

5th February 2021

Firstly, I would just to thank you all for your engagement with school over the last few weeks; whether this has been attending 'zoom' sessions for SEND children, being part of our Wellbeing Wednesday sessions, attending worship with Mrs Nash or interacting with SeeSaw. We understand that these are extremely challenging times and it isn't easy juggling work commitments and home schooling. In addition to your feedback on the parent questionnaires, we have had a number of parents email school with some lovely messages for staff, we are extremely appreciative of these and thank you whole heartedly as they have really lifted spirits and boosted morale.

For those parents who are accessing our hubs for key worker/vulnerable children we would to thank you for supporting our school closure last week due to the weather conditions. We were keen to remain open, but were affected significantly by staff having issues travelling from home and in school. The decision to close is never any easy one but we have to put the safety of our pupils and staff first. We hope that all children enjoyed some time in the snow on this day and it didn't cause too much disruption.



Our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' zoom sessions focusing on aspects of the PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) are being well attended and we have had a lot of positive feedback. It has been lovely to see the home learners accessing the teacher led sessions and these will be continuing after half term. This week it has been Children's Mental Health Week and it was wonderful on Wednesday seeing the children, both at home in school, embracing the theme of 'Express Yourself'.

Next Friday (12th February), we will break up for half term and school will be closed for the week. Teachers will not be setting home learning over half term so please do not expect a response should you post anything. Take this week to enjoy some quality time with your children and recharge batteries after what seems a very long time since Christmas.

With the end of term in mind, Mrs Nash has suggested a Friday afternoon social event via 'zoom' for all children. We envisage all the children 'zooming' in for a chat with their friends and having a drink and snack, this will be to support wellbeing and a celebration for working so hard. Class teachers will provide further details on SeeSaw of how the session will be organised. The times will be as follows: - Class 1 (1.15-1.45pm), Class 2 (1.50 - 2.20pm), and Class 3 Years 4,5,6 (2.30—3pm). The link will be sent out prior to this via Parentmail.



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Celebrating Success!

This week at St. Lawrence we were awarded the Bronze Global Neighbours Award and we are all absolutely delighted! A lot of hard work, dedication and commitment goes into applying for these awards and collating all the evidence required. As with everything at St. Lawrence, it really is a team effort and everyone contributes in their own unique way. There is one person who needs a special mention, as although it is a collective effort Mrs Standish worked incredibly hard to write the submission and collect all the evidence in her role as History/Geography and PSHE Lead. You can read a full copy of the report can be accessed on this link (Ctrl and right click mouse)

<https://stlawrencecofe.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/GNS-Report-St-Lawrence-Telford-3.2.2021.pdf>

Safer Internet Day



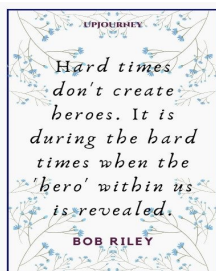
On Tuesday it is Safer Internet Day and we will be uploading some activities via SeeSaw to highlight the importance of staying safe on the internet. In these strange times, when we are using technology more it is important that children and parents are even more vigilant.

Change of Worship time

Mrs Nash leads Friday worship at 2pm but next Friday 12th February this will need to be rescheduled due to our (Zoom) social afternoon. Therefore next week she will lead Assembly on Thursday 11th February at 2pm. A link for this will follow.

On a final note, I could not leave out the sad passing of Captain Sir Tom Moore this week, he truly epitomised everything that was good in the world and gave us all a ray of hope when we needed it most.

In his words - 'At the end of the day we shall be okay again. The sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away.'



