



Friday 5th  
March 2021

# WhatsUp @ EXETER

## Principal's awards

### 26.2.21

FS2: Riley and Jessie

Year 1: Esme and Nemanja

Year 2: Freya and Christopher

Nurture: Liliana

Year 3: Iga, Melissa and Alice

Year 4: Viktor, Alfie and Chloe C

Year 5: Amelia, Leyton and Gabriel

Year 6: Scarlett, Joshua and Emilio

Potter: Olivia



KS1 - <https://youtu.be/kCl5DGgyVko>

KS2 - [https://youtu.be/YD1ro\\_aq5lc](https://youtu.be/YD1ro_aq5lc)

## Pupil of the week

### 5.3.21

FS2: Marni-Rae, Zofia and Mia

Year 1: Ivory-Rose, Rayan, Jessica and Jason

Year 2: Sofia and Strahinja

Year 3: Sebastian B, Ashleigh and Oliwia S

Year 4: Sophia R, Nata and Lucas

Year 5: Timur, Kyle W and Alexandra

Year 6: Natasha, Chloe C and Sophie

Potter: Daisy

KS1: <https://youtu.be/qEjbm8mhKEk>

KS2: - <https://youtu.be/DQdwFUu96Bw>

Well done to all these children.

## Upcoming Dates

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents evening appointments

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March – ALL children return to school

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Well-being day

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Comic relief, non-uniform day

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 3:15pm – Last day of term

## Parents evenings appointments

Following the success of TEAMs, parents evening will look different this term. Every teacher will have a meeting with you and your child over TEAMs, to focus on your child's successes and targeted support to help them further. Please log onto school cloud either via the useful link links on the Gateway App or

[www.exeterschool.schoolcloud.co.uk](http://www.exeterschool.schoolcloud.co.uk)

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Parents Evening



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## Whole school re-opening

Last week we sent out a letter detailing our plans for our full school re-opening on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please check your email for the letters. They can also be found on our school website [www.exeterschool.co.uk](http://www.exeterschool.co.uk)

## Some key reminders are:

- Staggered start and finish times
- Regular hand washing intervals
- Personalised stationery not shared with others
- Classrooms set out to adhere to suggested social distancing
- No gatherings such as assemblies
- Staggered break and lunch times within classes/year groups
- Regular washing of equipment, resources
- Extra cleaning teams to clean classrooms main school areas throughout the day
- Gloves, masks, and aprons available when administering first aid
- Controlling of visitors to school
- Engagement with NHS and PHE in Track and Trace procedures.

## Attendance

The Government have outlined the importance of getting all children back into school and back to learning. With this in mind we will continue to closely follow our attendance policy (available on the website) If your child is not going to be in school, please contact the school office by 9 am on the day of absence. Where contact has not been made with school by parents, the school office will call all the contacts we hold on file. Should we not receive a response, school will conduct a home visit as per our safeguarding procedures. If we are unable to make contact through these methods, we will follow up with additional visits, a referral to MASH or ask the police to complete a welfare check.



In line with Government guidelines, could we ask parents to adhere to the following measures when entering the premises in order to try and reduce the risk of further cross infection:

- **Observe a 2 metre social distance**
- **Wear a mask when entering the premises**
- **Only 1 parent on site with their child/ren**
- **Walk on the left hand side around the school site**
- **Observe one way system at the entrance (entrance via Burghley Drive or Brayford Avenue)**
- **Observe one way system at the exits (exits Brayford Avenue and Seaton Crescent)**
- **Observe the yellow 2m distance lines marked outside the classroom doors when dropping off and collecting your child/ren.**



## Well-being day – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

To help your child/ren with their return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we will be having a Well-being day. This will include a range of well-being activities to help the children settle back into school and catch up with their friends and teachers.



## FaceBook

We have been overwhelmed with the work which has been going on in school and at home over this lockdown. Whilst this is celebrated on Class Dojo and our fortnightly newsletters, we would like to share these successes with the wider community.

Therefore, we will be using FaceBook more frequently to showcase the amazing work our children are doing, as well as key events and information about our school.

Each parent has been asked to complete an updated consent form and we will work from this when choosing which photos of children we would love to show. If you wish to change any of your consents, these can be done by visiting our school website [www.exeterschool.co.uk](http://www.exeterschool.co.uk), parent zone. Can we please ask for the following:

- Become a follower of our FaceBook Page
- Like our posts as they come up and share important information
- Add photos when requested in our comments thread (by adding your own child's photo you are agreeing for their photo to be 'public'.)





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## Thank you Morrisons

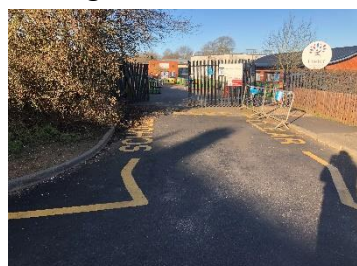


At the beginning of half-term, Morrisons donated 22 pizza making home kits. From all the children who won pupil of the week during Spring term 1 (over 90 children, wow) 22 names were randomly drawn out of the hat. These were then delivered to the winning children. Don't they look yummy?!



## Safely dropping off – parking

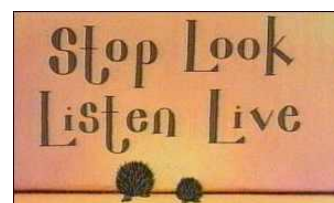
Please where possible, walk to school. If you have to drive please park further away from school and walk the last few minutes in. With all pupils being back next week, we need to ensure that they can enter the site



safely, whilst maintaining social distancing. We

are asking that cars do not come to the top of Brayford Avenue to drop off. If essential, please drive pass the school gates and up to the garages to drop off and turn around.

Please ensure all children and parents STOP and LOOK before stepping off the pavement to cross the road to the school gates.



All gates will be locked at 8:50am so please ensure you arrive at school at your allocated time.

Year Group	Start time	Finish time
Nursery	8:45am and 12:30pm	11:45am and 3:30pm
Reception, Year 1, Year3, Year 5 and Potter	8:30am	3:00pm
Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 and nurture	8:45am	3:15pm



## World Book Day

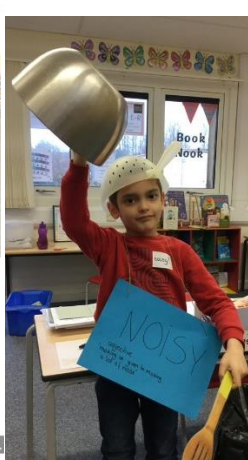
On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated World Book Day at school and at home.

All children:

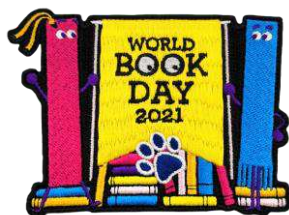
- Watched the school assembly video where Mrs Saunders read our whole school book 'Wonder'. The children then completed tasks linked to this book.
- Played detectives working out who our masked readers were – did you guess right? To watch again please visit <https://youtu.be/2neqCrIVlzg> and then complete your answers at <https://forms.gle/cPaZ9YYDt8YkxpCHA> The correct names will be revealed next week.
- Dressed up as a word – here a few examples: illumination, ant, puzzled, alien, fire, numbers, exhausted, noisy, just to name a few...



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In Nursery the staff set up the areas with book themed tuff trays. The children have enjoyed tea with a tiger (Tiger who came to Tea) in the home corner and made enclosures for the animals (Dear Zoo). The staff dressed up as the characters from the Three Little Pigs and put on a show for the children; in turn the children created their own shows.



### Year 3

In English Year 3 have been learning how to write a set of instructions. Before they started to write they had a go at making their own sandwich, noting all the equipment and ingredients needed and which order they had to do things in.

