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## **Newsletter**

### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Dear parents/carers,

We have all made it! The half term is here. A huge well done to everyone for all their efforts. Thank you to those children who have been attending school, who have adjusted quickly to yet another new routine and engaged with their learning; it has been so lovely to see how independent the children are becoming, particularly with their use of technology to access their daily lessons. Another big thank you to all those children who have been learning from home, your engagement in your lessons has been fantastic! Even though it has been difficult for some of you at times; your perseverance has been exceptional, and you should be extremely proud that you have kept going for the last six weeks. A final thank you to our parents for continuing on this journey of remote learning with very little warning. Your support and encouragement for your children over this last half term has been brilliant. It has been lovely to see so many children engaging in their learning and the wide range of activities posted on Class Dojo each week.

So now it is time to switch off the laptops, put away the activity sheets and have a really well-deserved break with your children doing nothing. Fingers crossed we will have some promised snow and the children can get outside to enjoy that. If not, Miss Scullion has provided the children with a half term challenge to enjoy, this will be available on the Class Dojo pages.

Wishing you a wonderful, relaxing half term break and looking forward to seeing you at school or remotely on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Once again, many thanks for your continual support,

Mrs Cook

### Government Announcements

It was announced by the government several weeks ago that we are hoping to have all the children return to school by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This would be dependent on the rate of infection and the roll out program for vaccinations. Currently, we have had no further information regarding the full school reopening. As soon as we receive any information, we will be informing all our parents. Until then, we will continue to offer our remote learning provision as we have been doing this half term.

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### Teams Meetings

Mrs Lee and I had our last teams' meetings this week with the children. It is so lovely for the children to see each other and an opportunity for them to engage in conversation about their learning activities; things that they have enjoyed and learning that they have found tricky or struggled with. We will continue with these meetings after the half term break, please see the timings below as some of the days and times may have changed: Next half term there will some changes to the timing of our teams' meetings:

**Reception, year 1 and 2 – WEDNESDAY at 1pm**

**Year 3 and 4 – WEDNESDAY at 11am**

**Year 5 and 6 – THURSDAY at 11am**

Remember to log in through your calendar on teams as the meetings will be set up already on there.

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### Learning Packs

Staff have been busy this week collating learning packs for all the children. These packs will have activities for the children to complete after they watch the tutorial or supporting videos for their lesson. All learning packs will be available to collect from school this afternoon - **FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY to MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**. If you are unable to collect your child/rens pack during these dates, don't worry you can always collect them on the first day back after the holidays – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

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### Class Dojo Sites

Following our feedback from our parent questionnaire, we are changing how we upload some of the activities to our dojo site, hopefully making it easier for children and parents to navigate their way around. We have the whole school page, this is where Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Quick will be posting most of their activities (cooking, arts and craft and music).

Each class has a classroom page (this is where most of the learning was posted so far). We have decided to only post the afternoon wider curriculum subjects on here as these will be activities that the whole class will be engaging in. The English and maths for each individual year group will be posted on their individual page (reception to year 6), this will also include specific phonics lessons for a particular year group too. We hope by doing this that children and parents will be able to navigate their way around our Dojo site easier.

All activities for the first week back after the half term holidays will be posted **next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**, giving children and parents time to have a look at the learning for the week ahead.

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### Reading

A big well done to all those children who have continued to keep up with their reading. It has been lovely to see parents and children coming to collect reading books from the lending library we set up several weeks ago. Please remember to keep a record of how your child is engaging in their reading by recording this in their reading record book. This will help to support staff when the children return to school and enable us to engage in conversations about the books your child has read and ensure that we don't give them a book which they've already read. If you have your own books, please feel free to use these over the half term break.

Dear parents and carers,

It looks like an icy start to the half-term holiday next week, so hopefully the children will have a chance to play in the long-awaited snow. We will keep you up to date with how the weather may affect school opening through school gateway and on the school's website.

Staff and families have been working excellently in collaboration over the last couple of months during lockdown, which has been challenging for everyone. Please let me take this opportunity to say how proud I am of how our community has responded to this crisis, keeping everyone safe and continuing to support each other. Thank you to the families that took part in the recent parent/carer surveys, which were very positive. (please see the attached results) If you have any comments or suggestions to help us improve provision, please feel free to contact us.