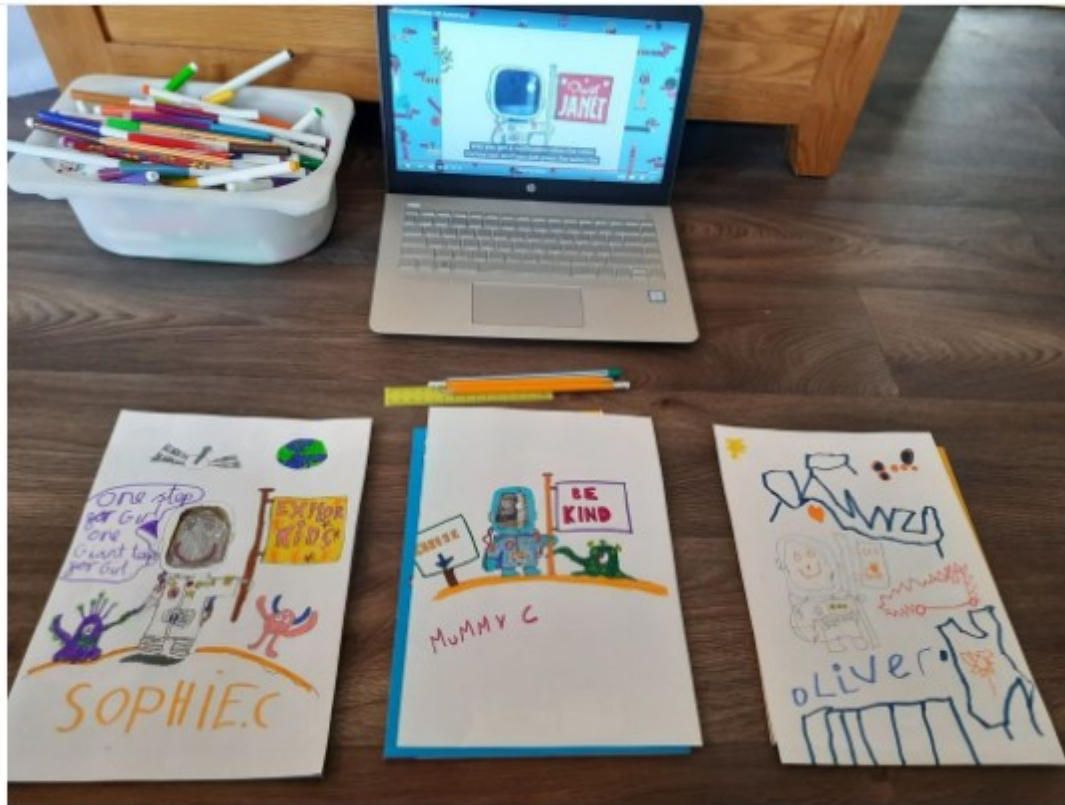
With our best wishes,

Mrs Moore and the Team at St. Lawrence.



Home learning this week..

Family time art work from the Corbett family focusing on Rob Biddulph tutorials.



Aman completing the bird watching challenge on his daily walks.



Home learning this week..

Lucas and Noah learning all about space and the first moon landing.

