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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Mrs Slade's message this week is slightly different as we have recorded a message to maintain some personal contact with our families.

Please click on the link below to view today's notes. You will need your child's login details.

<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/aadb2fc8-e33f-4685-a410-b462c78465c9>

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Stay Safe.

Zoom Link for Coffee and Catch-Up:

Tuesday 19 January 10:00 to 11:00 <https://zoom.us/j/97058879862?pwd=ZFZjaXNpNVFhbm85cnNqUFJiS1BNUT09>

Friday 22 January 14:00 to 15:00 Login details will be sent via Arbor nearer the time

Lockdown Learning - Thankyou

There's not much to enjoy about lockdowns, but seeing what the children produce when learning at home has been a real treat for everyone associated with Slade.

This was true in the summer lockdown, and just as much, if not more in the first weeks of 2021.

Well done and thankyou to everyone at home who has been working with the children (and in lots of cases working alongside the children as you continue with your own jobs) as they take part in their home learning.

It is much appreciated by all of the school.



We made a bird feeder.



This Week at Slade

Welcome to Slade, Kiaara

A very warm welcome to Kiaara, who started at the beginning of Term 3, joining Gruffalo Class remotely and joining in with our youngest learners on the Microsoft Teams learning and registration with Mrs Hitchcock.

We look forward to the time when Kiaara and the rest of her class can meet together safely in school and we look forward to a long and happy relationship with Kiaara and her family as we welcome them all to Slade.



Keeping in Contact

The school office remains closed for visitors without appointment, if you would like to get a message to school urgently, if your child will be unable to join in the online registration because of illness or you have a general question, please contact us via the normal email address: office@slade.kent.sch.uk. This account is constantly monitored during normal office hours and we will arrange a reply and answer as soon as possible.

If you have any non-urgent questions or comments re your online learning or if you have a direct question for the class teacher, please use your class email address.

If you have problems accessing or using the online Teams platform, contact Mrs Stephens via sstephens@slade.kent.sch.uk

Celebration Assembly

The event that is the official start of the weekend - our celebration assembly every Friday afternoon, will be available to view for everyone to view on Slade Stream. The link to view the recorded assembly will be sent out later this afternoon and every Friday during lockdown.

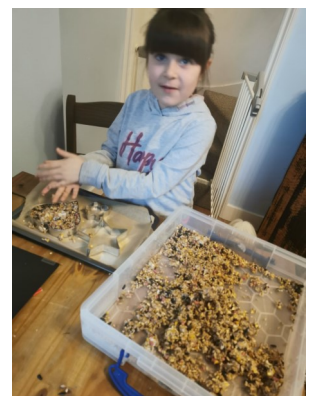


The assemblies also come with subtitles for children and their families with hearing impairment.

Outdoor Learning Activities

Wherever you have been doing your learning this week, well done for all of your efforts. We will share with you some of the highlights that come our way every week. Today, we look at the outside learning happening all over Tonbridge by our Year 2 children.

Thankyou to Miss Hall for setting some outdoor activities whilst Forest School is not possible and to Miss Redden and Miss Taylor for letting us see the pictures uploaded this week on to Teams.





Around School

Echoing Mrs Slade’s words from last week’s letter, we are all really pleased to see so many of you enjoying and becoming engrossed in your remote learning via Teams, including the live registration sessions each morning.

Additionally, we are always interested in those activities that the children are getting up to that are not part of the normal curriculum and continue to be keen to share and celebrate the pleasure and success that these outside activities bring. Today, we feature Myles, Melwyn and Maxwell who have let us know what they got up to in the recent holiday:

Competing at Chess

Myles in Year 2 is a very keen and successful Chess player outside school. He took part in the LearnChess Heroes online tournament in the Christmas holidays, receiving this certificate for his efforts.



Myles told the newsletter that he loves pitting his wits up against other players, but what does he enjoy most? ‘ I enjoy the battle and the different abilities of the pieces.’

With reference to the recent tournament, he said, ‘The tournament was easy to navigate online and very well organised, it was hard work to beat players. I didn’t like losing games, but I liked winning!’

Myles inspiration to play Chess and become as successful as he possibly can is his older brother, Theo, who is a Junior Chess champion.

