

Pre Prep

Congratulations to everyone for completing another busy week of Home or In-school Learning. As a staff we greatly appreciate your support; the shared teamwork and the invaluable feedback that you provide.

At school we work hard to develop the children's resilience, one of our learning habits. We encourage the children to say "never mind" when things don't go their way and for them to have another try. We would always reward effort over achievement. If your child finds something hard during their home learning, you might like to say to them:

- You can do it!
- Well done for trying!
- It's good to have a go.
- Is there another way you could try?
- What did you do when you got stuck last time?
- What else could you try?

The ability to reframe challenges in ways that are less threatening is also linked to resilience. We might say, "You can't go outside and play today because it is raining but we have got out the Lego instead". Especially apt during home schooling, resilience is also the ability to adapt in the face of challenging circumstances. You might like to help children talk about their emotions, talking about times you have found things difficult and acknowledging we all feel sad, scared or worried sometimes. Imitation is a powerful way to learn. Social support is also a good way of building resilience and this is why we have our Stars of the Week and BOBS stickers, so children realise we consistently notice and value their achievements.

Year 1 News

"The doctor came and he shook his head. "Your granny has the moozles," the doctor said (*Jack and the Flumflum Tree* by Julia Donaldson)." Year 1 have followed Jack and his friends on their adventure to secure the fruit of the flumflum tree, the only cure for Granny. Jack solves problems along the way using the contents of a patchwork sack. Problems solved include distracting some sharks with balloons, reeling in a man overboard with a skipping rope, and swapping some wooden spoons with a thieving monkey. The children have been re-imagining their household objects and creating new uses for them, as well as writing postcards from the *Isle of Blowyernose*, making posters about how to stay healthy and some children have been finding out which material would be best for Jack's sack to avoid it getting wet on the journey.

If you are looking for something to do this weekend you could join in the RSPB Big Bird Watch. Information can be downloaded here: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>. You could spend some time counting the birds that come into your garden to feed on your feeder.

Have a lovely weekend whatever you get up to!

Year 1 and 2 teaching team