



Learning@Lonsdale

NEWSLETTER

Monday 25th September 2023

Whole School News

Welcome to our new-style newsletter! We hope you like the new look. If you would like to share your feedback, please get in touch.

We had a great week at school last week. Pupils are settling well into their new groups. 'Everybody Reads' restarted with all pupils at school focussing on either their phonics or reading comprehension in their daily sessions.

Our new timetable is working well, too.
Here is how our day is now structured:

8.45am Arrival and Registration
9.00-9.45am Lesson 1
9.45-10.30am Lesson 2
10.30-11.00am assembly/social time/break
11.00-11.30am Lesson 3 - Everybody Reads
11.30-12.30pm Lesson 4
12.30-1.10pm Lunch
1.10-1.50 Play and Social Time
1.55pm Registration
2.00-2.45pm Lesson 5
2.45-3.30pm Lesson 6

Don't forget that our Macmillan Coffee Morning is coming up on 29th of September. We hope to see you there!



Information & Dates for your Diary

26th and 27th Sep 2023 – School Photographs

29-09-2023—Macmillan Coffee Morning

13-10-2023—Parents invited to the Preparing for Adulthood Conference (letter sent)

23-27 October 2023—Half-Term Holidays

Please note that all EHCP Annual Reviews will have the option to be conducted remotely via Teams or telephone or can be attended in person. A list of dates for the academic year can be found on the website.

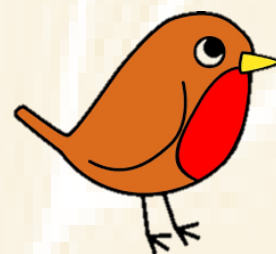


PRIMARY

News



The children have continued their topic, 'All about me!', and we have shared the books, 'Marvellous me' and 'Be you'. We have been learning about our differences by looking in mirrors at ourselves and others. We have been practising our sharing skills with our new sensory cube, which is not easy when the cube is such fun! In Mathematics we have been singing our favourite counting rhymes, using our fingers and number lines to count to 5. In Phonics the Robins have shown what good listeners they can be by choosing what musical instruments they can hear.



ROBIN CLASS

Pupils this week have continued to work well in phonics, really showing how much they have remembered and used this to support their reading. In English, they have developed their comprehension and writing on the story, 'The Gingerbread Man'. In Maths, they have worked on grouping objects and counting, thinking about which group had more/ less. They have also used this when making repeating patterns. In Science, they have worked well developing knowledge on the human functions, what we need to survive and our senses.



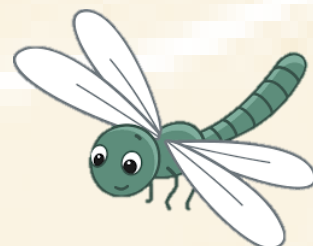
MONKEY CLASS

This week the children had a lot of fun taking their Stick Men inspired by Julia Donaldson on adventures around the school. In Science and PE the children have been learning about keeping active to keep healthy and did lots of exercise! They identified some of the things that happened during exercise. The children have been adding using Numicon.



ALPACA CLASS

Pupils are continuing to wow staff with their reading, and started to learn more about non-fiction texts last week. In Science, we continued learning about 'life processes' and signs that we are alive, dead, or had never been alive. Our work on measure and counting is continuing as we start to take accurate measurements, and pupils showed fantastic team spirit in PE!



DRAGONFLY CLASS

In Literacy we looked at the names and different layouts of poems. In Numeracy we did some fantastic work on addition and working out how to read measures on jugs. In Science we compared the human life cycle to the growing cycle of a butterfly, a frog and a plant. In Creative we practiced our techniques to help plan our Islamic art. In Computing we completed a quiz and made a poster explaining how to keep safe on the internet. In Geography we worked together to make a puzzle of the UK and match up England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland facts. In PE we enjoyed moving our body in jazz dance moves and enjoyed working with Wombats in Forest School to make a blindfold walk.