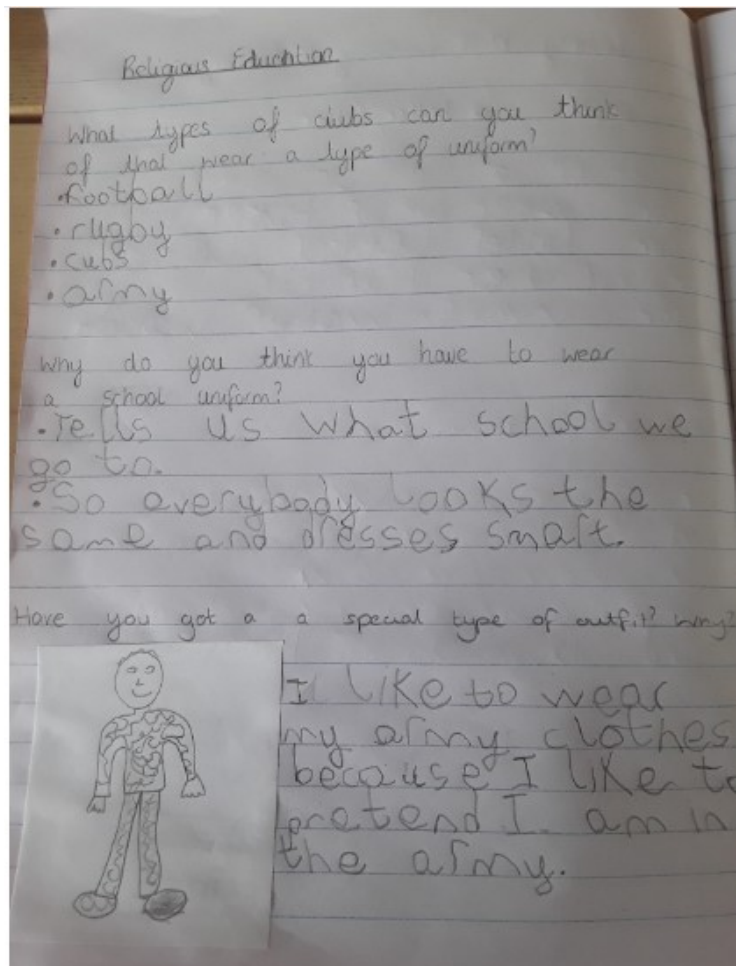


Follow the instructions to make your own rocket. You can use anything you have at home, it does not have to be exactly like the one above. You could put a photograph or drawing of yourself on the rocket instead.

- What shapes make up your rocket? Name them. Are they 2D or 3D?
- Where would you go in your rocket?
- What do you already know about space?
- What would you like to find out?
- Do you have any books at home about space? If you do, have a look at them.



Alfie finding out about Sikhism and answering reflective questions.





Home learning this week..



The scale effect you created on this fish silhouette art work is brilliant Oscar!

Mr Al-Asmar

Owain, I know the birds will absolutely love the feeders you made for them as part of our Forest School learning.

Mr Al-Asmar





Home learning this week..

Task: Sort the animals into vertebrates and invertebrates.

Think: Do you have a backbone? Where you would you go in the table?

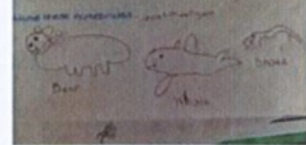
Vertebrate	Invertebrate
tiger shark	oyster
horse	octopus
penguin	starfish
butterfly	crab
duck	sea urchin
frog	spider
snake	scorpion
cat	shrimp
sea turtle	jellyfish
	earthworm

Difference between an invertebrate and a vertebrate?

Exit Quiz:

- 1) Tick 2 facts about invertebrates.
 - ☒ Hard outer casing covering their body
 - ☒ Do not have backbone.
 - ☐ Have a backbone inside their body.
- 2) Tick 1 fact about vertebrates.
 - ☐ Hard outer casing covering their body
 - ☒ Do not have backbone.
 - ☒ Have a backbone inside their body

Vertebrates are animals which have a backbone inside their body.

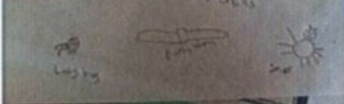


2. What is an invertebrate?

An invertebrate is an animal which does not have a backbone.

Or they have a hard outer casing covering their body.

eg. (tick 2 invertebrates from the list)



Poppy, this work for Science really showed me that you understood and enjoyed your learning. I love your whale drawing too. Mr Al-Asmar



I am so impressed with the diamond shapes you have used in your background Reid and how they make your giraffe silhouette stand out. Well done!

