



Friday 14th February 2020

Prize Winners this week

Class 1: Ava for super attitude to her learning

Class 2: Aurora for six times tables and beautiful work about St. Valentine

Class 3: Daniel Smye for excellent improvements in maths and grammar work and confidence

Class 1: In class one we've been very busy with our phonic work. Y1 have been given some phonic homework to complete over the half term break to help keep skills sharp. In maths we have been revisiting some old work, we have looked at the inequality symbol and the language associated with this. Alongside this we have looked at numbers up to 50 and being able to count on from any number forwards and backwards.

Class 2: We have learned about why people acted as they did for St. Valentine and Roman religious intolerance, Viking poetry and Boudicca. In maths we are really focusing on fast recall of 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 6 x tables and using these to solve mathematical problems.

Class 3: The juniors have had another very busy week. We are still enjoying our Viking play scripts. They have had a monk V Viking debate looking at events, feelings and right and wrong. They have made posters to advertise Greenland to help Eric the Red with his persuasive language to encourage to move to his new settlement. In ICT we have been adding detail and effects to our Scratch stories. Our Viking brooches are being painted and we have looked at other examples of Viking art. The year 3 and 4 have begun their Judo with great enthusiasm. We have set you some holiday challenges on Sumdog. Don't forget to see last week's letter to sign your parents up to play alongside you.

We have been asked to look in to this game as some parents have commented that this game might encourage aggressive play and language.

Fortnite is a popular strategy survival game for PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Windows, and Mac. It combines Minecraft resources collecting and building with team based survival shooting games.

The main action, in Save The World mode, is shooting and attacking with melee weapons, but players can also fortifications and work with teammates and defend survivors from waves of enemy monsters. This combines with exploration and resources gathering to play a little like Minecraft. Fortnite leapt to tater popularity with its Battle Royale mode that can be played for free and fits up to 100 players against each other while a mysterious cloud steadily reduces the size of the war zone, creating knife edge and climatic gun flights.

Rating

In the UK Video Standards council rate Fortnite as a PEGI 12 for frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

The VSC expend on the PEGI rating by stating that "violence consists of you using whatever weapons you can find or make to fend off the monsters of the storm and save the survivors. Damage is dealt by numbers and life bars and monsters disappear in a purple flash when defeated"

Online players

Not covered by ratings are the interactions with other players online. Although the game isn't rating for profanity, **its online nature could expose younger players to offensive language from random strangers via the voice on-screen text chat.**

It's also a game where the sound is crucial (hearing footsteps of other players in particular). This means that players will wear headphones and **parents can't always hear what is being said by these strangers.**

Competitive Angst

Like any game with a fiercely competitive online mode, younger players (12+) can find that Fortnite **makes them cross or angry when they lose**. This is common in games like FIFA and Rocket League, but even more in Fortnite because you only have one life and then you are out of the game.

Reminder to all parents

Please ensure on the days your child has P.E. they do not wear any jewellery and it is parents' responsibility to supervise their child on the play park before and after school.

| DATE AND TIME | EVENT |
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| Thurs. 27/02/2020 | 1:15pm-2:15pm Judo y3+4 |
| Fri. 28/02/2020 | 9:00am ZOZO drumming Juniors swim week 6 |
| Mon. 02/03/2020 | 9:30am water workshop |
| Thurs. 05/03/2020 | On Thursday 1st March it is 'World Book Day' and if your child wishes to dress up as their favourite character from a story they are encouraged to do so.(Please do not go to great expense to dress them up, something homemade will be just as good) |
| Thurs. 05/03/2020 | 1:15pm-2:15pm Judo week 8 |
| Fri. 06/03/2020 | Junior swim week 8 |