Their mum takes up the story: ‘ Theo taught Myles the basics on our yearly family holidays, where you would see them playing quietly in a corner, concentrating so much. We found out about chess locally where we referred Learn chess to the school, where we are continuing our online lessons. ’

LearnChess are providing an online Schools Chess Club and is currently taking bookings for this Term. Coaching will be provided by our Head Coach in a lively online environment. Students will now see each other in the live classroom, meaning they'll receive a similar face to face experience as being at school. Details on how to book appeared on our Twitter feed earlier this week.

D'Mello Drummers

Mrs Sandell recently invited all of the children at school to take part in her competition, Get Caught Playing. Brothers Maxwell and Melwyn certainly didn’t mind getting caught as they practiced their drum playing at home.

Older brother Maxwell takes drum lessons and uses what he has learnt, not just to perfect his own playing, but also to introduce Melwyn to the drum set by teaching him as he starts out: from the pictures and from what we know they both look and sound pretty accomplished already! The boys spoke to the newsletter via their proud mum; here’s what they had to say:

Firstly, Maxwell, Why do you like to play drums?

‘When I was little, I liked making a lot of noise so I decided to play the drums!’

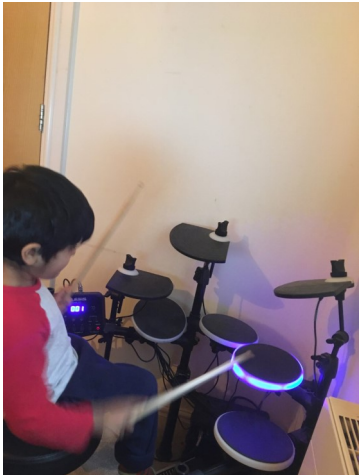
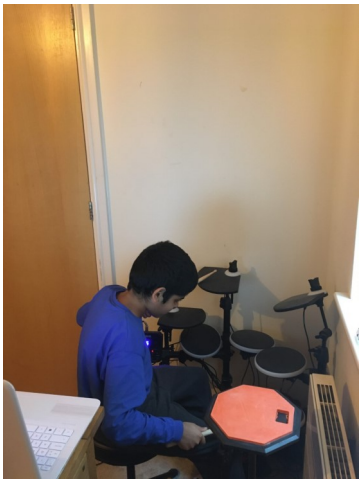
What are your favourite tunes? ‘[Seven Nation Army, by White Stripes](#) and [We Will Rock You’ by Queen](#).

Do you take lessons or plan to take some? Yes, I do take lessons

Who do you play with at home? I play with my brother, Melwyn.

For his part, Melwyn is really enjoying playing the drums at home, especially as he is being helped by Maxwell. Drums are not the only instrument in this musical family though as Melwyn told us, ‘I also like to play the guitar.’ No wonder he has been spending so much time with his drumsticks recently as he states that Christmas songs are his favourite!

Thankyou so much to Maxwell, Melwyn and their family for sharing their musical passion and pictures with us.

