



Weekly Newsletter # 21 – 23 February 2024

Curriculum in Action – Computing

Happy Safer Internet Day everyone!

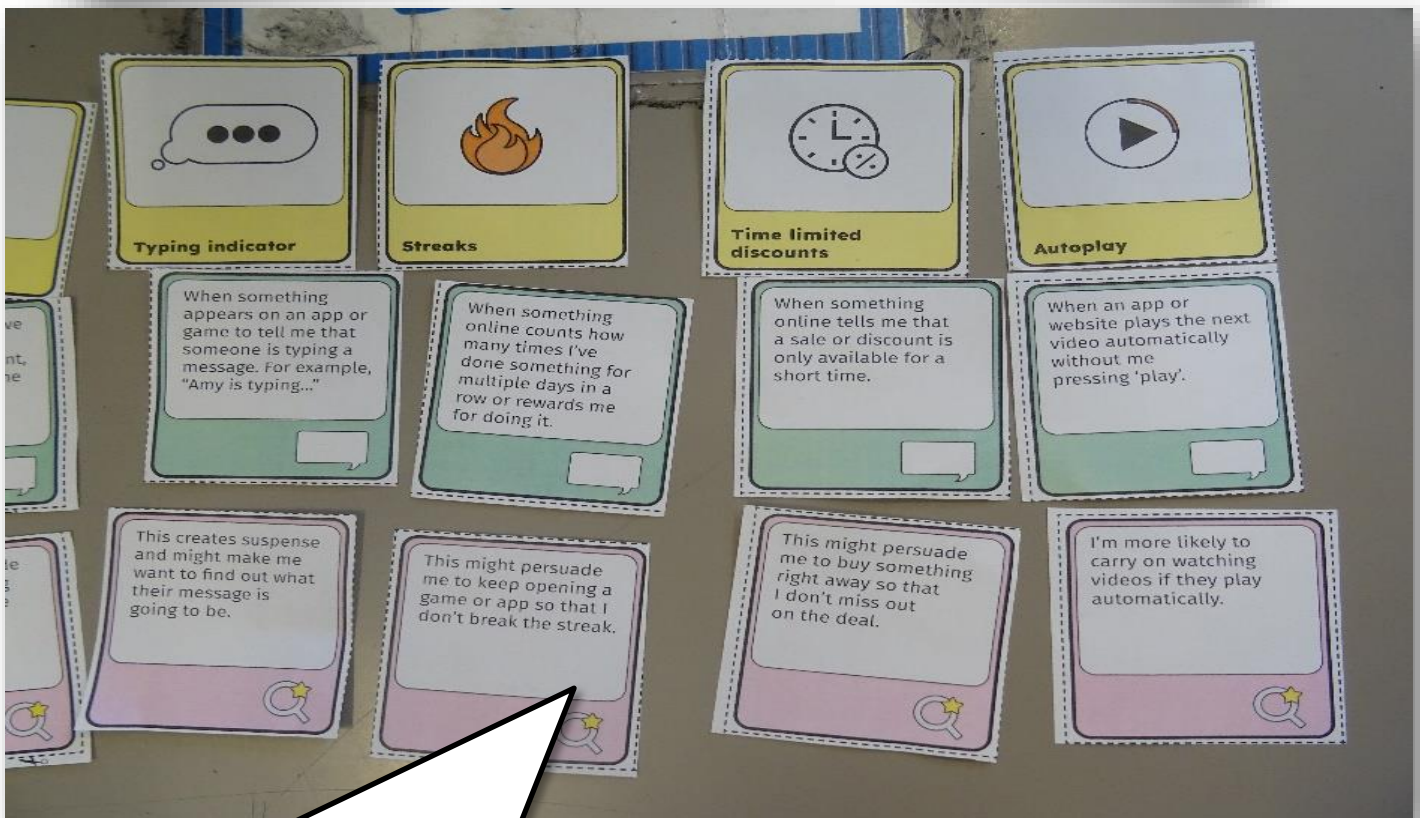
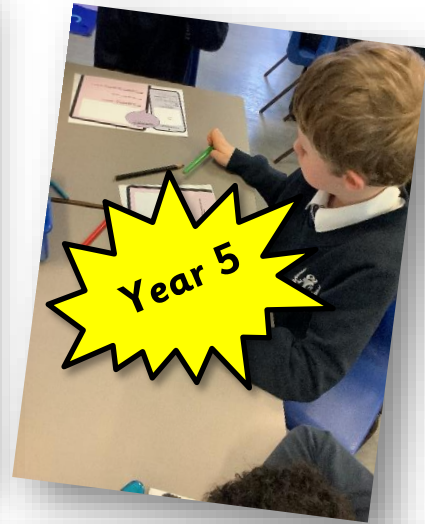
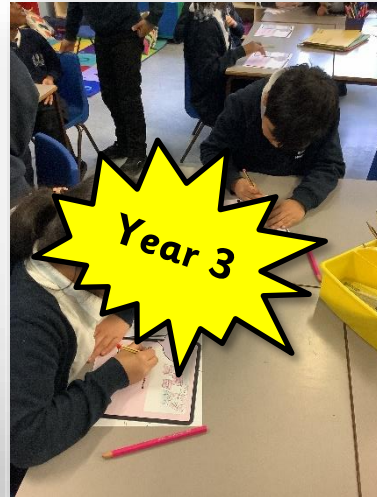
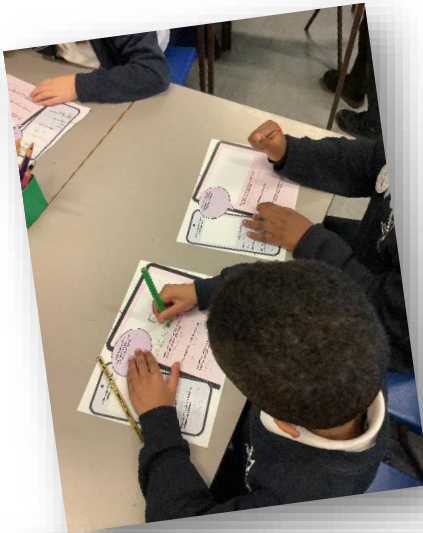