FALCON CLASS





SECONDARY

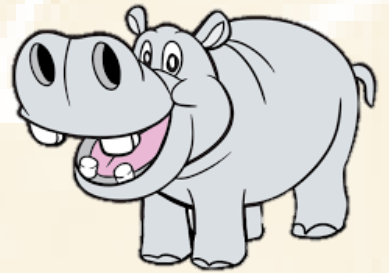
News

The second chapter of 'Kensuke's Kingdom' gave the pupils a chance to hear about the beginning of Michael's adventure on the 'Peggy Sue'. They listened to descriptions of the sea & then used these to write acrostic poems on the theme of water. They made some watery, splashy prints in the Creative lesson. In History they learnt about Anglo-Saxon place names and searched for some of these in the names of Hertfordshire towns & villages. In Science we continued our learning about light and looked at how shadows are made. We had lots of fun making our own shadows in the classroom. We continued our learning about light in Forest Schools by going on a blindfolded walk.



WOMBAT CLASS

Another great week! In Geography we continued to learn about weathering and how this affects our coastlines. In Science we continued our topic about light and about how light reflects, we made a periscope to demonstrate this. In PSHCE, we discussed the importance of exercise, we took our own pulses whilst resting and moving. In History, the pupils have continued their topic of the Anglo-Saxons, looking at Anglo-Saxon place names. In English, the pupils have been working hard towards functional skills and communication qualifications. In Music, we have been exploring glockenspiels and keyboards to create music. In Maths we focused on calculations.



HIPPO CLASS

Last week, we continued to read 'Wonder' in English, focusing on Auggie going to school for the first time and how he felt about it. In History, we started to learn about the Scots and the Anglo-Saxons—learning about why and how they invaded Great Britain. In Science, the class continued to learn about 'Light' focusing on how it is reflected and in Creative, continued to make their periscopes. In Maths we looked at place value numbers up to 50. We used multilink and Numicon to make numbers and represented them in different ways. In PE, we did some ball skills activities including throwing and catching and playing a version of Basketball. Some amazing LEGO campervans were built in social time.



SEA TURTLE CLASS

Gorilla Class worked hard this week. In Maths they continued their number work. In Science they further explored different categories of animals and the main features of each category. In RE they continued with the story of Buddha. All pupils worked hard in their daily 'Everybody Reads' sessions. We are now looking forward to the Macmillan Coffee Morning at the end of this week.



GORILLA CLASS

In English, pupils have learned that Gretel (The Hopeless Case) and Bruno find the new house bleak and unpleasant. They are trying to work out what the strange camp is with the people in the striped pyjamas and what 'Out With' means. The characters think it's the name of the house. In Maths, pupils have been working on sequencing and number place value. We have continued science investigations into shadows and have planned a test for next week, to see if distance affects the size of a shadow. In History, pupils have started learn how places were named in Anglo-Saxon times, and what some of the meanings are.



VAQUITA CLASS

UPPER SCHOOL

News

LONSDALE

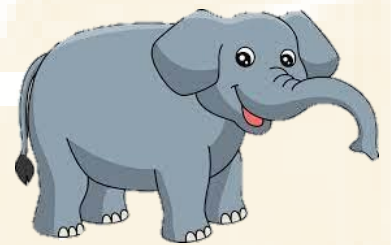


In Maths we focused on four calculations, and we looked at numbers up to 10,000. We tried to compare them and order in descending and ascending order. We found some questions tricky, but we didn't give up and used all the strategies to solve Maths problems. We worked hard in Science to continue on our 'Light' topic. In K&U we further studied coastlines and erosion.



TASMANIAN DEVIL
CLASS

We have been practising letter formation in English, and in Maths, we have been learning about tens and ones, as well as how to partition a 2-digit number. In Science we thought about rainbows and wave lengths of different colours. In Geography, we learnt about the oceans and where they are located. In Computing we have thought about how to be safe online. We have continued with our sensory art unit as part of our Vocational Learning. We also enjoyed sharing our news every day and asking our friends how they were feeling.



ELEPHANT CLASS

During Maths sessions we focused on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We looked at place value of numbers up to 5 digit numbers, comparing and placing them in ascending and descending order. We have also looked at some problem solving tasks from the Functional Skills papers. During Art lessons we explored Greek Art and found out that Greeks were fantastic architects. We studied different British Festivals and learned a lot about Troop of Colour, Nottingham Carnival, Glastonbury and May Day. In Science, we looked at how muscles work. In PSHE, we discussed some triggers behind a range of mental health issues.



LYNX CLASS

In English this week we have been learning how to make our writing more interesting by extending our vocabulary. In Maths we have been recapping multiplication, division and indices. In Chemistry we have been recapping our learning on covalent and metallic bonding. In ICT we been learning how to send emails, the functions of emails and creating/editing documents in Publisher. Some of us have started to go back over to Marriotts for some of our learning, we are really enjoying it.



