



Headteacher's Blog

Saturday 2nd May 2020.

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Dear Parents/ Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,
I hope this second edition of the week finds you safe and well.
Teachers will continue their keeping in touch phone calls this week.
The focus of this 'Blog' is mainly about reading as after speaking to staff this seems to be an area of concern for some of you so I hope you find the information useful.
Take care, with very best wishes.
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Reading Reminder

As we mentioned before school closed, please ensure your child keeps up with their daily reading. Oxford Owl is a resource that has been mentioned before. However, during lockdown they have added 100's of books to their 'e' library. On their website they have also a number of older children fiction which can be purchased as an e book for only 98p per book.

Please see
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk> for further details.

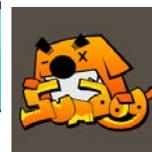


Stories to listen to...

[Audible](#) is making hundreds of titles available for free during the coronavirus pandemic.

The audiobook platform has said that, for as long as schools are closed, anyone can listen to a vast selection of its titles at no cost at all.

Simply visit stories.audible.com from any web browser to get started. No log-ins, credit card or passwords needed.



Sumdog Congratulations

Well done to everyone who entered the Sumdog Maths Competition, especially Frank who was an impressive 3rd place overall. Why not take part in the national competition starting on the 8th May?

Phonics for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

At school we use the Read Write Inc Programme to help teach phonics.

To help children learning to read at home during school closure, the Read Write Inc providers are streaming 7 phonics, reading and spelling lessons every weekday on their YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCIlg9GdxtQ

Staffing Update

Well done to Mrs Morris who has just finished her apprenticeship with us and will be awarded Level 2 Teaching Assistant Qualification. If we return to school before the summer holidays Mrs Morris will continue to work with us until the end of the school year. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and look forward to working with her then.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Dick back. She will return to school after the May half term holiday following her Maternity Leave. Miss Dick will be working 3 days per week. Miss Armstrong will be teaching the remaining 2 days until the end of the school year. A permanent post will be advertised when circumstances allow for us to carry out our normal interview and selection procedures.

Resource Recommendation.

Thanks to Liz Knox for this recommendation.

[https://gozen.com/printables/..](https://gozen.com/printables/)

You will be notified of class organisation for September by letter later on in the Summer Term.