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## NEWSLETTER ~ 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### HOME LEARNING

We hope that everyone has enjoyed this week's Home Learning activities. If you haven't already logged into Seesaw please do, so that your teacher can see your work and send you messages. Remember that staff are available between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm every school day to respond to any questions or give advice about any of the work that children have been given. Please use our dedicated email address: [homelearning@greenfieldsprimary.org.uk](mailto:homelearning@greenfieldsprimary.org.uk).

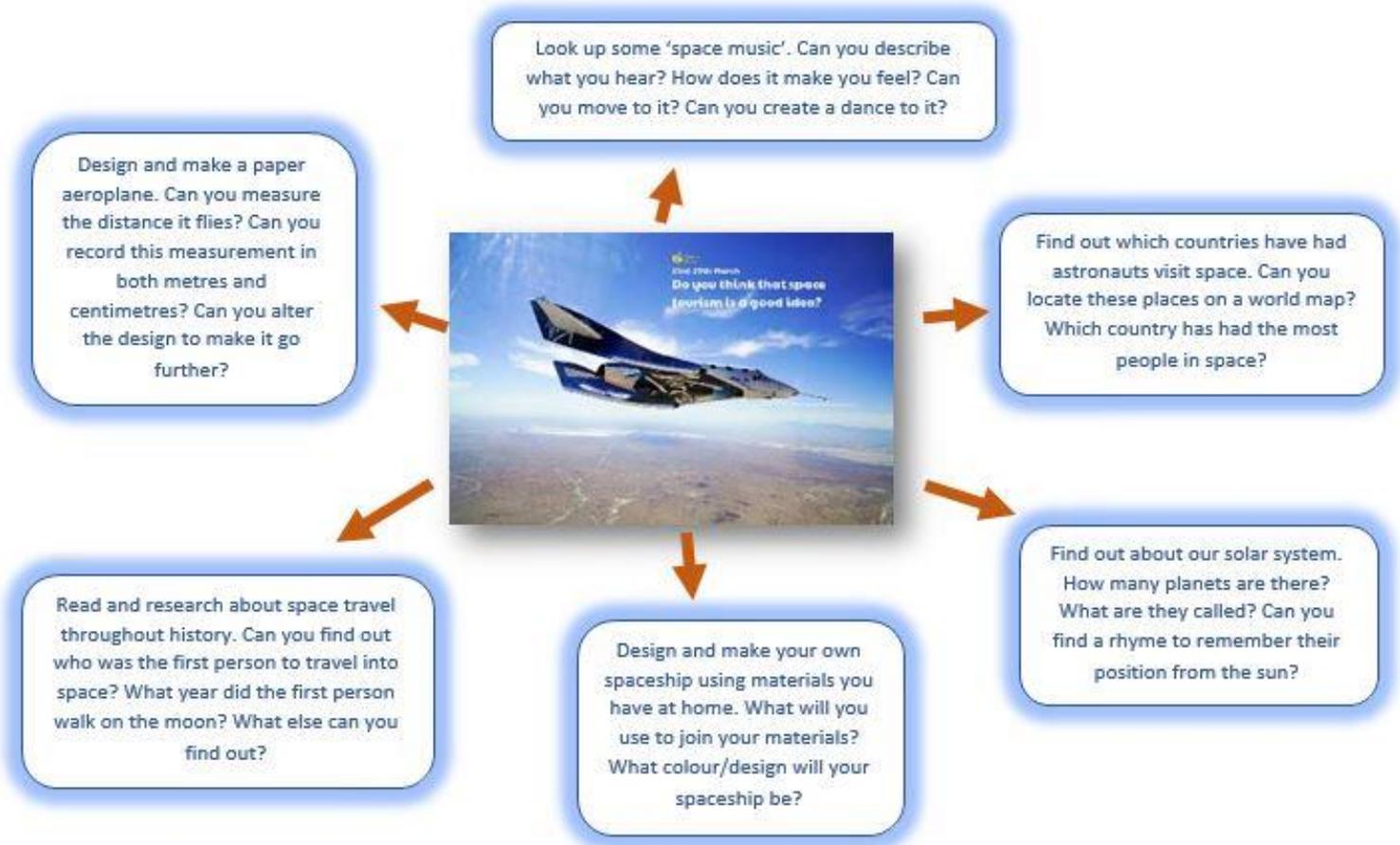
### IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

While school is closed, every week in the newsletter, we will be including something from the news that the children might like to find out more about and talk about at home.