PANDA CLASS

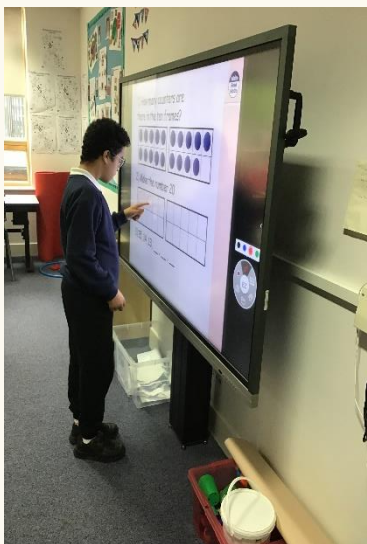
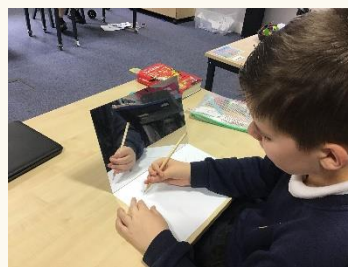
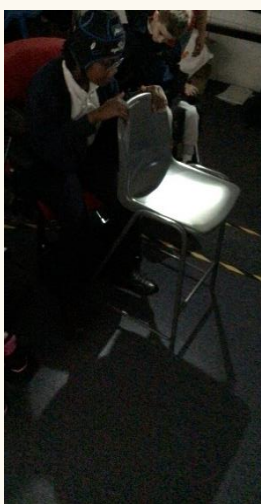
Our Governors are working hard to prepare for their first Full Governing Body meeting at the beginning of October. Soon, we will also be able to introduce you to some new members to the Governing Body at Lonsdale School. Watch this space!



GOVERNORS NEWS



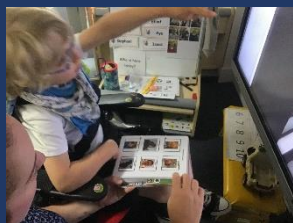
BRILLIANT BITS





BRILLIANT

BITS



zoom

*in for brilliant bits
from this week at
Lonsdale*

MORE INFO

LONSDALE



Macmillan Coffee Morning



Friday 29th September
Lonsdale Dining Hall
10:00-11:30am

Please come and join us to raise
money for this fantastic charity

Cake donations welcome; please remember
we are a nut free school and please send
cake in on the morning of the event.

* Non-school uniform day/wear green for
£1

MORE INFO

LONSDALE



Second Hand Uniform

Lonsdale School are keen to promote sustainability. If you have any good quality, preloved uniform you no longer need, you can drop it off at the school office in a bag clearly marked 'Second-Hand Uniform Donation'.
Thank you!

Young People's Healthy hub
Stevenage

4:30-5:30PM EVERY TUESDAY

SHEPALL CENTRE
SG2 9XR

Creative Arts CLUB

- ✓ Messy activities
- ✓ Dream catcher making
- ✓ Stone painting
- ✓ Clay modelling

Sept 19th - Dec 12th
FREE for all →
11year olds and under

North Hertfordshire College and Stevenage Borough Council joint project

Saturday 7th October 11am - 3:30pm • Town Square, Stevenage

STEVENAGE INTERNATIONAL DAY

CELEBRATING MUSIC, FOOD, DANCE & FASHION FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES

Returning by popular demand:
Miss Jones
Warriorz & Asian Drummers

Guest Stars:
VINCEZO AND DL

Live performances,
The Jerk Chicken Man,
Bread Company,
Nigel's Hotscotch
Pepper sauce,
Filipino Community,
Stevenage World Forum,
Free Face Painting,
Cultural story time
at Stevenage Library,
Music Workshop at
Junction 7 Creatives,
And more

STEVENAGE EQUALITIES COMMISSION

Follow us for more info and to keep up to date:
@lovestevenagetc
lovestevenagetc

www.stevenagetowncentre.com

Hertfordshire
STEVENAGE TOWN CENTRE

STEVENAGE INTERNATIONAL DAY

CELEBRATING MUSIC, DANCE, FOOD & ART FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES

SAT 7TH OCT
11AM-4PM

PARADE
12-12.15PM

MORE INFO

LONSDALE



Under 5s@Stevenage Museum

Stories, games, and arts and crafts fun!

1:30pm – 2:30pm on Thursdays, and 11am – 12noon on Saturdays

September
Thursday 7th and Saturday 9th

October
Thursday 5th and Saturday 7th

November
Thursday 9th and Saturday 11th

December
Saturday 2nd and Thursday 7th

For children under 5 and
their parents and carers.
£2.50 (£1 concessions) –
Adults go free!

Book online at:
<https://stevenage-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>



Family Saturdays @ Stevenage Museum 2-3pm

Come along to our free sessions to create and learn!
No need to book, just turn up

FREE



September 9th
Exploring Space

October 7th
Skeletons and Bones



11th November
Terrible Tudors

2nd December
Birds and Birdfeeders



REPAIR

BIN IT? NO WAY!

CAFE

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH
a cd player that no longer opens?
a toaster that no longer works?
a sweater with moth holes?

REPAIR CAFE IS
repairing broken items together, professional advice,
encounters and inspiration

COSTS?
A voluntary contribution

WHERE?
Location: Stevenage Repair Cafe
Address: Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage, SG1 1NA
Place: Bedwell Community Centre

WHEN?
Date: First Saturday of each month
From: 2pm to 5pm hrs

CLOTHES • FURNITURE • ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES • TOYS • BICYCLES • ETCETERA
repaircafe.org/en

Sponsored by
Young Peoples
Healthy
hub
Stevenage

everyone
ACTIVE

Event Island
Stevenage

Stevenage
BOROUGH COUNCIL

STEVENAGE YOUTH FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER
11AM-3PM

SPORTS ACTIVITIES | HEALTH &
WELLBEING | LIVE MUSIC

STEVENAGE TOWN
CENTRE, EVENT ISLAND

Scan QR code to register
your interest



MORE INFO

LONSDALE



STEVENAGE CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

MEET MRS
CLAUSE
AND RECEIVE
A FREE GIFT*

Saturday 25 November 2023
12pm - 5:30pm

**FREE
PARKING**
ALL DAY AT
ST GEORGE'S
MULTI-STOREY

LIGHTS

LIVE MUSIC

STALLS

SENSORY
STATION

FREE FACE
PAINTING

SNOW GLOBE

FAIR RIDES

MOBILE BAR

CHRISTMAS
MARKET

**GUEST APPEARANCE:
JUNIOR ANDRE**

Meet & Greet Junior Andre
4pm - 4:30pm

Performance: 5:10pm - 5:25pm



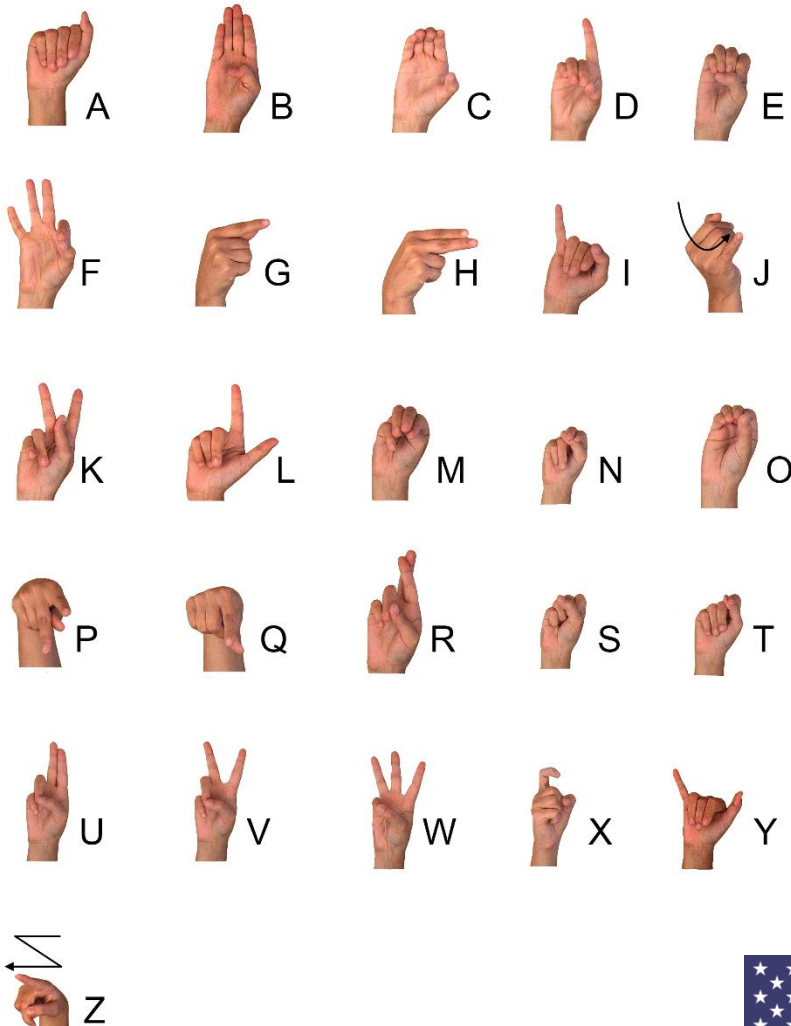
ASL Alphabet

23rd September 2023 was
International Sign Languages Day.

The International Day of Sign Languages was a great opportunity to support and protect the linguistic and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users.

According to the World Federation of the Deaf, there are more than 70 million deaf people worldwide. More than 80% of them live in developing countries. Collectively, they use more than 300 different sign languages.

American Sign Language Alphabet



MORE INFO

LONSDALE



Could you welcome a foster child into your family?



We need foster carers for children
and young people in Hertfordshire.

Can you offer a nurturing, safe and stable home?
Hertfordshire County Council provide an allowance,
training and unrivalled 24/7 support, every step of the way.

For further information on
Fostering call us on **0800 917 0925**

FOSTERWITHUS

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fostering

 @hertfordshirefostering  @HCCFosterAdopt

In partnership with



Stonewall



Hertfordshire

**Physical and
neurological impairment
advice line**

01442 453 920

**Mondays 1.30pm - 4pm
(term time only)**

MORE INFO

LONSDALE



and families



SEND DROP IN

3rd Monday in every month – 10.00 – 11.30am

Bedwell Family Centre, Unit 2-3 Bedwell Park, Stevenage, SG1 1NB

FREE bookable session

SESSION DETAILS

Are you a Parent of a Child with Special Needs?

If so you will be very welcome to attend our SEND Drop In. You will have an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have, find out information about local support groups, meet other families. Your child does not need to have had a formal diagnosis

We can provide a friendly ear and a safe space to talk.

Children are welcome to attend with you or you can attend on your own Children are welcome, no diagnosis needed.

HOW TO BOOK

Log onto our Eventbrite page
to book your place
<https://barnardos-stevenage.eventbrite.co.uk>

MORE INFORMATION

hertsfamilycentres.org Call us
on: 0300 123 7572



Hertfordshire
Family Centre
Service

On behalf of



Delivered by



MORE INFO

About Carers in Hertfordshire

We are a leading charity that supports unpaid carers throughout Hertfordshire.

We are partly funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS in Hertfordshire. In partnership with them and other local organisations we provide services to carers to help them with their caring role, improve their health and wellbeing, give them a break from caring and have a voice in shaping services for them.

We support carers of all ages, including children, and our services are free of charge.

Carers in Hertfordshire

The Red House, 119 Fore Street, Hertford, Herts, SG14 1AX

Tel: 01992 58 69 69

Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk

www.carersinherts.org.uk

Our support for parents and carers.

We have Involvement and Development Workers supporting carers of someone with a mental health condition or who misuses drugs or alcohol, who can provide information relevant to your caring role and can help you to speak up to those providing or planning local services.

We also:

- Give you a chance to meet and talk to other parents, carers and staff who understand;
- Give you the opportunity to represent your views to the authorities that commission and manage CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) in Hertfordshire;
- Provide training and learning opportunities;
- Offer a Carers' Passport Discount Card that gives savings in shops, restaurants and other venues (contact us to apply for one today!)



MORE INFO

ISL Integrated
Services for
Learning

working together locally

SEND Advice for Parents/Carers

*Helpful SEND advice lines
for Parents and Carers*

Advice line	Times available [from Sept 2020]
<i>Educational Psychology Contact line</i>  01992 588574	Weds 2pm – 4:30pm
<i>SEND Specialist Advice and Support Service*</i>  01442 453920 - term time only	<i>Specific Learning Difficulties:</i> Mon & Thurs 09:30am – 12pm
	<i>Speech Language, Communication & Autism needs:</i> Tues & Weds 1:30pm – 4pm
	<i>Early Years:</i> Weds 9am – 12pm Thurs 1:30pm – 4pm
	<i>Physical and Neurological Impairment:</i> Mon 1:30pm – 4pm
<i>West team Attendance Duty*</i>  01442 454778	Mon - Fri 09:30 am – 4pm
<i>East team Attendance Duty*</i>  01992 555261	Mon - Fri 09:30 am – 4pm

* also available to schools, settings and professionals

MORE INFO



Cyberbullying

What is Cyberbullying and online Harassment?

- Cyberbullying is any form of bullying which takes place online.
- This can be done over smartphones, tablets, online gaming, chat rooms, social media and more.
- Online harassment is the act of sending offensive, rude and insulting messages and being abusive.
- If someone purposefully keeps sending you offensive messages that make you feel scared, it could be illegal.



Cyberbullying is NOT ACCEPTABLE

- Bullying someone whether online or offline is wrong.
- It can badly affect their mental health.
- Harassing someone and/or sending malicious or threatening messages to someone repeatedly is **ILLEGAL**.
- If you are found to be cyberbullying someone, there could be criminal consequences.

What to do if you are being cyberbullied

If someone is bullying you, here is what you can do to put a stop to it....get **SMART**.

Screenshot any nasty messages.

My privacy settings.

Avoid talking to them any further.

Report the incident on whatever site you are using.

Talk to someone (parent, carer, teacher, friend or the police if necessary).

How to cope with the effects of Cyberbullying

- You must not blame yourself. No one deserves to be treated cruelly by anyone.
- It can make you feel very upset, alone and like no one will understand or help you.
- **REMEMBER** you are not alone and there are lots of people who can help you. Make sure you tell someone and do not try to deal with this on your own.
- For confidential help and advice: NSPCC nspcc.org.uk or Bullying UK bullying.co.uk

When to tell the Police

- If you are ever threatened with physical harm, being repeatedly harassed, being sent malicious messages.
- If it's not an immediate emergency, phone **101** or use our online webchat service.
- If it is an immediate emergency phone **999**.

www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/cyber-bullying/

safe4me



WEBSITE

INFORMATION

Visit the Student Area on our website

www.lonsdale.herts.sch.uk

You can find lots of activities in the 'All Sorts of Things' section.

Daily Home Learning Plan can be found in your class area for pupils who are not attending school.

Student Area is here!



HOME ABOUT US COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS OUR LEARNING PARENTS GOVERNORS COMMUNITY STUDENT AREA CONTACT US



**LONSDALE
SCHOOL**
Learning for life!

www.lonsdale.herts.sch.uk

Login to find out more!



Then explore your class area and look at 'Ideas Shared by and for Parents'.



Maybe send your feedback?



HOME - STUDENT AREA

Welcome

To access this area we need you to login using the username and password provided to you by the school. Please enter this information below and click login to proceed.

If you have forgotten your username and/or password please contact the school.

Username:

Password:

[LOGIN](#)

[Forgotten your password?](#)

HOME - STUDENT AREA - IDEAS SHARED BY AND FOR PARENTS

Ideas Shared by and for Parents

This page is full of ideas which have been sent to us by parents. Thank you, all!

Keep your ideas and thoughts coming; we will update this page regularly...

To get in touch, please email your child's form tutor or use the 'Home Learning Questions' tab.

Have you seen those?

Free Daily Resources For Children



PE with Joe Wicks On YouTube
Week days at 9am but you can visit any time on youtube to view the workout.



Wildlife With with Steve Backshall On Facebook
Every day at 9:30am for answering all your wildlife, biology, conservation, geography and exploration quest-ions.



Science with Maddy Moate on YouTube
Weekdays 11am. Maddy & Greg chat about science and nature!



Dance with Oli Mabuse On Facebook
Every day at 11:30am but children can view the class at any time.



Maths With Carol Vorderman
Free access to the for maths website: www.themathsdoctor.com



Music with Myleene Klass on YouTube
Twice a week. Next one Friday 27 March 10am, but can view any time.



Storytime With David Williams
Free story everyday at 11am on his website: www.worldofdavidwilliams.com

ALL SORTS OF THINGS...

BUMBLEBEES

DOLPHINS

ELEPHANTS

GORILLAS

HIPPOS

KOALAS

LYNX

OWLS

PANDAS

SEA TURTLES

TASMANIAN DEVILS

VAQUITAS

WOMBATS

JOIN THE SPRING WATCH!