



Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
27th January	Whole School	Jules at Home will be selling uniform from 2:45pm
4th February	Whole School	Short reports sent home
8th & 10th February	Whole School	TLCs Online Parent Evening meetings



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of our Tempest unit of work and the children have each produced a written and art outcome linked to their learning from this unit. I have been astounded as I have seen the pieces of work develop throughout the unit into the final pieces today. The work demonstrates the dedication and determination that every child has in school and showcases each child's love of learning. When visiting the classes today, every child answered that they have thoroughly enjoyed the learning that has taken place based on The Tempest, they have developed their writing skills and have especially enjoyed producing their showcase pieces.

Although we aimed to invite parents to our whole school showcase next Friday, due to Covid-19, this will now be an in-school experience for the children and staff only. I know you will want to see the children's work and so a Sway will be produced and shared with you for you to celebrate the wonderful work.

The children are so proud of their work, and I am exceptionally proud of every child!
Please have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Fennelly

Star of the Week Class Visit

Helping Me
Helping You



We're here for each other

Each week, I visit the children in their classes to celebrate the Star of the Week. During this time, I share a poster to discuss with the children.

This week we discussed how we need to be there for each other when our friends need support or help. We also agreed that at times we need help ourselves and we must remember to always ask for help- this might be about our friendships, our work or another worry we may have.

We will always remember that we're here for each other.

Mrs Fennelly



Simon de Senlis Primary



Miss Garrard says...

West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) will be funding School Holiday Food vouchers for the February half-term period for all children and young people who are eligible for benefits related Free School Meals (FSM) at your school.

WNC will partner with the online voucher platform, Huggg, once again to provide vouchers and intends to utilise the same method of distribution that has been used for previous school holiday periods. Please see the below guide to support.

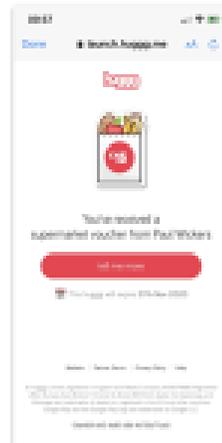
Before you go to the shop (part 1 of 2)



1. Choose the shop you want to go to. Not all supermarkets are available!



2. Wait to receive a link from your school (this may be via SMS or email)



3. Open the link on your phone, check the value of the voucher and plan your shop



Before you go to the shop (part 2 of 2)



4. Follow the steps and choose your supermarket. This can't be undone, so choose the right one!



5. Click to confirm your supermarket choice.



6. Open in a new window. Keep this safe (perhaps screen grab it just in case).



Miss Garrard says...

When you're at the shop...



If you have any issues, please talk to a member of staff. If they are unable to help, contact your school or hello@huggo.me



1. Get your food as normal

2. At the checkout, choose the option for a Gift card, or say to the person at the checkout 'I have a Gift card' and then scan the code

Common questions and info...

What happens if I don't have a smartphone or internet access?

In those circumstances, your school can provide an alternative, such as a printed version. Please let them know and I'm sure they will be able to help.

What happens if I have a smartphone, but no data when I am out and about?

In those circumstances, all you need to do is to grab the voucher when you are on wifi and then head out with it already on screen. To be extra certain, take a screen grab of the voucher's contents. It should still scan just fine.

Can they be spent online?

Most are not redeemable for online purchases. You can use your voucher for online shopping at Asda, M&S and Waitrose.

How often will I get them?

This is decided by the school and they will inform you of this.



William Shakespeare's The Tempest

This week each child, from Reception to Year 6, have produced their final piece of writing and art which has been inspired by The Tempest. The outcomes are outstanding, and we are so proud of every child with their engagement and enthusiasm for this unit.

The outcomes will be shared virtually with you next week via Sway.





Eco Logo Competition



Many thanks and well done for all the wonderful competition entries for the Eco Logo competition. We were amazed at the high-quality entries and the knowledge that the children have demonstrated linked to environmental issues.

We will be judging the entries and will let you know the winner very soon.

Good luck everyone!!



Year 1 Winter Walk

The children in year 1 will need wellies, gloves, a warm coat and waterproof trousers for our walk to the local woods on Monday 24th January.

Thank you to all those who have offered to help.

Please do let us know if you are able to come and help as we hope to do a similar walk in the Spring so we can look for changes in the seasons.