This week's question is: **Do you think that space tourism is a good idea?**



Virgin Galactic, owned by Sir Richard Branson, are one of the first companies intending to make space travel accessible to the public. The company have seen a big increase in the demand for the tickets for flights to space, the first of which will be taking place later this year. The company, who completed its first test flight in 2018, said it had received almost 8,000 registrations of interest for future commercial flights!



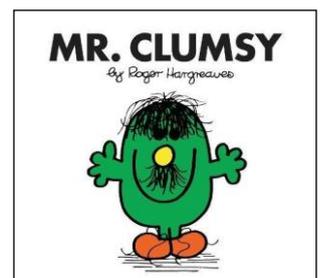
If you do any of these activities, please post something on Seesaw to tell your teacher all about it.

## LOVE READING!

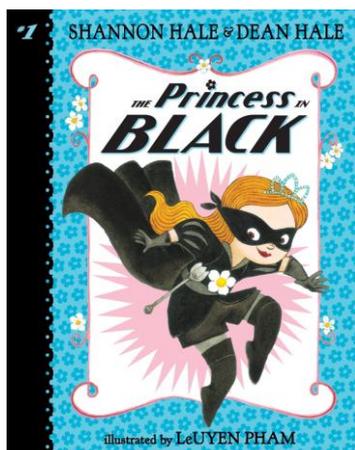
Here are this week's reading recommendations from staff and children . . .

### Ben recommends **Mr Clumsy** by **Roger Hargreaves**

"My favourite book is from the Mr Men books. I love Mr Clumsy because he puts the letter in the toaster instead of the bread and it's really funny!



### Miss Evans recommends **The Princess in Black** by **Dean Hale and Shannon Hale**



"I bought this book recently for my daughter who loves princesses, and who loves them even more when they do unexpected things. This princess looks like a typical princess on the outside, but she has a secret that she is desperately trying to keep hidden! This is a great chapter book for children who are just starting to read independently, with engrossing illustrations. The best bit is that it's part of a series, so if you enjoy it, there are more adventures to discover!

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Reverend Pearson at St Columba's has sent us some information about support for vulnerable groups. If you need help, or would like to become a volunteer, please call the community support number.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT  
FOR CORONAVIRUS**

*serving the communities of  
Seaton Burn, Wideopen and Five Mile Park/ North Gosforth*

**Community Support Phone Number**  
**Call 07729 632242**

During this period of uncertainty about the effect of Coronavirus you may already have arrangements in place for support from family, friends or neighbours. However, we are aware that there may be some situations where it is difficult for some people in our communities to get the support that they need for everyday essential activities.

It may also be that as people self-isolate, they feel cut off and would appreciate hearing a friendly and reassuring voice on the end of a phone.

So, if you need practical help (e.g. shopping) or friendly support during this period of the Coronavirus out-break, then please feel free to call the number above.

**The phonenumber will be open between 9.00am –6.00pm each day.**

You will be able to leave a message and we will get back to you. This support is being provided by volunteer members of the local community from St Columba's Church, St Aidan's Church and local residents. Further information at:  
[www.stcolumbaswideopen.co.uk](http://www.stcolumbaswideopen.co.uk)

Facebook: [@stcolumbaswideopen](https://www.facebook.com/stcolumbaswideopen)

## FINALLY . . .

Following the Prime Minister's briefing on Monday night, Public Health England have launched a new campaign to encourage people to stay at home in order to fight the spread of coronavirus. The campaign will run across TV, radio, digital and social channels. You may have seen it already or received a text message from .GOV or the NHS asking everyone to follow their advice.

The Prime Minister has urged us all to stay at home, but some people are so vital in the fight against coronavirus that they cannot stay at home. Schools have been asked to stay open to provide vital childcare for the children of these essential key workers and for the most vulnerable children. This is why we now have a set list of children who are eligible to continue to come to school and it is only those children who can now attend.

The scientific advice is clear:

If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible.

The list of workers who could be called key workers is long, but even if you are on the list we would urge you to think hard before sending your child to school:

- Has your manager confirmed that you are categorised as an **essential key worker?** (e.g. NHS or emergency service frontline staff)
- **Is there another adult at home** who can care for your child safely while you are out doing your essential work?
- Does your rota mean that you can have your child safely at home for part of the week or even part of the day?

If too many school staff become ill, we may have to close school completely and the essential key workers on our list will not have the vital childcare they need.

We need your support and co-operation more than ever during these uncertain times.

**Let's all try to look after each other.**

