

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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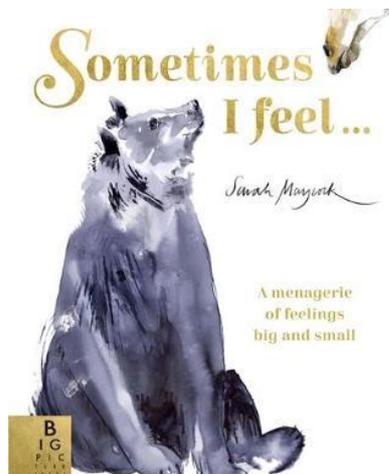
Dear Children,

I have every hope, (and my fingers crossed!) that this will be the final children's newsletter of 2021. This is not because I don't enjoy writing to you! But because hopefully the return to school on Monday will mark the end of the need to go into another National Lockdown and we can move forward together to focus on being back in school.

As we have explained in our letters to your parents and carers, on Monday we will still need to remain in our year group bubbles, with all the routines and timetables in place to help keep us clean and safe in school. You will hopefully remember this from the Autumn Term but if your memory is feeling a little hazy, do not worry. Your teacher will be reminding you all of everything you need to know on the first morning back.

We expect that some of you will be feeling excited and more than ready to come back to school. Hopefully the thought of seeing your friends, being back in the classrooms, having your teachers in front of you and starting new topics of work will be things you are looking forward to. We also know that some of you will be feeling worried about coming back after a long time away. Both ways of looking at next week are completely normal. You may even be feeling a mixture of both or that you can't really explain how you're feeling at all! Please know that whatever the emotion – it is ok. We want to help you settle back in and the best way to do that is to come back on Monday and let your teachers and your friends share the first day back with you.

I hope that you have all now received your gift from The Nebula Federation. The book "Sometime I Feel..." by Sarah Maycock is a beautiful picture book that we wanted to give to you before you came back to school.



The illustrations are beautiful and each page explores a different emotion, relating it to an animal. These are my favourite pages...



... and sometimes I will need time before I can join in with the chorus.

I wonder what animal, emotion or pages in the book you can best relate to and why? You are never too old to enjoy a picture book. So why not curl up and read it with someone at home and then have a chat about what you notice in the words and pictures.

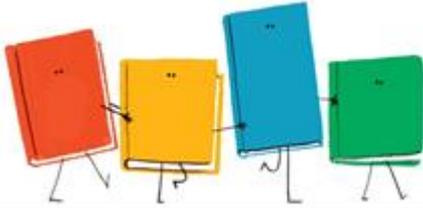
Mrs Shand, a Teacher from White Woman Lane, contacted Sarah Maycock, the author of 'Sometime I



Feel...' and explained that we have bought a copy of her book for every family attending one of our Nebula schools. She was delighted and wanted to make a short video for you. How exciting!

You can download the video via 'We Transfer' using this link: <https://we.tl/t-KjeMpXDcuu> Please take a look at this personal message from the author.

World Book Day 2021!



I wanted to advertise World Book Day again this week. Please remember that although it is officially on Thursday 4th March this year, we thought we would move it **Friday 12th March** instead so that we can celebrate it altogether. We are planning some activities and lessons for you in school and would like to invite you to either dress up as a character from a book or wear something cosy that you'd love to curl up and read a book in.

The choice is yours! Get creative and come as a character or pop on your comfiest onesie, pj's or loungewear and let's celebrate World Book Day 2021 together!



During this lockdown we wanted to keep our Stars of the Week going strong. You are all coming to your live lessons, submitting your work and some of you are coming to school and are present in the classrooms. It is just as important as ever that we continue to recognise all your hard work and huge efforts. This week your teachers have been especially impressed by the following children:

Well done to all our amazing Stars of the Week!

3C

Lily Nicholson Tait

For working really well during your English sessions in school. You have written lots on several occasions, including a lovely story. We have also been very impressed with your knitting skills.

Tianna Snorton-Robinson

For showing great enthusiasm to the home school learning. You are always warm, kind and friendly. Your smile radiates through the screen and helps keep everyone happy and full of cheer.

3E

Viktoriya Stefanova

You have worked really hard in school, giving your very best effort. We have been very impressed with your enthusiasm especially in Maths and also for your sunny outlook on life.

Summer Olley

For working really hard on your home school learning. You have produced some nice work across all subject areas. You have also given some great responses in the live teacher input.

4C

Ember-Rose Carolan

For putting 110% effort into her online learning this week. Ember-Rose has really been challenging herself and has produced some fantastic work. A great effort, Ember-Rose. Well done!

Jake O'Neill

For having fantastic effort in all he has done this week. Jake has really challenged himself and it is great to see his confidence growing. Jake is a real asset to the Year 4 Bubble and his hard work has not gone unnoticed! Well done, Jake.

4N

Elysia Batterbee

For amazing English work this week! Elysia's produced some fantastic videos showcasing her performance poetry and book review. It was a pleasure to see her putting so much effort into her work this week. Well done, Elysia.

Sahand Zydin

For super effort in his online learning this week. Sahand has been challenging himself and putting a great deal of effort into his work and it's really paying off! Keep up the good work, Sahand. Well done!

5GS

Finley Cardis

For working extremely hard in all of his lessons. Finley has repeatedly shown his hard work and determination in all of his lessons. He has been taking great care and pride over his work, insisting on it being perfect before it is 'finished'. Great work!

Zoe Frimpong

For her hard work within her Maths lessons. Zoe has been absolutely smashing it with Maths whilst she's been home learning. She thinks carefully about her ideas and shares her working out and reasoning in our class discussions, along with producing high-quality work. Fantastic!

5JS

Finn Dann

Finn has been working amazingly in our English lessons. He is eager to share his thoughts and ideas and has been constantly thinking back to our past lessons to make links within our story. Amazing!

Isabella McDonald

Isabella has been a trouper whilst working online. Her enthusiasm has been infectious and has made every maths lesson a joy. Her work has been high quality and it is clear that she has been working extremely hard. Wonderful!

6KR

Penny Bunter

For doing a super job during her first week back in school. Penny has worked really hard in all her lessons and adapted brilliantly to the new way of learning in class. We are so pleased to have you back! Keep up the good work.

Madison Mckail

For excellent online learning. Madison has given it her all over the lockdown period: every single day she has turned up to the teaching input with a huge, beaming smile on her face, worked consistently hard to the best of her abilities and really impressed all of her teachers. Bravo, Madison—you are amazing!

6LR

Kayden Snorton-Robinson

For completing his English work to a good standard every single day. Miss Richardson is very pleased with your efforts, well done.

Joshua Moore

Even though Joshua can remain quiet during the lessons, he has been working really hard on his Guided Reading and has written some well-considered, in depth answers about our new book 'Cosmic'. Keep it up.

Miss Reeves has given an additional Star of the Week this week to Kieran for his excellent work in her Maths classes!

Kieran Vaughan Williams

For making a brilliant start to our new unit of work on algebra. Kieran has been participating well in lessons and has shown an excellent understanding of the work covered so far. He's so confident he's even been teaching his little brother. Keep up the hard work Kieran.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. We can't wait to see you all next week!

Take care,

Mrs Connelly