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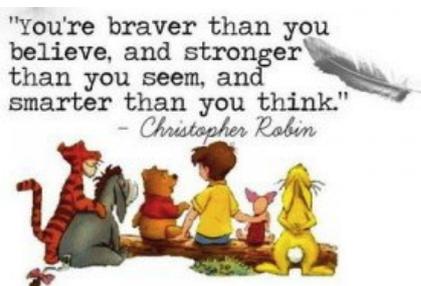
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Thursday 7th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to start this week by thanking you all for continuing to work with us to support your child with their home-schooling. I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of our staff who are supporting your children either in school or remotely, many of whom have their own families to home-school at the moment as well. They have all worked so hard since 'closure', and continue to adapt and seek the best resources to support you from their homes. Indeed, as a parent of two myself, I can assure you from personal experiences, that I really do understand the many challenges and anxieties that home-schooling presents. We also understand that different people have different needs, which may change from day to day, and that you each have unique home circumstances. Please remember you are:



On Sunday we are expecting Boris Johnson to address the nation, sharing with us their plans for easing lockdown and when this may happen. I understand that if they release information about planned return to school that this news will be greeted by the whole community with a whole host of emotions and that this may cause some anxiety, so it is really important that as a school we take a measured, considered and thoughtful approach. If we are to open, even if it is partially, I will plan for this carefully, so I will be meeting with my Chair of Governors and the Great Learners Trust for the first half of next week. Once we have formulated a plan, I will be writing to you towards the end of next week to share our plans with you.

This coming Friday 8 May is a Bank Holiday. Although it will not feel like a normal 'holiday' weekend, we believe it is important that we all, you included, take a break from home-schooling and have a well-deserved rest. Therefore, we do not expect the children to complete work on this day and will resume with our remote teaching and learning from next Monday 11th May.

Thank you for your continued support. I want to leave you with some quotes sent to us from Jessie in Year 6 (thanks Jessie for making us smile).....



Look after yourselves and take care  
Mr Faulkner



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## Preschool

Rainbow children have had a great week of exploring work set by their teachers. Year 1 have been working on 'The Very Busy Spider' story whilst FS on 'Little Red Riding Hood'. This was embedded into their literacy, numeracy and phonics work for the week including written and practical activities. We have all also been exploring VE Day, what it is and why we celebrate it. We are ending our week by having a picnic lunch to mark the event with fab bunting that the children have been busy making all week.



During Free choice exploration time we have been builders, gardeners and postmen. We have planted lots of fruit and vegetable seeds that were kindly donated by one of our parents. We are looking forward to looking after them and watching them grow over the coming weeks.

Some of the children's explorations in the Mud kitchen started off with potion making using our plants and herbs. This was then extended to exploring herbs and ended by some of the children making their own mint tea with honey to sell and take home. Practitioners are doing a fab job both in the setting and at home setting activities for the children as well as video stories/songs to keep them all busy and motivated.

## Foundation

Little Red Riding Hood has been a success this week. We have seen some brilliant story maps, sorry cards to Granny, puppet making. We have also had lots of photos of you exploring items that float and sink and measuring toys and family using rulers and tape measures. Please continue sharing your lovely activities. If you are having issues with Tapestry then please email class teachers to keep communication - you can attach photos or just share a few things that you have been doing at home, we love seeing and hearing from you.

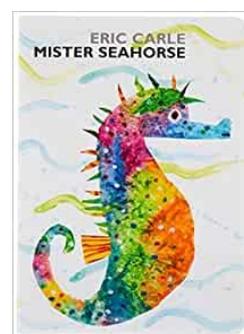


## Year 1

Dear year 1. We hope you are all staying safe and looking after all your families. Yet again we have had another fantastic week learning about Eric Carle and reading The Very Busy Spider. The work you have uploaded has been wonderful and you should all be very proud. We have particularly enjoyed watching the videos as we loved hearing your voices and seeing your faces. We miss you all very much.

Next week we will be reading Mister Seahorse. Keep up all the good work and stay safe.

From All of year 1 x x x



## Year 2

This week year 2 have been working very hard at looking at poetry features. They have been looking at rhyming words, onomatopoeia, alliteration and similes. They will then use all these features to create their own poems in the style of Roald Dahl. For project they have been doing amazing research on inspirational people.

We've had some children present information about Usain Bolt, Kadeena Cox, Roald Dahl, and many more who have had a positive impact. In Maths, year 2 have still been looking at multiplication, and patterns in addition and subtraction.

The year 2 team would like to congratulate all the children for working really hard. It makes us very proud to see your amazing work. We hope you have a great bank holiday weekend celebrating VE day. Take care and stay safe!

