



Hi Kalahari,

It has been nice to see a return to some sunshine after all that rain. We hope you have had a good week and enjoyed your maths challenge. It has been great to see the work you have sent in and the letters too - thank you. Don't forget to follow the story we are reading on YouTube!

I have been busy in the garden now that the sun has reappeared. Scout has been helping me plant out more seedlings from the greenhouse. I am growing runner beans, peas, carrots, onions, potatoes, courgettes, tomatoes, cucumbers, strawberries, peppers, and raspberries. I have also been baking lots of scrummy food, including some delicious bread. Stan and I made homemade pizzas for lunch today and later I am going to help Iris with a photography challenge she has been set by her graphics teacher (Miss Banks).



I have been doing some crafts this week, a bit of embroidery on a bag and painting with watercolours. I challenged myself to complete a self-portrait, it was a bit daunting to begin with, but I am pretty chuffed with the result. It actually looks like me!! Maybe you can have a go at it and show me how it turns out for you. Also, I had to plant some more seeds in the garden as the slugs have eaten most of my seedlings. My sunflowers are still growing strong though =) (Miss Salamanca).

Hi, I hope you are all staying safe and enjoying this lovely weather. This week I have been working in our garden - we are growing lettuce, tomatoes, peas and other veg. While I was working in our garden, I suddenly saw a bird going in and out of a bird box. I managed to get a picture of it just about to leave and go and find food, probably for its babies. I hope you like my picture. Have a good week (Mrs Barton).



### Weekly Challenge:

Don't forget, every week we are going to set a **weekly challenge** for you to complete and email a picture or document to [head@ferndale.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:head@ferndale.swindon.sch.uk), then it will be forwarded to us.

This week your challenge will be for **Science**. Following on from last week's sound hunt activity, your challenge is in two parts. Firstly, can you research how sound is made, how it travels and how we hear it. Write a paragraph explaining the process and add in any diagrams or pictures that will help your explanation. Here are a couple of links to help you...

<https://youtu.be/3-xKZKxXuu0>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgffr82>

Once you have completed that, make your own musical instrument out of recycled materials that you can find around the home - empty cereal boxes, tins, bottles, string, etc. This link has some great ideas to help you...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIZPNP3tibw>

In **English** this week we would have been starting a narrative unit - writing an adventure story about meeting a Celt. Why don't you have a go! Remember to think about the five parts of a story, and use lots of expanded noun phrases to describe the scene and characters.

In **Maths** this week we would have begun a new unit. Time! By the end of year 4, children are expected to be able to read the time on an analogue clock to the nearest minute and convert time between analogue and digital.

Here is a clock game (we put it on the year 4 sheet that came home in March)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/time/teaching-clock>

Here is a set of adding time questions.

[https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/118/adding\\_time\\_word\\_problems#](https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/118/adding_time_word_problems#)



Extra exciting competition alert!

Ferndale are currently battling Abbey Meads Primary school on TT Rockstars. We need YOUR help! Points towards winning the battle can be scored between 9-6pm daily.

### Other ideas for this week:

- Design your own Celtic shield - the shields were used in battle by the Celts and other ancient tribes as their main weapon for defence. Celtic shields were usually oval or elongated oval in shape but they could also be round or hexagon shaped.  
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/celts/shields.html>
- Write your own maths shopping challenge and send it to a friend, challenge your siblings or even your teacher!
- Make a diary for the day, record the times of the activities that you do. Remember to write the time to the nearest minute.
- Fitness challenge... Roll a dice and depending on the number, do the following activities... (if you don't have a dice, write the numbers 1-6 on pieces of paper and draw them out a pot).
  - Roll a 1 = 10 star jumps
  - Roll a 2 = 10 hops on each leg
  - Roll a 3 = 10 burpees
  - Roll a 4 = sprint on the spot for 20 seconds
  - Roll a 5 = the plank for 30 seconds
  - Roll a 6 = 10 squats
- Have a go at a self-portrait like Miss. Salamanca's. It doesn't have to be using watercolours, you could do a pencil sketch and colour it if you have colour pencils.

Take care and stay safe,

Miss Salamanca, Miss Banks & Mrs Barton