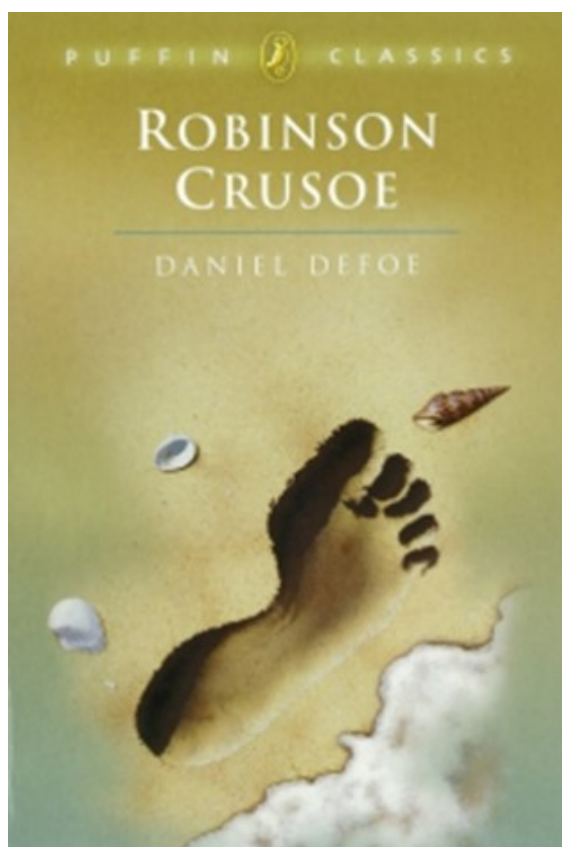


Reading Corner



Mrs Mawson's Books of the Week

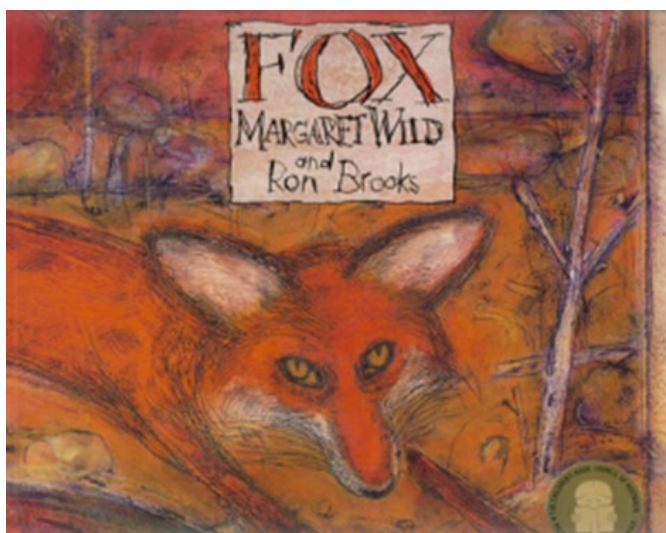
Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe



After surviving a terrible shipwreck, Robinson Crusoe discovers he is the only human on an island far from any shipping routes or rescue. At first, he is devastated, but slowly, with patience and imagination, he transforms his island into a tropical paradise. For twenty-four years he lives with no human companionship;

until one fateful day, when he discovers he is not alone...

Fox by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks



This is a powerful story about friendship, loyalty, betrayal and courage in a picture book form, with haunting illustrations. Dog and Magpie are friends. Dog is blind in one eye, Magpie has a broken wing, together they help each other, until fox comes around and coaxes Magpie away from Dog.

Fox is a story that is as rich for adults as for children.

Joining Kent Libraries online during Lockdown

Joining Kent Libraries is free and open to everyone. You only need to register online if you have not already done so at a library.

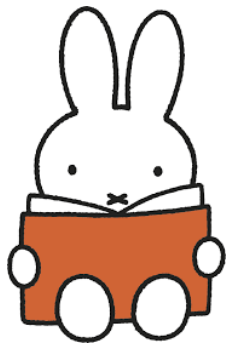
Joining online will provide you with a basic library membership that will enable you to reserve items for collection from one of our libraries or mobile libraries, as well as use our online resources, such as e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines and e-newspapers.

Online memberships will last 2 years, after which it can be renewed. Membership can be upgraded at any time in one of our libraries or mobile libraries to allow borrowing of books and other items, or the use of our public PCs. To upgrade to a full library membership, you will need to show one piece of identification with your name and address on.



For more information on Library membership options visit

[Join Up page on the KCC Website here.](#)



Reading Corner

Remote Reading

Miss Redden has put together some fantastic ways of being able to start or continue, a love of reading for pleasure through this lockdown. Please check out these links and then have a go at your yeargroup bingo on the next page.

Reading Online

Audible <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Instantly stream an incredible collection of stories on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet for free. Explore the collection, select a title and start listening. It's that easy.

Love My Book <http://www.lovemybooks.co.uk/>

A brilliant website with activities which go with books. Simply click on a topic and age group, then click on a book to discover the activities. You'll need a copy of the text.