Think of the week

A **think** is an **unusual question** that makes you **think**. A beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light.



Which is more important, being right or being nice?



Chinese New Year

The Chinese New Year is being celebrated on February 1st.

This year is the Year of the Tiger.
Happy New Year!!



Get ready for Big Garden Birdwatch

It's fun, free and for everyone. Join in 28-30 January



Be wowed by your local wildlife. Big Garden Birdwatch is for everyone, whether you're a complete beginner or a birding expert. Simply count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 28 and 30 January 2022.

Sign up here and you will get a free bird watching kit to take part:

[Take part | Big Garden Birdwatch 2022 - The RSPB](#)

Be one in a million!

In 2021, more than one million people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch, all coming together to look out for birds. Why not join in and be one in a million for 2022?

Shockingly, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 50 years, so it really is vital we do all we can to look after our birdlife.

As a conservation charity, we depend on your support to save nature and to look after places where wildlife can thrive. By taking part in Big Garden Birdwatch, you can also make a difference. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts!

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Big Schools' Birdwatch

How to take part

It's as easy as

1,2,3...

- 1.** Find the perfect spot to do your Big Schools' Birdwatch. It can help to put up some feeders a couple of weeks in advance. We've got some advice on making these at www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswildchallenge.
- 2.** Do your Birdwatch! Find a place where the children can watch the birds without disturbance, then encourage them to use our simple survey sheets to record what they see.
- 3.** Tell us your results. Complete the online form with your class (rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch) between 5 January – 21 February. This bit's really important, even if you don't see anything on the day. Once you've submitted your sightings, you'll see a graph breaking down your results, and you'll also receive an email with a downloadable certificate to print out for your class.

Once you've completed your Birdwatch and sent in your results, you can use this as one of your **Wild Challenge** activities. You'll find more ideas for taking part in the Wild Challenge award in this pack and online.

Have fun birdwatching!

If you have any queries, please get in touch by emailing education@rspb.org.uk or calling 01767 693680.





Nature's calendar: January



giving
nature
a home

Though we're still in the midst of winter, there is still plenty of wildlife to see and enjoy in January.

[Nature's Calendar: January - The RSPB](#)

Battling Robins

Ah the robin: that beautiful cute cuddly little bird seen in peaceful Christmas card scenes and the Netflix animation [Robin Robin](#). But all isn't quite what it seems...

[Robins](#) are actually tough as nails with fire in their belly as well as on their chest. A good feeding patch is well worth defending, and that is exactly what they are doing when you hear them singing in mid-winter or see them chasing off anything that might have an eye on their worms.

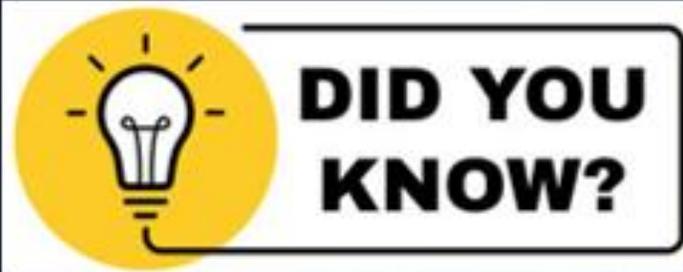


Wee Wrens

Another of our smallest birds, the wren, is easier to spot at this time of year as they'll be out frantically searching for insects to eat. The lack of insects and their small size makes them particularly vulnerable to cold weather, and in the most severe winters populations can dramatically decline.

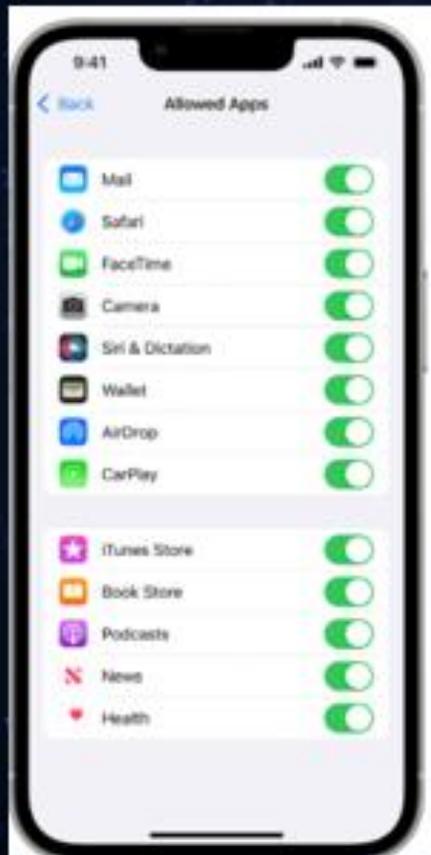
Their scientific name is Troglodytidae which means 'cave dweller'. This reflects their habits of nesting and searching for food in gaps and crevices. Many defend territories where they know there will be a good supply of food but the differences are often put aside on an evening when they come together to roost to keep warm.





