



Newsletter 8th January

Lockdown Part 3

The first week of Spring term has seen a hive of activity following the announcement by the Government late Monday night. With minimal notice the Teachers ensured their lessons were ready to go online and everybody was embracing (or fearing!) the computer wizardry of Teams.

By Wednesday morning the timetable was being adhered to across all the year groups through virtual online lessons. Every subject continues to be taught and it has been great to see you enjoying joining in with your children in the Dance, Music and PE lessons!

Hopelands children have yet again risen to the challenge of virtual learning. They have all engaged and it is clear to see that their in-school training on Teams has been highly beneficial. Their focus, concentration and resilience has been apparent, and we are very proud of them.

We know it is early days, and we recognise how tough it is with challenging news being broadcast, but we are super proud of our community. Thank you to our amazing teaching staff, wonderful school support team, fantastic families and most importantly our inspiring children.

This week's newsletter looks back at the fun activities which were held during the last week of the Autumn term. Going forward it would be lovely to see pictures of life in lockdown so please do send them to scompton@hopelands.org.uk and they can then be shared in the newsletter.

In this week:

- Year 5 Art
- The Snowman
- Class 2

School Office

The school office will be manned from 8.30-3.30pm.
For anything outside of these hours please email scompton@hopelands.org.uk



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Art by Miss White

Y5 have been busy developing their understanding of horses, how to draw them in proportion and how to create a composition inspired by the work of Franz Marc. The most important and influential work was Marc's 'Tower of Blue Horses' painted in 1913 and Y5 have worked tirelessly to understand the principles of fragmentation and Franz Marc's expressionist style. The project culminated in wonderful paintings that radiate colour and energy, and accurately reflect the spirit and joy of light within nature.



Art by Miss White



The Snowman

On the last day of the Autumn term, we held an enrichment day with all the activities themed around the film 'The Snowman'. The children had a fantastic day doing several different quizzes, fun activities, creative crafts, and it was a lovely way to finish Autumn term. A huge thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to make this a success, especially Miss O'Neill who planned such a super day.



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One of the most popular games on the day was to create a human snowman!



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Class 2 - Geography

In Geography Class 2 have had great fun learning about continents and oceans and have been enthralled discovering facts about the wider world. Miss Cook has been exploring this further by setting up a pen pal link with school children from Nigeria and Dubai. The children could not wait to take part and the letters they have written are a mix of questions, facts, and drawings. They have been electronically posted and they now excitedly wait for the replies.

