

Weekly Newsletter

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This week in **English** the children have continued their story writing focus. This week we have created plans to help us write our stories. We then wrote the start and build up of our stories, ensuring we include our steps for success such as story language, past tense and punctuation.



Can your child tell you the story language they have used for the 'start' of their story?
Can your child tell you the two characters in their story?

As part of **Maths** this week the children have started their new unit of work around multiplication and division. The children have started off this week looking at multiplication and they have been using the numicon to help them. Looking at multiples of 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's, the children found the numicon really helpful when completing the calculations.

Can your child count in multiples of 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's?
Can they complete multiplication calculations?

In **topic**, the children have started their Art learning. We have begun this topic learning about printing. Firstly, the children created a mono-print. For this, we used leaves to make a print using paint and sponges.



Can your child tell you the steps they took to create their mono-print?

After creating colourful mono-prints, the children then created different insects out of clay. We needed to mould, roll and shape the clay to create the different features for our insects. We used water to stick the pieces of clay together to create our insects.

Can your child spot any insects or mini beasts at home?
Can your child tell you the steps they took to create their clay insect?



Reminders:

Class 7 PE day (indoor and outdoor) is **Thursday**.

Class 8 PE days are **Wednesday (outdoors)** and **Thursday (indoors)**.

Class 9 PE day (indoor and outdoor) is **Thursday**.

Children need a t-shirt, shorts (for indoor PE), long trousers (for outdoor PE), trainers and a jumper in their PE bags.

Attendance for KS1:

Class 7 - 96.5%

Class 8 - 92.8%

Class 9 - 98.1%

Homework

Homework will mainly be handed out on a Tuesday. On the odd occasion it may be on a different day due to timetable changes. Please return homework on a Monday. Handing it on a Monday gives you the opportunity before the weekend to ask the teacher any questions so that you are clear of how to support your child if unsure. There is a tray in each class where the homework needs to be returned. Please ask the teacher where this tray is if unsure.

Spellings

Spellings are handed out each Thursday and your child will be tested on these spellings the following Thursday. Children will receive a list of spellings to practise each week. In addition to the spellings, children will be tested on a sentence containing the words. However, the sentence will not be sent home.

This is to see if they can apply the spelling currently within their writing. Can you get your child to practise applying the words by creating their very own sentences?

Reading Diaries

Children in KS1 have all been provided with a Home Reading Diary. Please fill this in daily based on your child reading a couple of pages of a book or a whole book. Please return the Reading Diary to school each day and leave it in their book bags. There are books situated in the classroom for your child to take home daily. Reading is extremely important to your child's development so we really encourage your child to read a book or pages of a book daily. If you are unsure of your child's reading book colour then please ask your teacher.

Online Safety

National Online Safety - Age ratings

National Online Safety believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold informed and age-appropriate conversations about online safety with their child, should they feel it is needed. This weeks focus is "Age ratings".

What parents need to know about
AGE RATINGS

bbfc PEGI

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provides a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

- U** Universal, suitable for all ages
- PG** Parental Guidance required
- 12** Suitable for people aged 12 and over
- 12A** Suitable for people aged 12 and over, younger viewers accompanied by an adult
- 15** Suitable for people aged 15 and over
- 18** Suitable for people aged 18 and over
- R18** Adult content only available in specially licensed cinemas and specialist retailers

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

- 3** www.pegi.info
- 7** www.pegi.info
- 12** www.pegi.info
- 16** www.pegi.info
- 18** www.pegi.info

PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

- Violence
- Drugs
- Bad Language
- Sex
- Discrimination
- Gambling
- Violence
- Sex

LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info

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Thank you
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