From Team Year 2





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### Year 3

Hi year 3! Thank you once again for an amazing week of work produced. Mr Saltzer and I have seen some great shadow puppets, work on fractions, family trees and pages for your projects all about you and your family. We have also loved seeing all of the other fun things you have been up to so keep uploading your videos and pictures! We are very proud of your efforts and are very lucky to teach such conscientious children! We hope you have a relaxing long weekend and are staying safe and well!

Mrs Price and Mr Saltzer  
xxx



### Year 4

Hello Year 4! We can't believe we've come to the end of yet another busy week. Many of you have been producing some great work and it has been lovely to have a look at it all. You've written letters to your future selves, reminding your older selves of what we've learnt to be important, whilst some of you have found amazing ways of keeping your creative juices flowing (science experiments, art, gardening, baking etc...) Keep going year 4, you're all doing a fantastic job!

Love always, Mrs Burgess and Mrs Pullen x

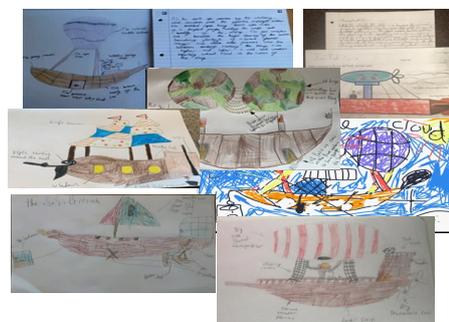


### Year 5

Year 5 are currently reading 'Brightstorm' by Vashti Hardy

This week we have designed our own airships and written detailed descriptions to explain the important features.

We have been really impressed with the science investigations we have seen this week too. Next week will be another week of science fun, we'd love to share some of this work in the next newsletter. Remember to post pictures of these as well as letting us know about the other fun things you've been doing at home. Sending love to you and your families, The Year 5 team.



### Year 6

Year Six have had another busy week with lots of great work being sent to us on Class Dojo. We have been writing promotional material for our model theatres as well as using our scientific knowledge to provide our theatres with necessary lighting.

It has been so hard to decide who to award some special recognition to this week as so many children are working so incredibly hard every day!! Our special recognition goes to Rida who completes all work set to a very high standard and also racks up lots of study time on Century. Also, Jessie has shown a really mature attitude towards learning, taking screenshots of tricky work on Century to ask for extra help and then trying again. This is a great learning attitude and I'm so proud of her. Thomas in 6S has had a fantastic week, sending some brilliant videos for his model theatre. Finally, we would like to recognise Fraser who has continued to work incredibly hard whilst at home, showing a fantastic attitude to his learning.

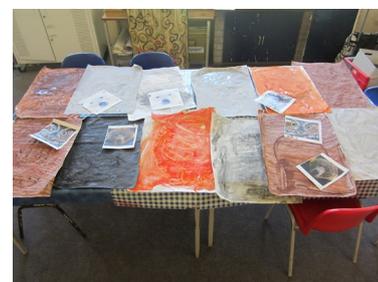




## This week in school

Last week children made rainbow badges in support of the great work being done by the NHS. Here are some proud children wearing them.

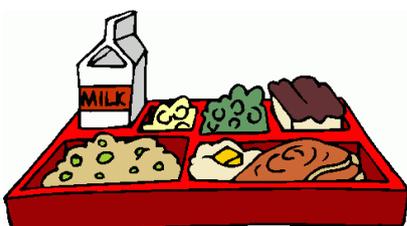
This week there has been more activity on the giant predator faces. Fur and feathers are vital so the children used the wax resist method to cover sheets of paper creating the right textures required. Next week we will tear up the paper in preparation for gluing to the animals. Take care everyone. Mrs Mitchell



## Free School Meals

If you receive one of the following benefits you may be entitled to Free School Meals. During school closure families receive vouchers to use in their chosen supermarkets.

- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based (not contribution-based) Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- The guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit.
- Income-related employment and support allowance Children who receive IS or IBJSA in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Where they are entitled to Child Tax Credit and also Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school meals.



If you think you are eligible to claim, we encourage you to do so as each valid claim attracts additional funding to the school .

Please contact the school office and they will be happy to help you with your application.



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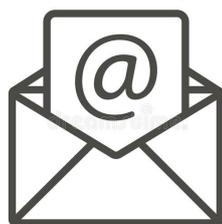


## Facebook Family Lockdown Tips and Ideas!

### Fri-YAY Challenge!!

Each week on Friday we will post out Fri-YAY Challenge! We want you to post a pic of something that made you happy this week. We hope that this will cheer us up, show what is possible and share the love.

Thank you so much.



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