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## Newsletter 19

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# St Stephen's Primary Church School

**Happy Friday!**

**Charlcombe Toad Rescue Group...** At a time when so much is different, I wanted to bump this up to the top of the newsletter to remind us that despite everything, the seasonal cycle of nature is reassuringly familiar and normal!

As in previous years, Charlcombe lane will be temporarily closed between 15<sup>th</sup> February and 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to enable amphibians to cross safely. The closure will affect the length of Charlcombe Lane, from the junction with Richmond Road for about 900 metres in a northerly direction. If you or your child would like more information about amphibian conservation, the Froglife website has a Toads on Roads section ([www.froglife.org/toadsonroads](http://www.froglife.org/toadsonroads)) or email [charlcombetoadpatrol@gmail.com](mailto:charlcombetoadpatrol@gmail.com).

**Year 4's very special guest...** We were delighted to welcome author and illustrator Grahame Baker-Smith to work with our online and in-school learners in Year 4 this week.

Daphne and Jacob have written a couple of paragraphs to tell us more:



*Our topic this term has been the amazing book called "The Rhythm of the Rain" by Grahame Baker-Smith. We met Grahame on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 and he showed us his drawings which were fantastic and his dog who was adorable. We also wrote a letter to him and asked him questions.*

*We have been writing a paragraph about the river picture that is in the book. We described it and wrote a diary of a water drop and how it turned from a water drop into a cloud. Then we made models of rivers using modrock.*

We are really grateful to Grahame who was really generous with his time and truly captured the children's imagination.

Have a wonderful weekend, Andy Bowman

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



## Norland College is looking for new placement families...

If you need an extra pair of hands, you may be interested in hosting a Norland student placement. We're looking for families to support our students on their daily and residential placements in Spring and Summer 2021. If you live within an hour's drive of the Bath area and have a child under the age of two years who is at home full-time with you, you could be eligible. All placements are subject to government Covid guidance.

Are you or someone you know interested?

Get in touch by emailing [placements@norland.ac.uk](mailto:placements@norland.ac.uk) to find out more information.

**Climate Corner...** If you're looking for something to watch this weekend, why not check out David Attenborough's latest documentary 'A Perfect Planet' on BBC. Beautifully filmed, as ever, with lots of stunning scenery, amazing creatures and untold stories of the wonder of nature. It looks at major forces acting on Earth - Volcanos, Sun, Weather and Oceans - and more recently Humans! A sobering but insightful look at our impact on our planet and why we need to change.

### Diary Dates...

#### February

12<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 3

22<sup>nd</sup> – Term 4 Begins

#### April

1<sup>st</sup> – End of Term 4

19<sup>th</sup> – Term 5 Begins

#### May

27<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 5 for pupils

28<sup>th</sup> – Inset Day

#### June

7<sup>th</sup> – Term 6 begins

#### July

21<sup>st</sup> – Last day of Term 6

### Online Drum Lessons...

If your child has been inspired to take up a new instrument why not check out our amazing Drum teacher, Mr Jordan Calvert. His drum kit and percussion lessons are available to book remotely whilst in lockdown. There are spaces for drum lessons throughout the day on Wednesdays as well as evenings and weekends. All you need to start is a pair of sticks and perhaps some pots and pans! Full kits and table-top drum pads are also available to hire. Please get in touch with Mr Calvert using this email if you have any questions or queries:

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