



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

It's been another great week here at Orsett!

This week we were delighted to be gifted a defibrillator by local residents. Residents in Stanford Park raised money for Katie's Heart Appeal by lighting up their street. Although I didn't visit myself I've been told it was wonderful. The volunteers who gifted us the defibrillator explained how they had set out to raise £1500 for one machine but ended up making over £13,000 which has allowed for many local schools to benefit.

Dylan in Year 4 helped by shaking buckets in the lead up to Christmas and said what a great thing it was to be involved in. In his own words "It's great to know we can help someone who might need it". It's a great example of compassion and perseverance, two of our Christian values and of course what a community can do if they put their minds to it!



This week we have also been focusing on our Big Question for this half term – something new we plan to do each term. Our question for spring is "What rights and responsibilities do we have at Orsett C of E Primary School which ensure everyone can learn well?" The children have been thinking about their rights this week. Please talk to them about it – we'll be asking you too soon!

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe and well!

Mrs Smith – Head Teacher

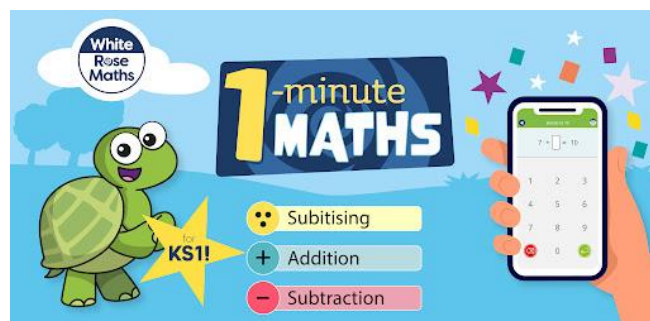
*God's Word is a lamp to guide our feet  
and a light for our path.  
Inspired by Psalm 119:105*

### Want to help your child in Maths?

We are so excited to tell you about the new White Rose 1-minute app. It is a fun way to build on your child's maths fluency, whilst developing their confidence. Better still – it's free! Children have seen the app in action this week in class. The app is primarily aimed at children in KS1 (Rec-Year 2) however some of you may find it helpful for those children who want to build confidence or find maths a little more tricky.

The positive responses from reception through to Year 3 has been impressive and there is a great sense of enthusiasm to have a go. Give your child the opportunity to improve and succeed in quick mental math. Download the app today! Find out more by following the link

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>



### Letters Home this week

- \*Census Day change to menu
- \*Forest Schools – selected Year 4s only
- \*Reading in EYFS – selected children only

## Design your dream bike of the future to be in with a chance of winning a Frog 53 kids' hybrid bike!

At Orsett we have always supported the work of the Bikeability Trust. They have joined forces with Frog Bikes to give one lucky person the chance to win a brand new bike. All you have to do is design your dream bike!

For full details of the competition and how to enter please follow the link below.

<https://www.frogbikes.co.uk/bikeability>



## INSET DAY – Don't forget!

A reminder that 11<sup>th</sup> February is an INSET day. School is closed to children on this day.



## Census Day dinner

Our dinner this Thursday was a great success. We had so many children wanting dinners that we had to get extra help in the kitchen! Thank you for your support! WE had a winner from each class who won a chocolate bar too which caused great excitement. It was so exciting we will do it again soon! Here's our winner from Year 3!



## Welcome Mrs Belton!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Belton to our Orsett Team in the office. Many of you will have seen that Miss Cook unfortunately left us in December and we wish her well in her future adventures. Mrs Belton will be our new admin assistant moving forwards and she's already made an amazing start. Please bear with her as she learns the ropes!