Use parental controls on your child's iPhone, iPad and iPod touch

With Content & Privacy Restrictions in Screen Time, you can block or limit specific apps and features on your child's device. You can also restrict the settings on your iPhone, iPad or iPod touch for explicit content, purchases and downloads, and privacy.



Apple devices have a range of features available to support parents in monitoring and restricting what their child is able to do not just online but on an Apple device.

All Apple devices have the ability to set restrictions on purchases, downloads, viewable content and web access. Additionally, you can set a time limit for a device and prevent certain apps from being access or installed.

It is important to be aware of the range of features in place to support parents whose children have an Apple device, so they can keep them safe. If you want to find out more, you can search the link below.

You can find out more here:

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

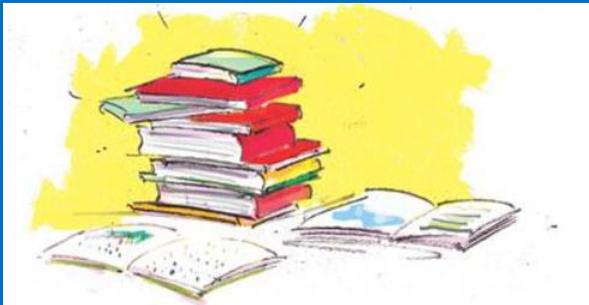
How many books have you read?

At Simon de Senlis we love reading! How many books have you read though?

The National Book Trust have created some quizzes for you to see how many books you have read from their 'Best Book' list.

There are quizzes for every age group, but why not start at 0-5 and see how well you do! If there are books that you haven't read, you could borrow them from the school or local library.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/quizzes/>



100 Best Books: 0-5

How many books have you read for children aged 0-5 years? Find out by taking our fun quiz.



100 Best Books: 6-8

How many books have you read for children aged 6-8 years? Find out by taking our quiz.



100 Best Books: 9-11

How many books have you read for children aged 9-11 years? Find out by taking our quiz.

MATHS

White Rose Maths have introduced a FANTASTIC FREE App called **1 - Minute Maths** that you can download from the App Store or Google Play.

New from the White Rose team...
It's 1-Minute Maths!

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Maths

**1-minute
MATHS**

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+ Addition
- Subtraction

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Our new 1-Minute Maths app helps your pupils to build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!

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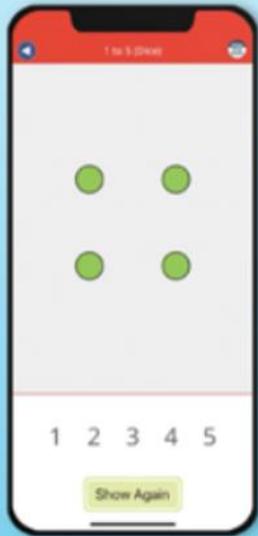
How does it work?

1-Minute Maths offers children engaging and easily accessible practice in basic number. There's no specific route or starting point. Having chosen a topic, each user answers a series of randomly generated questions (a different set of questions every time means they learn the concept, not a sequence of answers).

When the one minute's up, the questions are automatically marked and presented on a breakdown screen, giving instant feedback on how they've done. If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button reformats the question as a familiar manipulative display that mirrors the approaches used in the White Rose Maths schemes of learning.

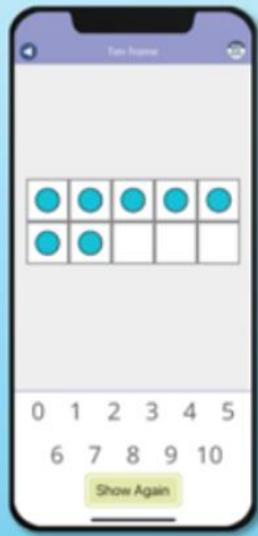
1-minute MATHS

Supports what your child is doing in school.