As school leaders, we are looking forward to welcoming all children back into school as soon as it is safe to do so. The Prime Minister made the announcement a couple of weeks ago that he hopes to start reopening English schools on 8 March, depending on factors including the rate of infection amongst priority groups. But he would not guarantee that this would be before the Easter holidays. The Secretary of State for Education stated that parents and schools would be given at least two weeks' notice, so at that point we can start to plan for a full return to school.

We are prepared to continue the remote and blended learning for as long as it is required but hope that the return to school will be much earlier. We will continue to keep you up to date and thank you for your continued support during this difficult time.

There will be no formal learning sent home over the half term holiday, however, please continue reading and keep active - our Sports and PE specialist from Okehampton College has provided a challenge for the children to undertake (please see the link in Dojo) that I am sure will provide much fun.

Keep safe and have a good break.  
Phil Whittle

### **Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust job vacancy:**

The Trust has an exciting opportunity for an apprentice to join the Central Team in Holsworthy as an Energy & Utilities Apprentice.

View our full recruitment pack on our website: [www.dartmoormat.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.dartmoormat.org.uk/job-vacancies)

**Closing date 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021**



**Northlew & Ashbury Life**  
Group post by Celia Miners · 1 h · 📷

YoooHoo. Coo-ey. Hey you. YES YOU!  
Northlew News Needs You 📷 📷 📷

The Northlew News is a community newsletter, therefore it'd be great if the community helped write it!

So are you, or do you know a, JUNIOR JOURNO? Or a keen AMATEUR JOURNO?? Or do you just like writing? Do you miss it since retiring?? Would it give your mind a workout during these estranged times?

Would you like to interview one of the village elders? Or an interesting older relative? Someone with an interesting back story?

Or would you like to write a film review, or a book review. Do you have a travel tale to tell? Or perhaps fancy a go at writing a short story. Or even sharing a great recipe, even better with a great story to go with it??

Together we can compose a fab newsletter, don't be shy, drop me a message!

If your child would be interested in taking part in this, please get in touch with Celia by emailing [northlewnews@gmail.com](mailto:northlewnews@gmail.com)

# Northlew C of E Primary School

## Learning Overview

**Week 5 beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021**

Subject	Reception	Year 1 and 2		Year 3 and 4		Year 5 and 6	
English	Creature Features: Dinosaurs Non - Fiction Writing			Ask Dr K Fisher Understanding of the book and main and subordinate clauses			
Phonics/spelling	Revisit phase 3 sounds	Revisit phase 5 sounds		Year 3,4 & 5 - Apostrophes		Year 6-Root words	
Maths	White Rose Maths Exploring Shape	White Rose Maths Place Value (within 50)	White Rose Maths Multiplication and division	White Rose Maths Measuring lengths	White Rose Maths Adding and subtracting lengths	White Rose Maths Area and perimeter	White Rose Maths Fractions
Science	Grouping animals			Classification of animals			
Topic	Continents and map work			Continents and map work			
Music	To develop a sense of pulse and rhythm, the children will be imitating rhythm patterns using voices and body percussion this week.			This week the children will start finding out about the families of instruments in an orchestra. They will listen to a virtual performance of 'Nimrod' by Edward Elgar, a famous British composer of the early twentieth century and draw a timeline to show where instruments start playing and finish.			
Forest School	Ice Window Pictures			Ice Window Pictures			
PSHE	Live life and learn in lock down			Live, laugh and learn in Lockdown			
RE	Creation: What is God the creator like?			People of God: Who is Noah?			
PE	Weekly challenge from Miss Scullion			Weekly challenge from Miss Scullion			
Art/DT	I can mix primary colours together and create a colour wheel.			To learn about the artist, Henri Rousseau and to evaluate his paintings.			

Please find an outline above of the lessons we will be covering this week. All links to all the lessons, are on the class dojo. Staff will be uploading videos and tutorials to help support the children with different subjects. Again, all links to these will be on the class dojo, children just need to click on the link to view the lessons.