Libby <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>

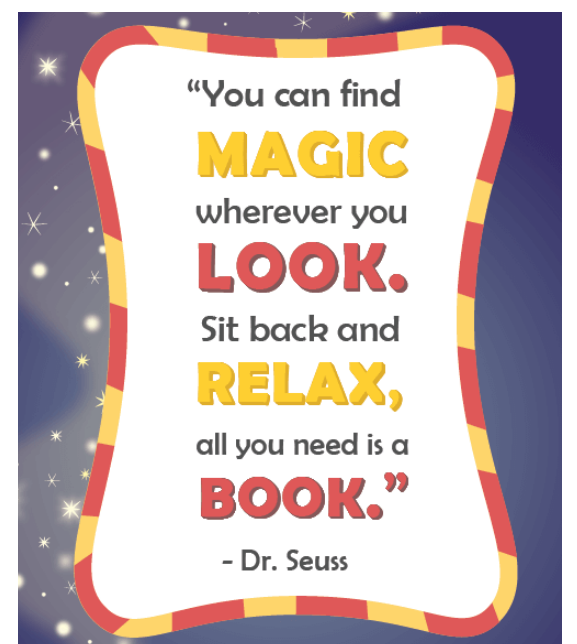
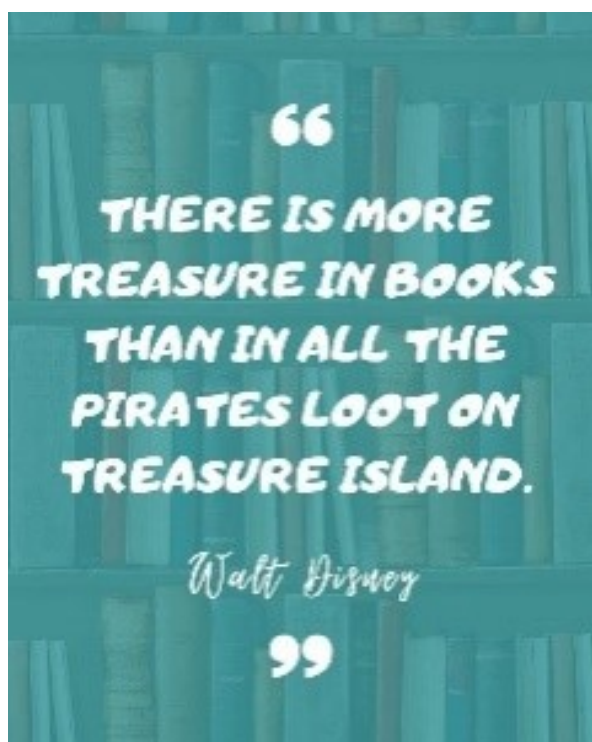
Borrow and read e-books and audiobooks from your local public library for FREE! You will need to be a member of your local library - See instructions on page 5.

Epic <https://www.getepic.com/educators>

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Can you find any inspiring quotes about reading?



Reading Corner



Reading Bingo

Have a go at your yeargroup Reading Bingo.

Let us know when you have completed a line, either horizontal or vertically or four corners, how many of the grids can you tick off before the end of January, or before the next school break on Friday 12 February. Hopefully, the February break will be a chance to fill in a few more and we will celebrate our winners towards the end of February. Let us know which squares you manage to complete and which books you've been reading in the process (pictures would be great too!) to office@slade.kent.sch.uk and we will share Slade's love of learning through the newsletter.

Celebrating together, our love of reading!

Reading Bingo EYFS and KS1 (Year R and Years 1 and 2)			
Read to someone or something (pet? toy?)	Read to someone on the phone or a video chat	Read safely when outside	Read when you are in bed
Read while standing up	Read in the dark using a torch	Read something you have read before	Wear something unusual while you read
Read instructions for something	Read a poem	Read something that makes you laugh	Read something by an author with the same name as you
Read an e-book	Listen to an audio book	Read a book that's been turned into a TV programme or film	Read more than one book by the same author

Reading Bingo Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)			
Read to someone or something (pet? toy?)	Read to someone on the phone or a video chat	Read safely when outside	Read when you are in bed
Read while standing up	Read in the dark using a torch	Read something you have read before	Read instructions for something
Read instructions for something	Read a poem	Read something that makes you laugh	Read something by an author with the same name as you
Read an e-book	Listen to an audio book	Read a book that's been turned into a TV programme or film	Read more than one book by the same author
Read something published before you were born	Read something published the year you were born	Read a book that is also a TV programme or film	Read a book with the word 'adventure' on the cover/blurb



Slade Stats.

Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions (morning and afternoon.)

Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted.