Mr Al-Asmar

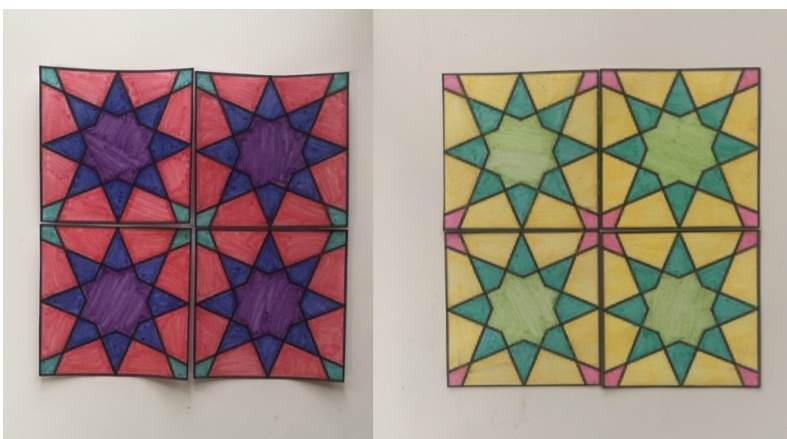
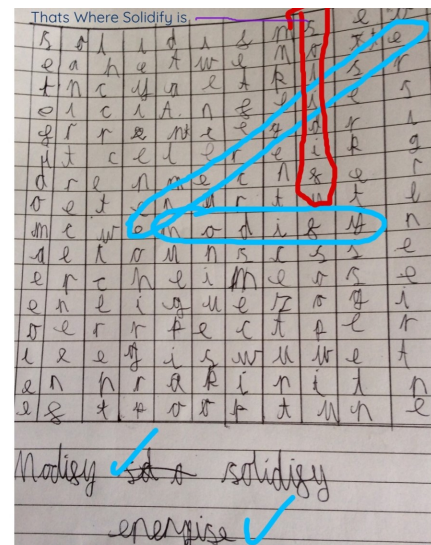
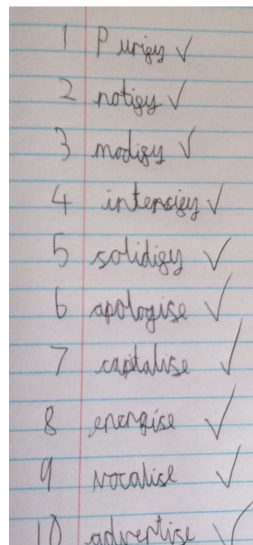


Home learning this week..



Abigail has been active this week, Geocaching in her local area. She even found one just outside her house!

Olly has been practising his spellings every day, creating a word search to test Mr Worpole! It was so tricky he couldn't find them all!



Graciella has created some beautiful Islamic artwork based on the patterns found decorating Mosques around the world.



Home learning this week..

science in my
dressing gown!



Here are some photos of home learning this week from Year 5 and 6. This was a STEM science experiment which Mrs Sankey did with the children in school on Monday and the children completed at home. It was a lesson about Materials separation.





Special mention ..

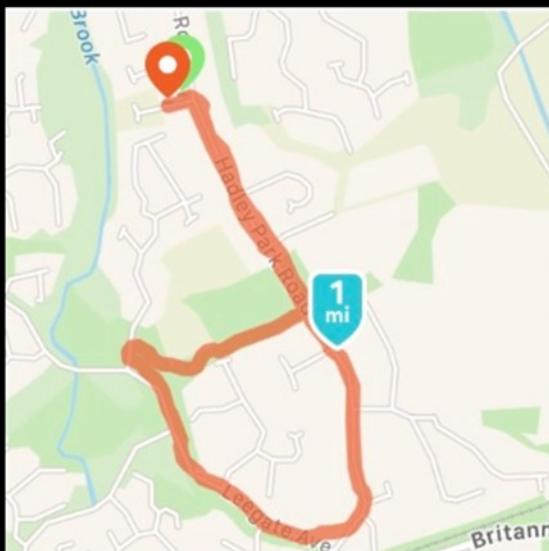
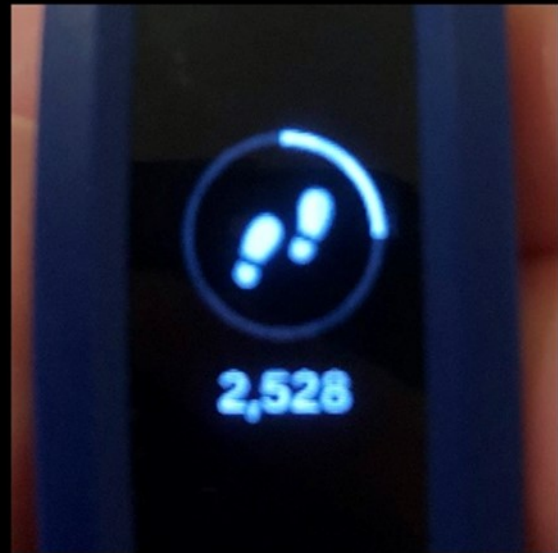
Acts of kindness

Isla in Year 2 has set herself the challenge of running 15 miles in February and raising money for Severn Hospice. Isla discussed with her family about helping people and she wanted to raise money for somewhere that 'helps people when they are sick'.

