

# Woodlands News



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This week the children have been focussing on how they can achieve one of the eight secrets of success.

In our SOS assembly, Mrs Crilly read the children a story called 'The Elephant Rope', to encourage them to imagine that anything is possible.

As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at anytime, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.

He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. "Well," trainer said, "when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free."

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn't, they were stuck right where they were.

**Like the elephants, how many of us go through life hanging onto a belief that we cannot do something, simply because we failed at it once before? Failure is part of learning; we should never give up the struggle in life.**



In year 1, the children have been reading 'Here We Are' and thinking about the world around them. The children have been observing seasonal changes closely and making their own representations of the changing trees. They have also been carefully observing the environment, looking at the world beneath their feet and the world around them.



In snake garden, Mrs Braim's class have been investigating worms and the things that live under the ground. The children have been using watercolours, pens, loose parts and natural resources to represent their thinking.

In Mrs Paterson's class, the children have been looking at their communities and comparing with others around the world. The children have been researching using google earth and representing using drawing and construction materials.





# Picture News

at Home

12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

What's going on this week?



12th-18th October  
Is it the responsibility  
of the young to  
protect the planet?

Sir David Attenborough has celebrated the efforts of young people who have "woken up the world to the threat of climate change." Sir David became the fastest person to have one million followers on Instagram recently after he joined the social media platform to reach out to younger people, many of whom support his message of protecting the natural world.

Things to talk about at home...

- Have you ever watched any of Sir David Attenborough's documentaries? If you have, what were they about? What did you learn? If you haven't, would you like to?
- Why do you think at 94-years-old, David Attenborough has decided to join Instagram? Do you think it is a good way for him to spread his message?
- Do you think it's important for young people to care about the environment and wildlife? Why?



Your child will soon be receiving log in details for Oxford Owl and Times table rock stars.

Oxford Owl have released lots of free e-books, appropriate for all primary ages.

Times table Rock stars is a fun, interactive way for children to learn their times tables, allowing them to challenge their own knowledge against the clock as well as challenge other children.

We hope that these resources will be useful for both supporting your child's learning at home and also in the event that they may be self-isolating.



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## Starting school?

Closing date for applications:

**15 January 2021**

[www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions)

- You **must** apply if your child was born between 1 September 2016 – 31 August 2017.
- You **must** apply even if your child is attending a nursery or pre-school on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- Attending a nursery does **not** guarantee a school place.
- If a child has an Education, Health & Care Plan the closing date is 31 October 2020 for all applications.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- See website for more information [www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions) or contact School Admissions at [admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@telford.gov.uk)



### Dates for your diary:

23 <sup>rd</sup> October	School photos
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	BACK TO SCHOOL



If you have not yet signed up for 'Class Dojo' please speak to your child's teacher. This is a great way to keep in touch with school, have access to important information and keep up to date with your child's learning!

All dates, information and school information is also available on our school website:

<https://www.woodlands-sch.org.uk/>