1-minute MATHS

One minute practice a day can make all the difference.



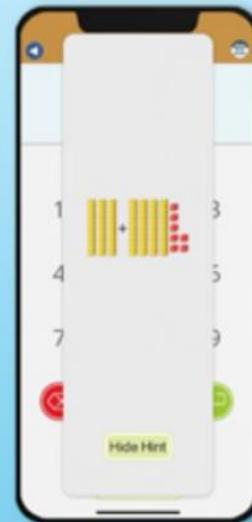
1-minute MATHS

No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.



1-minute MATHS

Helpful hints match those used in class.



1-minute MATHS

Enjoyable and motivating, with a reward from Tiny at the end.



We hope that you enjoy using the app!
Mrs Hounsham and Mrs Phelps



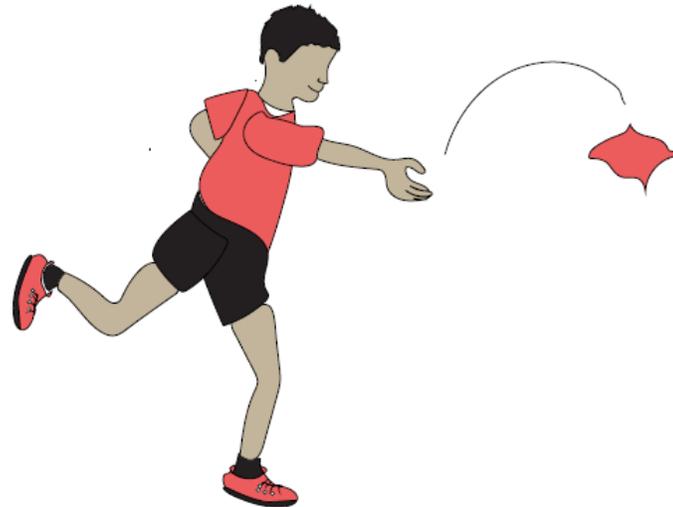
Continuous Battleships PE Home Learning



Can you
play fairly
and keep
the score?

Time to Learn:

- With a partner, each player places six targets (battleships) in front of them.
- Players take turns to throw an object towards their opponent's battleships.
- Each time a battleship is hit, it is taken by the thrower and added to their battleships.
- Players are not allowed to stop the object from hitting a battleship.
- The winner is the first player to hit all of their partner's battleships.



Let's Stay active.

Try this battleship
game.

Have fun

Miss Bland



93rd St Benedict's Guiding, Northampton

St Benedicts have Rainbows/Brownies/Guides/Rangers aged from 4-17 years of age. **Tuesday 22nd February** is Thinking Day for the whole Guiding movement. It is a time to reflect and renew our promises.

To celebrate this day Rainbows & Brownies from any groups can wear their Guiding uniform to school on Tuesday 22nd February.



Parent and Carer Parking

Please be considerate of our neighbours and do not park on junctions or over driveways. This is especially prevalent in the roads close to school. We have received complaints regarding parking at drop off and collection times and therefore asked our PCSOs to come and monitor this. In the New Year PCSO Shelton and Evans will visit us regularly.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUBS

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Holiday Fun



February Half Term 2022 Holiday Activities

<p>Music</p>	<p>Atomic Science</p>
<p>Big Bubble</p> <p>Cheerleading!</p>	<p>YOGA and Mindfulness</p>
	<p>Click to add text</p> <p>Sports</p>

Is it for me?

Open to Primary age children ages 5-11

How much?

£15 per day, 9am – 3.30pm each day

How do I book?

To book spaces please visit: www.northamptonesco.co.uk, you can book as many days as you require. Full details can be seen on our website/facebook page.

What do I need?

Packed Lunch and plenty of drinks. Wear clothes suitable for moving freely and trainers/plimsolls. Must drop off and pick up children.

Queries?

Email- msmith@northamptonesco.co.uk or 07917 535 762

February Half Term 2022 Monday 14 th February – Friday 18 th February					
Monday 14 th February	Tuesday 15 th February	Wednesday 16 th February	Thursday 17 th February	Friday 18 th February	Venue
<p>Science</p>	<p>Big Bubble</p>	<p>Big Bubble</p>	<p>Cheerleading</p>	<p>Science</p>	<p>Cedar Road Primary School</p>
<p>Sports</p>	<p>Yoga</p>	<p>Music</p>	<p>Yoga</p>	<p>Sports</p>	

A NEWSPAPER FOR OUR CHILDREN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

14TH JANUARY 2022





'The biggest bug that ever lived!'