Isla wanted to raise £60.00 for Severn Hospice and she has raised £360 so far!

Up to date Isla has run 3.77 miles.

We wish Isla every success in this challenge she has set herself and let her know that we think she is a Superstar!



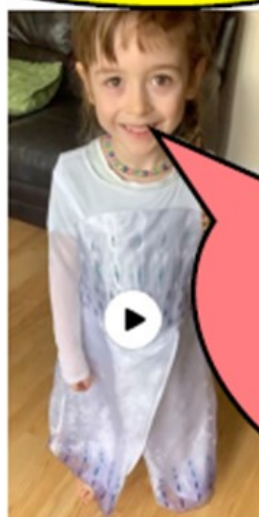


Children's Mental Health Week 2021



"This a happiness worry monster called Lenny. He has yellow ears and a rainbow tummy, to look forward towards happier times in the world to come."

These are our **Worry Monster** puppets. The children drew the puppets to express a variety of feelings.



Dress to Express
"I'm wearing my special Elsa dress because it makes me feel so happy."



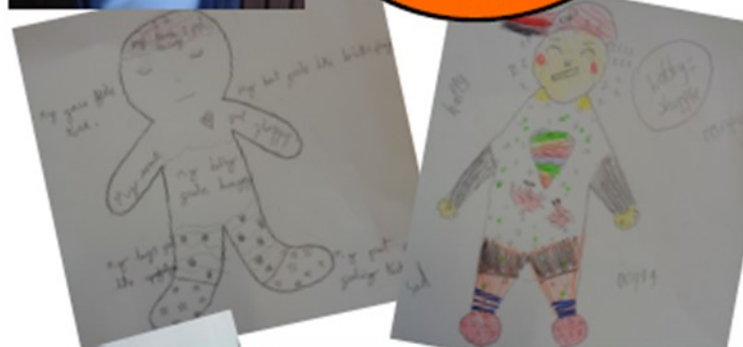


"This is an example of our feelings emojis. After drawing an emotion face, we wrote about what would makes us feel that way."



The children created a mindfulness portrait of themselves.

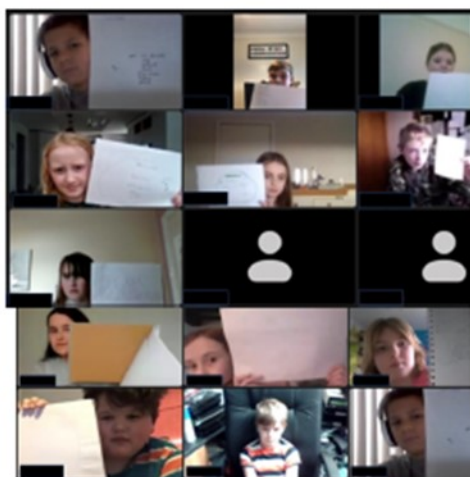
After drawing an outline, they added how each part of them was feeling using expressive colouring and words.



Helping around the house or garden can really make a difference to somebody else's and your own wellbeing.



Homemade 'Worry Dolls'.



Feeling connected during PSHE sessions with remote learning.



Doing the things that make us happy!





Telford & Wrekin's Local Offer provide regular SEND newsletters on their website for parents and carers. The website also contains information, support and tips that parents might find useful. The newsletter has recently taken the form of a webpage which can be accessed at https://www.telfordsend.org.uk/info/1/home/109/send_news.

The SEND newsletter webpage sits as part of the SEND Local Offer Website which *“aims to bring together useful information across education, health and social care within one website. You can find information, advice and guidance and a range of local service providers who support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).”*

As a school, to do our best to provide access to this service, we will be including a section and link on our school website to the Local Offer and the newsletter webpage.