The week of the 5 February, John Ruskin School joined many schools across the country in celebrating Safer Internet Day to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Safer Internet Day aims to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

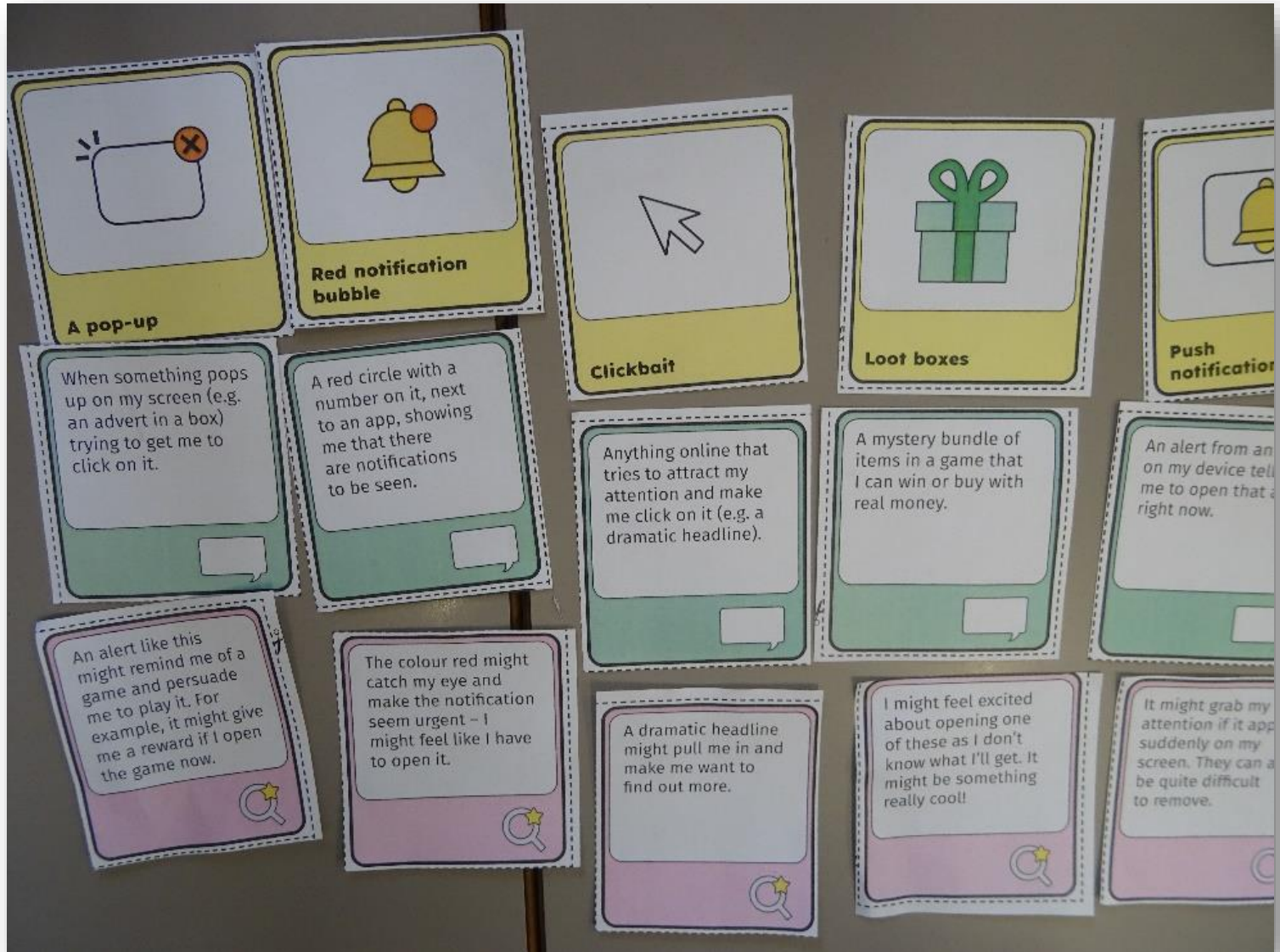
Years 1 – 6 undertook varied activities based on the topic of making a difference online, this included covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Risks associated with navigating online
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline





'Persuasive design' is a design practice that companies use to change and influence users' thoughts and behaviours. These techniques are frequently implemented on the internet. This activity got year 5 thinking about persuasive design and encouraged them to think about the effect it can have on us.