Researchers from University of Cambridge's department of earth sciences have found the largest-ever millipede fossil on a Northumberland beach! Palaeontologists say the fossil is from the "biggest bug that ever lived". It was discovered when a chunk of sandstone fell from a cliff onto the beach at Howick Bay.

“ It was a complete fluke of a discover ”

The rock had cracked open, revealing the fossil. "It was a complete fluke of a discovery," said Neil Davies, a lecturer at the University. The fossil was so large it required four people to carry it! Experts believe the specimen is a section of the creature's exoskeleton that it shed near a riverbed, which was then preserved by the sand. Scientists believe the ginormous creature, called Arthropleura, was alive



Pictured: A typical millipede.

over 320 million years ago, weighed 50kg and was 2.5m in length, as long as a car! If you want to see the fossil it will be on display at Sedgwick Museum. Let us know if you go to see it or have seen any other impressive fossils!

Twins born in different years!

Aylin and Alfredo Trujillo, twins, born only 15 minutes apart, have birthdays in different years! The babies were born at Natividad Medical Center, in Monterey County, California. Alfredo was born at quarter to twelve on New Year's Eve, 31st December 2021 and his sister, was born just after the clock struck midnight, meaning her birthday is New Year's Day, 1st January 2022! Aylin was also the first baby born at the Medical Center in 2022. Experts say that twins being born on different days is

very rare but there is only a one in 2 million chance of them being born in different years. The twins' mother, Fatima Madrigal said: "It's crazy to me that they are twins and have different birthdays. I was surprised and happy that she arrived at midnight." Dr Ana Abril Arias, called the twins' birth "one of the most memorable" of her career. "It was an absolute pleasure to help these little ones arrive here safely in 2021 and 2022. What an amazing way to start the new year".

Pictured: Some birthday candles





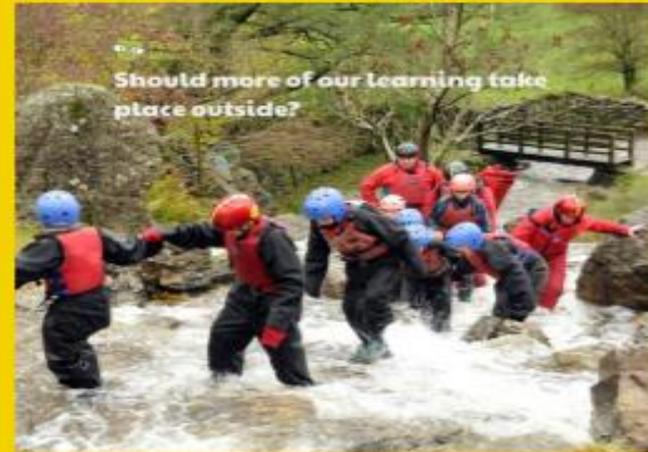
Pictured: Chris Buckler, performing a random act of kindness. **Source:** Aldi Stores UK Twitter page.

Spreading random acts of kindness

Chris Buckler, from Hinckley, in Leicestershire, has been performing random acts of kindness in his local area for 20 years! He loves to put a smile on the faces of people in his local community, surprising them by handing out gifts, paying for people's shopping and leaving chocolates on car windscreens. He even celebrated his 70th birthday by performing 70 acts of kindness – including a 'doughnut run' to drop off some nibbles at his local

ambulance and fire stations! Workers at his local supermarket recently decided to surprise him in return by filling his car with gifts to thank him! Chris said that he was overwhelmed by the generosity and stated that it would take him a long time to give out all the gifts he had been given! He said: "People are glad that you've done it and I think it gives them a lift." Have you ever surprised someone with a random act of kindness?

Last week's topic: Should more of our learning take place outside



I think that learning outside is good but so is learning inside, a mixture of both!

Bea

I don't think it matters if you are inside or outside. What matters most is DOING.

Amy

Yes, we should do more of our learning outside as it is a very opportunistic time to learn about Mother Nature and her beauty. Also, people who are interested in biology will be delighted.

Praneel Nayak – age 7

Let us know what you think about this week's news?

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