Attendance Target. 97%

Attendance This Week. - %

Attendance This Year. 97.3 %

Registers are taken 10 minutes after the school gates close for your child's yeargroup.

It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class and to prevent unnecessary crossing in to bubble groups by adults escorting late children.

Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

Pupils late this week. -

Find out the winners of Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup every Friday afternoon on [Twitter](#)
















Dear Parents & Carers

Every parent and carer is entitled to access our Slade App and desktop dashboard from Arbor. By signing up you will be able to access personal information relating to your child as well as a one station stop for finding all of our communications to you personally, your child's class or yeargroup as well as all school letters, payment for special lessons and school trips and booking for parents evenings and all ticket events at school.

All we ask is one thing: please take the time to read emails sent to you, we try to make sure that everything you are sent relates to your child, so nothing is irrelevant. If you would like further information on any email we send, please contact the class teacher or the school office for assistance.

We also encourage you to follow us on Twitter, we post reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

Don't miss out, or let your child miss out, please keep up to date with everything Slade via Arbor and Twitter.

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Friday 8 January	Free School Meal Voucher Downloads	Selected Parents 
Monday 11 January	Third Space Learning	Selected Parents 
Monday 11 January	Critical Workers, DfE Update	All School 
Monday 11 January	LearnChess Online	
Monday 11 January	@robturner Keeping Busy	
Monday 11 January	Enchanted Gemstone and Golden Compass	
Monday 11 January	The King Ruler	
Tuesday 12 January	Monster Phonics Parent Webinars	EYFS & Year 1 Parents 
Wednesday 13 January	Primary School EYFS21 Intake Applications	
Wednesday 13 January	Third Space Learning Mission Zero	Selected Parents 
Wednesday 13 January	COVID-19 10 day self-isolation Notification	Affected Bubble 
Thursday 14 January	COVID-19 related frauds, Be Aware @actionfrauduk	
Friday 15 January	Free School Meal Voucher Downloads	Selected Parents 

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COVID-19

If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19 you should:


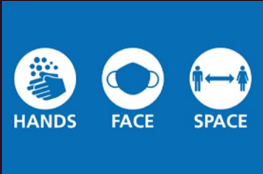
- Stay at home, do not attend any other place out of the household. This applies to everyone in the household. Telephone 111 if you require advice
- Get a COVID-19 test for the symptomatic person, via the gov.uk website
- If the test comes back with a positive result, inform school immediately so we can invoke suitable measures. This can be via email if out of office hours, during the weekend or in the holidays: C19@slade.kent.sch.uk

Any group who is sent a 10 day self isolation notification should continue their home learning via the Microsoft Teams page, accessible though the school website and Teams App.

Please contact the class teacher via the class email address if you have any questions about this home learning.

Tonbridge, the rest of Kent and the whole of England is now operating under Lockdown conditions

Please follow the law and stay home unless totally necessary. Click here for the guidance





For your Diary

Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 18 January	National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children*
Tuesday 19 January	National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children* Coffee & Catch Up via Zoom (See Mrs Slade's video note on page 2) https://zoom.us/j/97058879862?pwd=ZFZjaXNpNVFhbm85cnNqUFJiS1BNUT09
Wednesday 20 January	National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children*
Thursday 21 January	National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children*
Friday 22 January	National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children* Coffee & Catch Up via Zoom (See Mrs Slade's video note on page 2) Login details will be sent via Arbor nearer the time



* Including vulnerable children and families. Places must be booked and approved in advance via office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

In accordance with Government Lockdown guidance, please stay at home where at all possible .

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3
TUESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3
WEDNESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3
THURSDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3
FRIDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3

Further Ahead :

Until Notified Otherwise	National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Workers children* * Places must be booked and approved in advance via office@slade.kent.sch.uk . <i>In accordance with Government Lockdown guidance, please stay at home where at all possible .</i>
Monday 1 February - Friday 5 February	Children's Mental Health Week 
Tuesday 9 February	E-Safety Day
Friday 12 February	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February	February Break - School Closed
Monday 22 February	First Day of Term 4
Monday 1 March - Friday 5 March	Book Week
Thursday 1 April	Last Day of Term 4
Monday 4 April - Friday 16 April	Easter Holidays - School Closed
Monday 19 April	First Day of Term 5 - Summertime at Slade! 

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