They then wrote their own instructions, with the main focuses being:

- Use imperative verbs
- Use of adverbs
- Use of adverbials to show time





## The Blue Abyss – Year 4

This term Year 4's topic is the Blue Abyss. They have been learning how to classify animals and plants and the impact humans are having on our watery environment. In English they have been learning to write letters regarding plastic pollution. Tiarna took this one step further and toured around Corby looking for the impact of plastic pollution.

Here is an extract from her writing: *"Take our nearest lake for example the boating lake. At the boating lake there is a small opening at the top where water runs into the lake which comes from the brook which flows through Beanfield and other parts of Corby. When standing at this part of the lake I noticed there was a small fence placed in front of the opening to stop litter and plastics coming into the lake - there are bags, food cartons, plastic bottles/ cans and plastics from beer cans. This litter and plastic is polluting the lake and harming animals, the fish, ducks, frogs, swans, geese and seagulls are eating the plastics thinking it is food, potentially really harming them or devastatingly killing them. The ducks, swans, geese and seagulls also have plastics in their nests which also puts their young at risk if the duckling/ ducklings were to eat the plastic it would most likely kill them which would also put them at risk of going extinct. It is believed that around 700 types of birds and sea bird could go extinct over the next few years if we keep polluting our environment at the same rate we have been."*



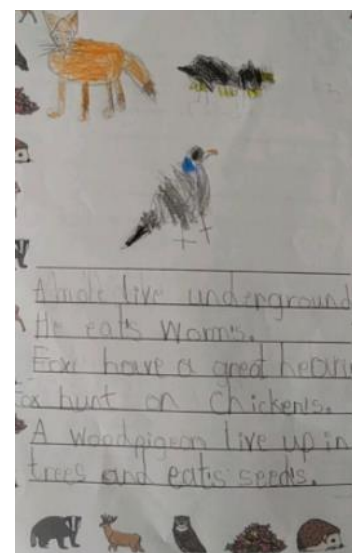
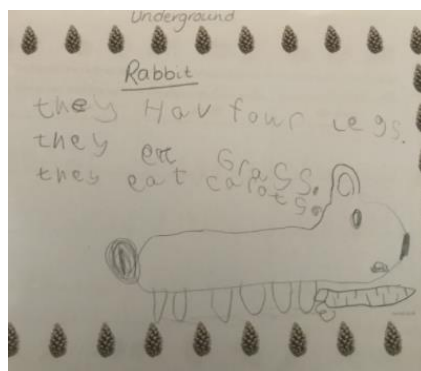
On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, Year 4 were visited by George, an African spurred tortoise also known as a Sulcata Tortoise - one of the largest **tortoise** species in the world.



## Year 1 Habitats

The children have been learning about habitats in school and at home and recording information about woodland animals

## Year One Science Habitats



## Thank you to all parents who have been home-schooling

With the school fully re-opening to all pupils next week, we just want to say a MASSIVE thank you to all the parents who have been supporting their children at home with remote learning. We have never under-estimated how hard this must be and the dedication you have shown to ensure your child has continued to learn whilst not at school. We thank you for all your support you have shown our school.







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## After school Clubs

After school clubs sports clubs will be starting again after the Easter break. We will let you know when bookings are open on the Gateway App. Places will be limited.



**Next Newsletter** – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## School Term Dates: Academic Year 2020 – 2021

### 2020

Term 1	Re-open	Thursday 3 September
	Closes	Thursday 22 October
Term 2	Re-open	Monday 2 November
	Closes	Friday 18 December

### 2021

Term 3	Re-open	Monday 4 January
	Closes	Friday 12 February
Term 4	Re-open	Monday 22 February
Easter	Closes	Friday 26 March
Term 5	Re-open	Monday 12 April
May Bank	Closes	Friday 30 April
Holiday	Re-open	Tuesday 4 May
Bank Holiday	Closes	Friday 28 May
Term 6	Re-open	Monday 7 June
	Closes	Friday 16 July