We are asking that children complete 5 lessons of English and maths each week, how you complete these lessons we are leaving to each household to decide. All worksheets for all the lessons will be provided in your learning packs which are available to collect each FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Our weekly teams' meetings have now been set up with years 1 to 6. These weekly meetings will give the children the opportunity to discuss their learning with their class teacher and provide an opportunity for some direct teaching. Please note the time of your child/ren's meetings below:

Each Wednesday	Year 3 and 4	11am
Each Thursday	Year 5 and 6	11am
Each Wednesday	Year 1 and 2	1pm

Once again, if there is *anything* we can support you with, please do not hesitate to contact us directly at school on 01409 221 420 or by email: [admin@northlew.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northlew.devon.sch.uk)





DEVON &  
SOMERSET  
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

# Your Fire Service needs YOU!

As we are still unable to visit our schools for the annual fire safety talks, we still want households with children to be aware of the importance of having working smoke alarms.

If you don't have working smoke alarms then you can call  
**0800 05 02 999** to request a **free HOME SAFETY CHECK**  
(quote code : 294)

And if you or someone you know answers "yes" to at least one of these questions:

- is over 65 years old?
- finds it difficult to move around?
- can't hear things very well?
- smokes?
- doesn't have one smoke alarm for each level of their home?
- has NO smoke alarms?

They can also request a free **HOME SAFETY CHECK** by calling **0800 05 02 999**



  
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## VIRTUAL OPEN MORNING SATURDAY 20TH MARCH, 9.30AM

**COME ALONG TO OUR VIRTUAL OPEN MORNING AND DISCOVER MORE  
ABOUT WHAT MAKES US SO SPECIAL.**

Finding the right school for your son or daughter makes all the difference and at Shebbear College we celebrate the individual, helping each pupil to find their spark and achieve great things at school and beyond.

Although we can't meet you in person, we are looking forward to welcoming prospective families virtually to Shebbear College on Saturday 20th March at 9.30am. You will have the opportunity to hear from all of our departments, find out about our co-curricular offering and remote learning programme and meet our key staff and some of our pupils in a live Question & Answer session.

All ages are welcome – so whether you are interested in our Pre-School, Pre-Prep (Years R, 1 & 2), Prep School (Years 3-6), Senior School (Years 7 - 11) or Sixth Form – please do join us!

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Please contact Emily, our Registrar, on 01409 282009 or [admissions@shebbearcollege.co.uk](mailto:admissions@shebbearcollege.co.uk) for more information.

# Class 1's Learning This Week



In our Science learning about our 5 senses, Dylan said that he could hear sheep this morning and drew a baby lamb in the mummy sheep's tummy. Dylan said he loves baby lambs.



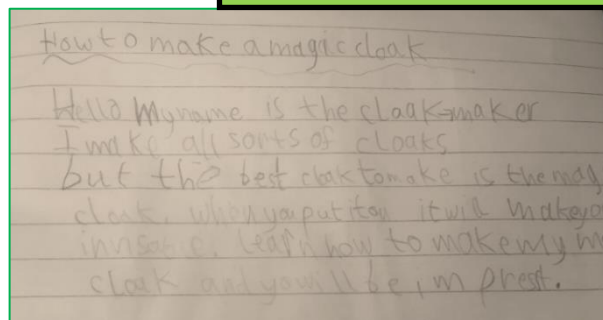
Reception children thoroughly enjoyed being balance scales to investigate heavier and lighter objects in their maths learning.



In his maths learning this week, Zac has been using different objects and manipulatives to demonstrate his understanding of his problems. Great work Zac!!

