



Newsletter

29th January 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Here is your video newsletter

Please click on this link to view it: <https://vimeo.com/506060146>

Alternatively, you can go on our website and click on the staff video messages section to find it.

If you have been unable to view it, continue reading below.

The bubbles attending school have been working well and are really making the most of the support given to them in school. I am impressed with their independence, hard work and the willingness to help and support each other.

I have been blown away by the quality of teaching and learning that is happening across each year group through remote learning! Every time I pop into a session there is something exciting going on! We have had visitors, practical art sessions, physical education, yoga, as well as amazing writing and maths sessions. I am impressed with the quality of the work children are producing and with how much pride they are taking in their learning. This week I have seen children creating and performing their own puppet stories, turning their beds into something that is not a bed, creating habitats for the Loch Ness monster, making squirrels out of cardboard rolls and send postcards to the Tierra del Fuego!

I would like to remind everyone that all children are expected to attend their live sessions and to complete the work set for them. You must make sure they are up on time and ready to learn. Should you need any help please do email the staff; we are here to support all children access their learning.

If your child cannot attend the live sessions, please do let us know in the morning. When children miss their live session, we will follow this up with a phone call just like we would if a child was absent from school.

Next week we are celebrating Children's mental health week – express yourself. To mark the event, we would like to launch our **VPS Gruffalo Art Challenge!** We invite all children and families to take part together on Monday afternoon. We have enlisted the help of a professional artist, Beth, from ArtBase, who will give you step by step instructions in a pre-recorded video to draw 'The Gruffalo'. After you draw the Gruffalo you have the freedom to colour him in or decorate the background with a range of art materials if you wish. Teachers will share the link to the video either via Google Classrooms or via email.

I cannot wait to see the amazing work you produce!

We will also be posting many more ideas and activities on our ELSA blog. Please make sure you visit it on our website.

Next week we will also be re-launching our very popular weekly book swap! We would love our children to access a range of books regularly to practice their reading skills and to enjoy stories and escape in the world of fiction and adventures.



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Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
AM 10-12	Year 5	Year 1	Year 3	Nursery
PM 1-3	Year 6	Year 2	Year 4	Reception

On the day and time slot allocated for your child's class there will be a box of books for you to come and collect from and an empty box to return your books.

The teachers may get in touch with you to recommend a particular level for your child to practice reading. Please make sure you wear a mask and keep socially distanced (one at a time) when you come in. We look forward to seeing you next week!

Finally, we have purchased another 20 Chromebooks thanks a generous donation from UBS Bank. We will contact those on our waiting list next week for collection.

Please email us at admin@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk should you need a Chrome book for your child or if you need help with your internet connection.

Stay safe, healthy and kind

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher