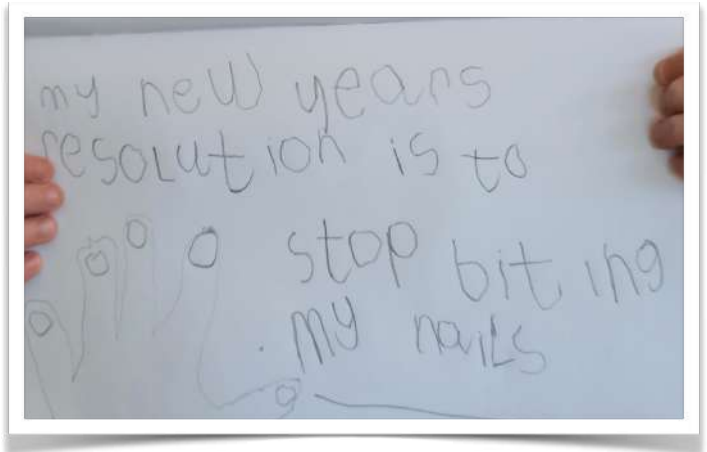


# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2021



## Our Grateful Thanks

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and beginning to get into the rhythm of yet another way of living and working. As we move into our third week of this National Lockdown and remote learning, I would like to start by saying thank you. Thank you to all our children, who once again continue to amaze us with their resilience and positivity in ever changing circumstances. The way they have adapted to learning at home, or being in a critical worker bubble makes us incredibly proud. It has been a real delight to see all of their work beginning to be uploaded onto Seesaw.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the staff team. Making fast, alternative arrangements for the education of our whole school takes a real team effort. Due to everyone's commitment and hard work we have successfully put in place high-quality remote learning whilst also ensuring our critical worker children are receiving the same provision at school.

I would like to thank all of our parents and carers too. Some of you are in the difficult position of trying to home school children and work at the same time. We do appreciate this is incredibly

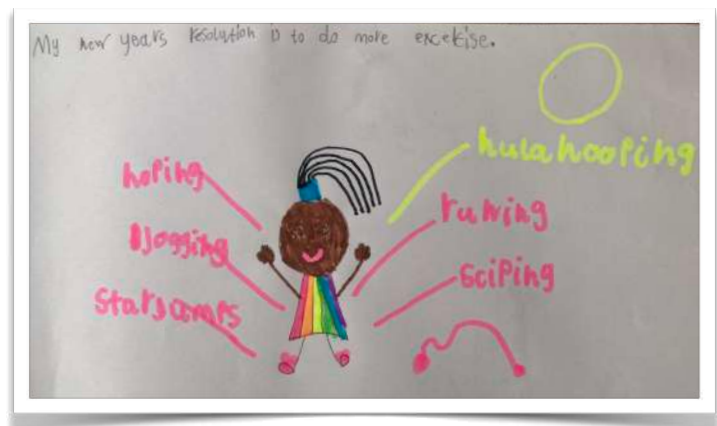
challenging and want to thank you for doing such a fantastic job. This week we have continued to receive positive feedback on our remote learning and critical worker provision and also messages of support and thanks. These kind words are really lifting everyone's spirits in school, so thank you, from all of us.

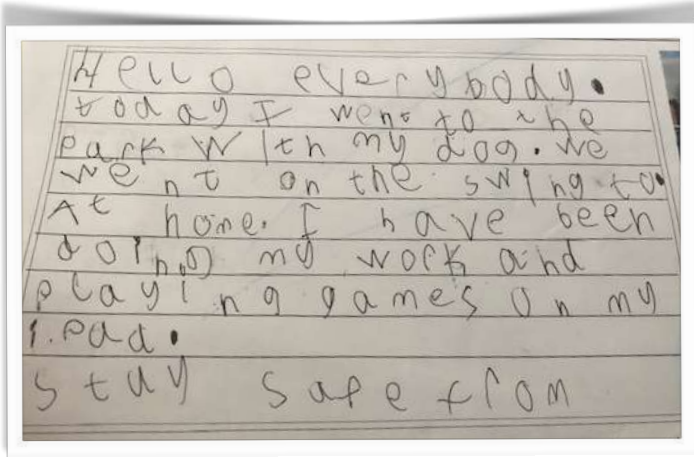
Finally, I do hope that you enjoy looking at the photographs of some of the work that your little ones have been doing at home in this newsletter! It's amazing, so well done!

Take good care and keep smiling.

With my very best wishes,

Mr Hodgson - Headteacher





**Rights Respecting Article of the Week**

We are a Unicef Silver Rights Respecting School, where children’s rights are learned and understood. In each newsletter we will be thinking about a different article each week. This week it’s Article 24, ‘Ensure that every child has the right to the best possible health.’ Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries to achieve this.

This includes:

- getting enough sleep
- having nutritious food - lots of fruit and vegetables and drinking lots of water!
- good hygiene - keeping clean, particularly washing your hands
- lots of exercise
- a clean environment
- feeling safe, secure and respected
- being able to see doctor or a nurse when you need to and to be vaccinated against diseases.

**Perhaps your child could:**

Design a poster all about Article 24. They could include lots of drawings and maybe some labels.

Draw or make a list of people who can help us stay healthy and safe. What are their jobs?

Draw pictures of as many different kinds of exercise that you can all think of. Perhaps your

family could help come up with some unusual ones!

Make up a dance to a favourite song!

Help a grown up in the kitchen make a healthy snack for the family and take a photograph of their snack!

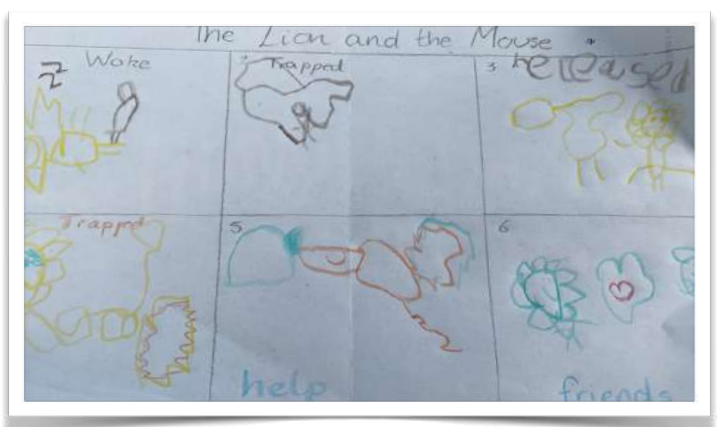
We would love to see any work, videos, photographs, posters or pictures on Seesaw that are all about Article 24.

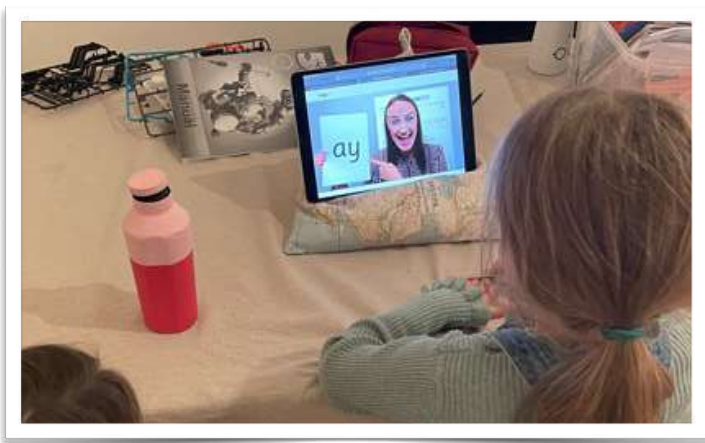
**Nursery Provision**

We are getting used to the Department for Education issuing instructions at the very last minute and this week is no exception! It is now an expectation that maintained nurseries reopen, and that if they do not, then schools will lose vital funding. Therefore, Nursery will reopen on Thursday 21st January. Nursery parents have been sent a separate letter with details about this. Please can I remind Nursery parents that a face mask must be worn on site when dropping off and picking up from school, and social distancing must also be adhered to. Thank you.

**Keeping in Touch**

For those children in school, if they are unable to attend for any reason, please email or call the office. We will also be monitoring engagement on Seesaw from children not in school and will call if we have not heard from you. Regular well-being calls for children at home will also continue.





### Remote Learning

It has been wonderful and heartening to get so many emails of support. Thank you. It is very much appreciated by staff, who have been doing all that they can to enrich your children’s learning experiences. We are particularly pleased with the positive response that we have had so far with regards to the teachers’ daily messages! We really do hope that these videos help to set the work for the day.

Teachers have been so impressed with how keen the children have been and have really enjoyed seeing them virtually in the weekly live Zoom session. Your class teacher will continue to communicate with you when the next sessions will be.

We are also amazed by the quality of work that the children are sending into school through Seesaw, so please keep sending work to us. If you have not yet managed to activate your Seesaw account then please do so. If you are experiencing any problems with activating your account then contact the school office for support.

As a general reminder:

- Remote Learning Plans along with all resources for the week can be found on our school website. We aim to have these available by Saturday afternoon, ready for the week ahead. If you need printed copies of these resources then please do get in touch.

- New stories read by teaching staff will now be uploaded onto the school **YouTube** Channel only. A range of existing stories can be found on our school website, under the remote learning tab.
- We urge parents to now use Seesaw to send work to us, as this is a much simpler communication tool than the class emails.
- A weekly Monday message from Mr Hodgson is available to view on our school website, or for a better quality recording, from our school **YouTube** Channel. The weekly challenges are optional, but we do hope that these add an extra dimension to the remote learning offer.
- A weekly Friday Golden Book Assembly is available to view every Friday afternoon on the school website, or again, for a better quality recording, from our school **YouTube** Channel.

There are still elements of our support that we are fine-tuning, so please be patient with us as we continue to adapt to this new way of working.

### Blue Peter on YouTube

Blue Peter on YouTube has launched, with videos suitable for those aged 5 to 11 including ways to get a Blue Peter badge. Click **here** to visit the webpage. Blue Peter is the longest running children’s television programme in the world! Please do let us know if your child manages to achieve a badge! Good luck!





### Critical Worker Provision

School remains very busy. We are experiencing significantly higher numbers of children coming into school than the first lockdown and demand for places has also increased week on week. We have had to deploy all our staff all of the time in school, releasing them when we can to engage with children learning at home.

Government guidance does state that if there is a parent at home, you should endeavour to keep your children with you for their safety and for the safety of those children and staff in school.

Being at school at this time is **not an entitlement**. When schools remain busy, they are still vectors of transmission. We do not want to have more children in school than really need to be here as we need to do everything we can to lower the infection rate.

If you are able to reduce the days your child has to attend school please email the school office as soon as possible. If your circumstances have changed, and you no longer need a critical worker space then please let us know. Many thanks to those parents who have responded already and have altered working patterns to reduce their hours where possible. I continue to hope that all our combined efforts will very much shorten the duration of this lockdown, and we can get all of the children back to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Emotional Wellbeing Group

Emotional Wellbeing Group Ltd are a non-profit organisation based in the North West - they focus on delivering early intervention support, including crisis management, to anyone over the age of 18 who is suffering distress within their relationships.

The ongoing COVID-19 crisis has had a detrimental effect on the mental wellbeing of the whole country and the impact of changing work, education, health and social situations has been having a profound effect on our relationships. Funding from the National Lottery Community Fund has helped to provide free counselling for anyone in the North West who has suffered relationship distress due to COVID-19. This support is in the form of a digital drop-in service that operates 3 days a week and allows individuals to access support, guidance, signposting and counselling from a qualified and experienced counsellor.

In addition to their counselling services, they also offer information, advice and self-help resources on their website for those who would rather read through information, or who may benefit from guidance on self-care strategies.

Access to this service will enable our community to be able to receive free, confidential counselling support but also general mental health support and guidance.

If you have any queries, you can contact the Emotional Wellbeing Group via the details below or by visiting their website [here](#).



## Lockdown Regulations

Please keep playing your part during this national lockdown. Positive COVID-19 cases are still on the rise in Trafford and we all have a responsibility to keep ourselves and each other safe. A quick reminder of what you cannot do during this lockdown:

- You cannot have play dates.
- You cannot have sleepovers.
- You can only meet one other person outside for exercise.
- You must not travel far, staying local.
- If you are working from home, your children should be at home too.

A huge thank you for playing your part and adhering to the restrictions put in place during this national lockdown, we know it's not easy.

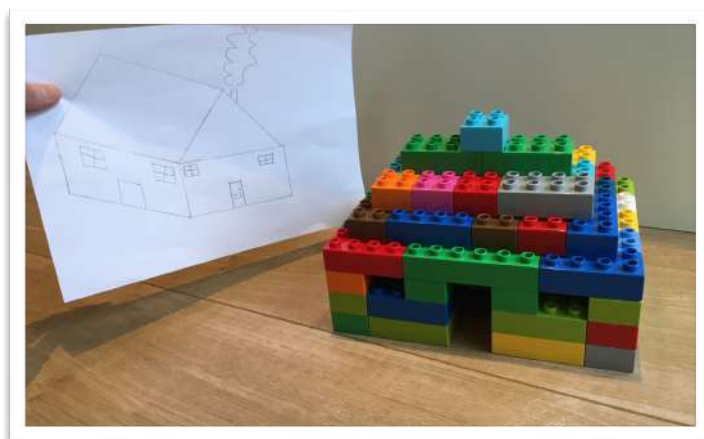
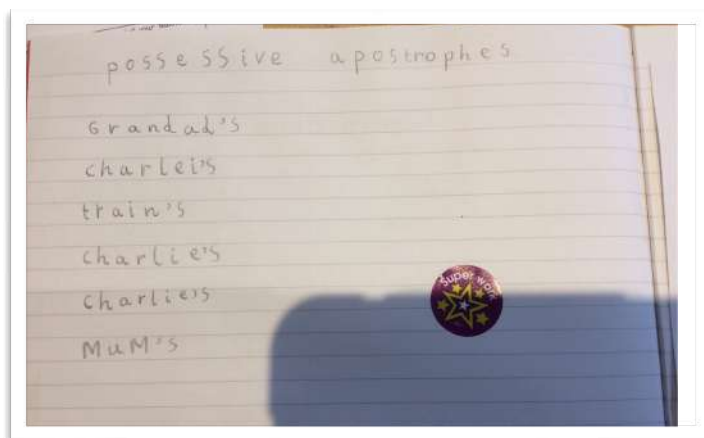
## And finally...

We especially value the updates so many of you are sending us to let us know how your children are engaging in their remote learning at home and updating us on the progress they are making. Please do keep sending in your messages, photos, scanned shots of their work and videos via Seesaw.

As we have said before, you can only do what you can - some days will be easier than others but ensure you have time to take a breath and look after yourselves. Keep us in the loop, email your class teacher for help and just do what you can do from week to week, taking each day as it comes.

Do take care and please stay safe.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



## Spring Term 2021

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 4th January 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 12th February 2021
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 22nd February 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 1st April 2021

## Summer Term 2021

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 19th April 2021
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 3rd May 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 28th May 2021
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 14th June 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 23rd July 2021