Sign of the Week

This week's sign of the week is **Shy** and **Jealous**

[Signing 2023-24](#)



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World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

Read Your Way this World Book Day!



As part of our week long+ celebration of reading, we'll enjoy assemblies, author visits, reading challenges and activities, a visit from our local Librarian who'll be inspired by our creative door decorations and, of course, look forward to our Spring Bookfair! Once again, all children will be given a National Book Token which can be exchanged at participating book sellers for a FREE book – watch the video below for this year's books:

<https://youtu.be/DfpnuyQbLfM>

Thursday 7 March: World Book Day – Assembly, activities and reading for pleasure

Children are encouraged to bring the book with the character who has inspired them (or a favourite read, if they are dressing up as a character from a class book):

EYFS / KS1 - Fairy Tales theme (traditional and modern-day versions)

KS2 - A book character who inspires you! (including characters from a class book!)

Friday 8 March: Author Rachael Mortimer will be visiting with Fairy Tale fun!



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Southwark Librarian Edem Selormey will be inspired by our Door Decorations

Tuesday 12 March: Author visit from Peter Bunzl of the Cogheart series

Thursday 14 March - Book Fair will arrive (Watch out for the informative posters designed by Year 5!)

You can find lots of stories to share at home here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>



Please continue the joy of reading at home with your child by supporting them to try out these top tips for Reading Their Way!

Why not make a visit to a local library and choose a new book to read?

Yoga Bugs

We have subscribed to the **YogaBugs** Virtual Programme for our School, and this includes access to **YogaBugs** videos and mindfulness techniques for you and your children. Please see below instruction on how to access your **YogaBugs** Parent Portal.



We are working closely with **YogaBugs** in school to help all our children, teachers and parents with their mental health and overall wellbeing.

On the **YogaBugs** Parent Portal you will have access to Yoga and Mindfulness videos, chair yoga for you to try, along with helpful mindfulness activities and visualisations that you can use for you whole family.

The benefits of you using sessions are huge, click the image below to find out more:

To register and log into your portal please click on the link below and register your details:

www.yogabugsvirtual.com

You will need to select parents and click to register as a new user. Complete the details requested and select **school** for the eCode type.

The eCode you need to enter is: **john-ruskin-primary-school-southwark-2234**

**** please note your access codes cannot be shared with anyone else, the school has signed a confidentiality agreement ****

We hope you find these sessions beneficial. We welcome photos and any feedback to us and **YogaBugs** so we can see how the students and you are getting on with the sessions.

Please feel free to follow **YogaBugs** and share on their social media (links below) or to their email:

info@thebugsgroup.com

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hf9H5c5q7DQ&feature=youtu.be&skip_registered_account_check=true



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School Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2024/25

The term dates for academic year 24/25 have now been confirmed along with the INSET days.

You can access the term dates via the link below:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:EU:37b017f2-ad87-4f65-a84b-4e31dd113d9c>



Updated School Lunch Menu

[February 2024 - Lunch Menu](#)



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Sponsored dance

The school Sponsored Dance raised **£1714.45**

Thank you to all the children who took part

Certificates will be given to the children who raised the most in due course



Free Parent Course



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Helping my Child with Reading

A **FREE** 4-week online course for parents and carers



Do you read with your child?

Would you like to learn more about how to support your child's reading?

On this course you will learn about:

- The stages of children's reading **development**
- How to **support** pre-school and school children's reading
- **Activities and games** to support reading practice
- Ideas for making reading together **fun!**

**Tuesdays 10am-12.30pm
5th March - 26th March 2024**

This course will take place online using Zoom

To book a place please complete the application form using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-my-child-with-reading-tickets-845828976237>

Art Club



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Metacognition Workshop

Alongside our curriculum, we have adopted a Metacognitive approach to learning.

Mr Nwokolo will be running a Metacognition workshop to parents / carers on Monday 26 February in the bottom hall at 9.20 am.

Dates for week commencing 19 February

Monday 19 February

9.30 **Parent Workshop on Metacognition – Bottom Hall**
2.00 **BURGUNDY SWIMMING - CANCELLED**

Tuesday 20 February

All day **Year 2 trip to London landmarks**
10.00-10.30 **Turquoise Class swimming**
10.30-11.00 **Scarlet Class swimming**

Wednesday 21 February

Am **Year 5 Cricket**

Thursday 8 February

Friday 9 February

2.00 **Vermilion swimming**

Forthcoming Dates

Monday 18 to Friday 22 March 2024

Year 5 School Journey to Kingswood