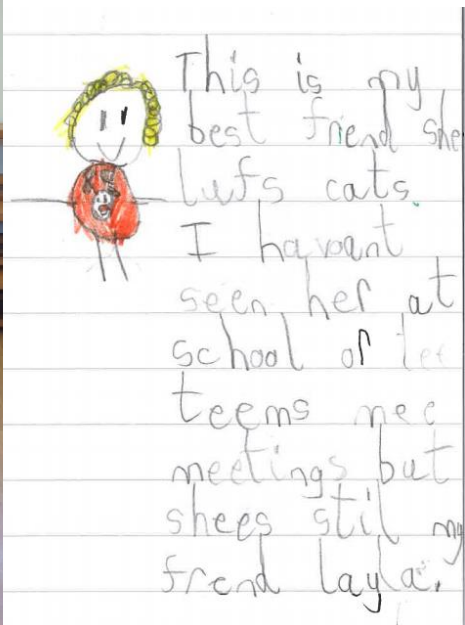


Laila created a fantastic piece of writing on 'How to Make a Magic Cloak' following our information writing in our English sequence.





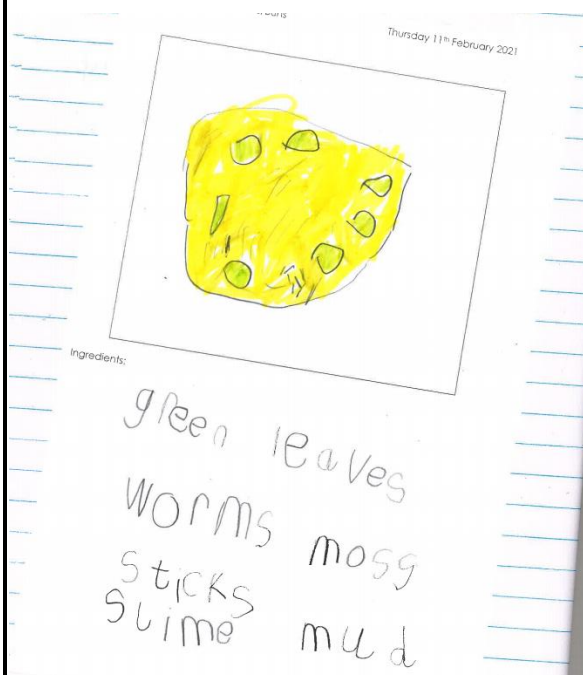
Class 1 were measuring the girth of a tree by seeing how many hugs it took to get all the way around. Zac found he had to do 3 hugs.



Hannah wrote a lovely piece of writing in PSHE talking about friendship with Laila.

Hannah completed Miss Scullion's weekly PE challenge which this week was to see how many star jumps you could do in 60 seconds.

In the Forest School mud kitchen, Ellie created her own mud cake and then drew a picture of it and then neatly wrote a list of ingredients for it using her phonics sounds to help her with some of the words.



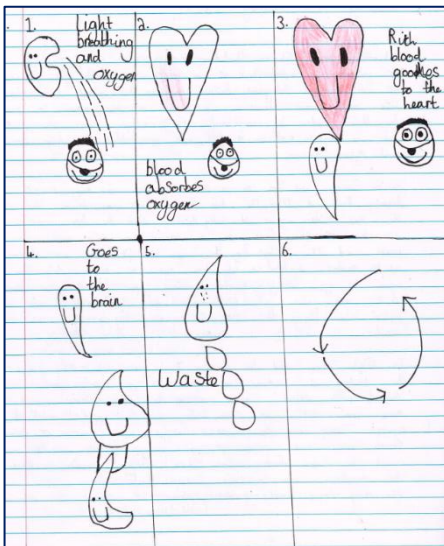
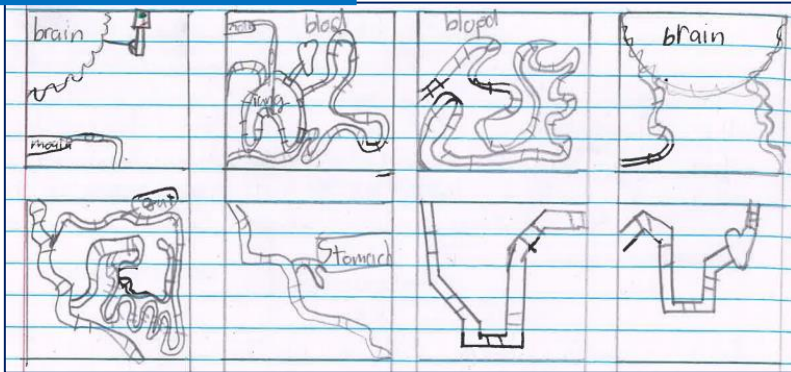
Alfie & Esmé enjoyed experimenting with different sounds using the Music Chrome Lab software.