Competition time...

The Young Songwriter 2021 competition

“Calling all young songwriters! Do love music and fancy writing your first song? Have you always wanted to write your own song? Maybe you already have! Then take a look at this: The Young Songwriter 2021 competition is now open for entries from children aged 8 years and over. There are some fantastic prizes to be won including a recording studio session and Yamaha equipment worth £1000. Why not get creative and have a go, the closing date for the competition is [31st March 2021](#). We would of course also love to see and hear how you get on so don't forget to upload a video onto See Saw for your teacher to see.”

More information including the entry form go to www.songacademy.co.uk/says21

THE YOUNG SONGWRITER 2021
COMPETITION IS OPEN FOR ENTRIES!



Competition time...



SMASH LIFE "DESIGN OUR CAP" COMPETITION

Calling all budding artists and anyone who would like to design the logo on our Cap range we will be launching. We are looking for a design which will stand out and we would love to use a young person's design.

The design will need to have our logo clearly on the front...

Be creative, have fun and good luck. The winning design will be used by our head of media Kev.

Please send your designs to the virtual school
virtualschool@telford.gov.uk or info@smashlifeuk.com

We will pick the winning design (Providing we receive entries) on 22/02/21 (End of half term)



Half term event....



SMASH LIFE EVENTBRITE VIRTUAL MOTIVATIONAL EVENT:

HALF TERM 16/02/21

This event will be online via Eventbrite and zoom so will be available nationally for children and professionals that need some motivation and inspiration that the current situation won't define them and they can still go on to believe and achieve in life.

We encourage children and professionals, parents, carers, guardians to watch this together as it may stimulate healthy conversations and provide lightbulb moments. If you support a child / young person who needs inspiration then why not enrol them on this event...we will also be happy to answer any question.

Details: This Smash Life Motivational Talk

Date: 16/02/21

Time: 15:00 -16:30pm

Join Andy & Matt as they come together to deliver an uplifting virtual motivational talk for the New Year for young people, adults and professionals. Drawing on lessons from their turbulent past and current lockdowns the brothers will share stories and things that they used and are using to get over certain hurdles in their lives past and present.

Purchase your ticket now from Eventbrite to be part of this virtual event. Instructions from Eventbrite on how the online virtual events work for ticket purchasers:

When you register on Eventbrite:

1. You will get an email that includes a link to your online event page.
2. On this page, there is a countdown to when your event starts.
3. To join the event, click a secure link to your Zoom meeting. When you join, attendees are checked in on Eventbrite (if Zoom registrations are enabled).
4. The Zoom link is active 5 minutes before your event starts. If the event hasn't started yet you will go to a waiting room.

Length of Talk:

- 1 hour virtual presentation by The Smash Life Brothers
- 30 minutes afterwards to say hello to Andy & Matt and to ask the brothers a question and share any of your thoughts/feedback related to the virtual talk.



SMASH LIFE

"OVERCOMING LIFE'S HURDLES TOGETHER"

- Please ensure your Computer's microphone is switched off during the 1 hour Smash Life presentation and photos/videos are not taken or shared via social media or other platforms. This would be a breach of copyright as you do not have permission from the event hosts to do so. Many Thanks.

Please ensure your microphone is turned on after the presentation so you can ask a question and join in with the 1/2 hour chat afterwards. Many Thanks

Ticket link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/smash-life-motivational-talk-tickets-136843736299>

SMASH LIFE **NOW ON SALE!**

**BUY A TICKET TO
ANDY & MATT'S
NEW
MOTIVATIONAL
VIRTUAL TALK
NOW ON**

eventbrite **DATE: 16/02/21 TIME: 3PM
TICKET PRICE: £20PP**

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The poster features two men, Andy and Matt, wearing black hoodies with the 'SMASH LIFE' logo. They are standing in front of a colorful, abstract background. The text is bold and eye-catching, with a mix of yellow, white, and blue colors.