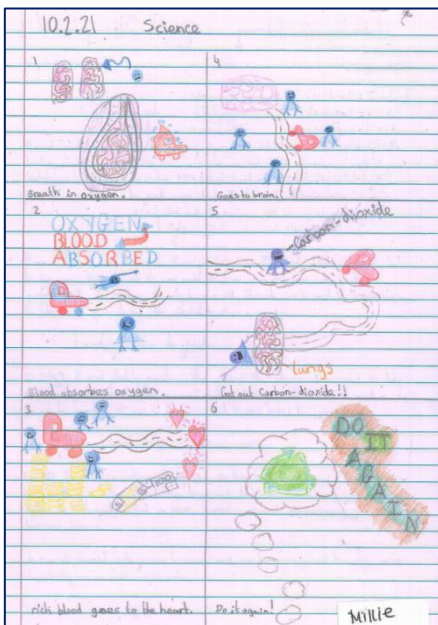
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Charlie D drew the blood vessels in the body.

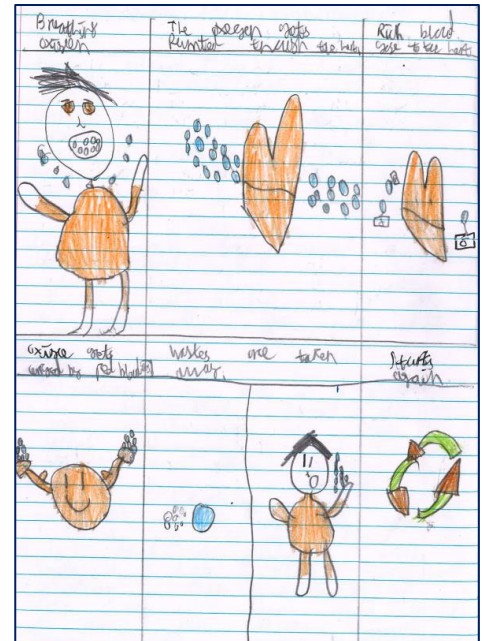


Jake knew that oxygen is absorbed and carried by red blood cells.

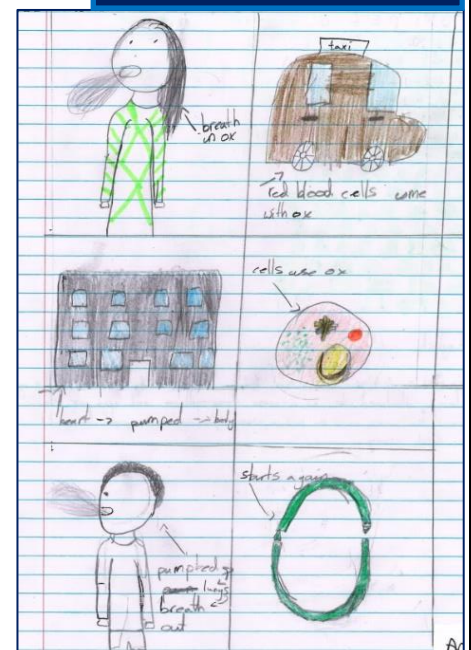
We were really impressed with the learning that Class 2 did on understanding the cardiovascular system. The children drew a cartoon strip to show how red blood cells carry oxygen around the body. Each child really thought carefully about how to present this. Well done Class 2!



Millie showed how oxygen is transported around our bodies by red blood cells each time we take a breath.



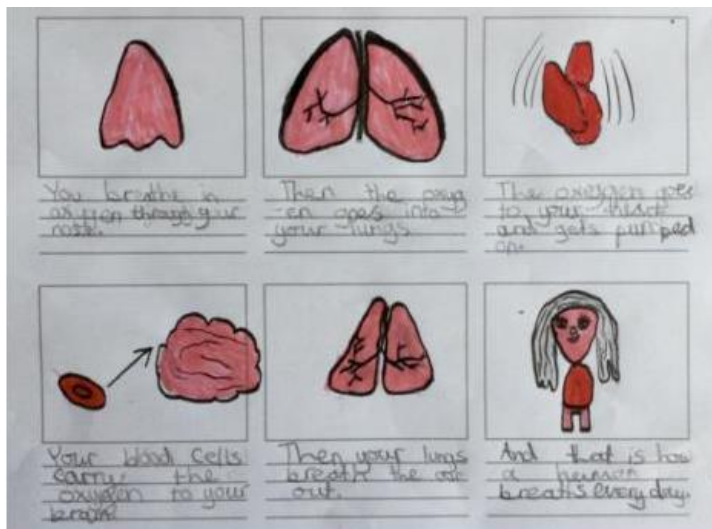
Hayden showed how the heart pumps the blood.



Amelie knew the blood carried oxygen around to each cell and took away waste products.





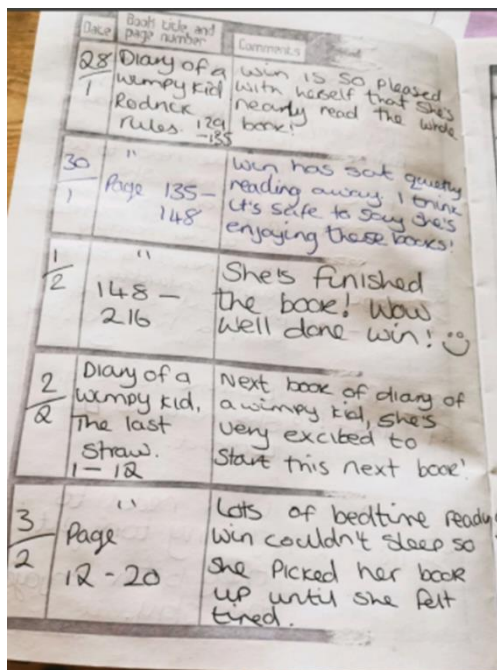


Sienna has created a beautifully detailed comic strip to explain what happens when humans breathe, it is a brilliant, clear explanation. Well done, Sienna!

Darcie has been using her maths skills practically this week by steadily measuring amounts this week. Well done Darcie.

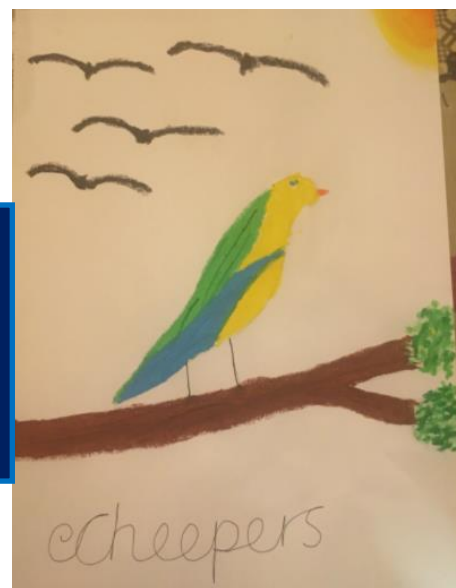


Lily has also been doing lots of exercise this week and has found a new companion to do it with! It is great to see all the learning that you have been doing Lily and hope you have been enjoying your walks with your new puppy.



It is great to see that Winnie has found a series of books that she has really engaged with. Well done Winnie for continuing to read daily and record this in your reading record.

Aoife has been bird watching this week and has made a beautiful picture of one of the birds she spotted. A fantastic way of applying your observation skills.



Well done for keeping up with the January exercise challenge Northlew! Kieran has made a huge contribution to this this week doing a total of 435 minutes this week! Well done Kieran and keep up the exercise.

Days	Activity	Minutes spent doing it
Monday	Long walk	2h
Tuesday	Walk	20 min
Wednesday	dog walk	15 min
Thursday	bike ride	45 min
Friday	run	1h
Saturday	Bike ride	2h
Sunday	dog walk	45 min
Total amount of time		7h 45 min