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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations Mums and Dads! You are doing an amazing job with home learning. We are seeing some excellent work from your children. We are all missing your children very much, and look forward to seeing them again soon. Our priority of course will be keeping everyone safe and following government guidelines.

I would like to say a big thank you all the teachers and teaching assistants. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated team. Believe it or not, we are working really hard behind the scenes. We've all improved our technical skills in providing daily home learning and marking your children's work. We are having lots of meetings planning for our return, ensuring we are providing an appropriate curriculum that takes into consideration the time children haven't been in school.

Before the teachers take over the next part of this newsletter I want to say congratulations to two budding authors. We have two children Eva Sims and Florence Herbert who entered the BBC 500 words competition have been chosen to the next round!!! Well done to both of you.

## Early Years

Reception have been very busy with their home learning! We have loved being kept up to date with everything they've been up to through their online learning journals. They particularly enjoyed a Space themed week and showed their learning in so many different ways. Here a just a few examples of some of their super work. Keep up the good work reception!



## Key Stage 1

### Year 1

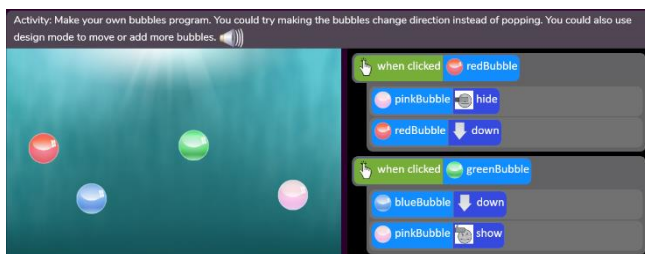
Y1 have been keeping very busy with their home learning. We've seen lots of fantastic descriptive writing this week based on the Literacy Shed animation 'Taking Flight' and on their own walks in the park. The children have also written very imaginative descriptions of the lands at the top of the Faraway Tree. They have been keeping up their maths and phonics learning too – thanks to all the parents who have sent in photos of their work. We've also had lots of news about nature walks, weather diaries, rain collectors and bird watching! Y1 are learning in so many ways!

### Year 2

Thank you to all the parents and children for all their hard work on completing their home learning tasks over the last few weeks. We have been really impressed with work you have produced – keep it up! It has been great to see the children engaged with our Fire of London topic. After reading a story about how the Fire of London happened they produced some brilliant art work on Purple Mash.



Year 2 have also been busy working on their coding skills. We have been thoroughly impressed with the coding the children have done, especially from children who have challenged themselves by adding extra code like sound effects.



In PSHE the children have been thinking about themselves and what their goals are for the future. They have thought carefully about what job they might like to do and what they need to do in order to achieve this.

**My Ambition**

I would want to be a vet because i love animals and i dont want them to get hurt.  
I would like to work in Hitchin with every animal in the UK,if it shut down i will work in Australias vets.  
I will help people by saving their pets.  
i gotta find a way to make them better.

**My Ambition**

When I'm an adult I want to be a teacher. My Grannie Fiona and my Mummy always tell me I was born to be a teacher!

My little brother aged 4, has lessons from a phonics teacher called Cher who usually travels to people's houses to teach them. Because of the Corona Virus, Cher can't go anywhere only stay at home. She teaches the children using a screen like a phone or an ipad or laptop. I would love a job like hers when I am older, because I like teaching my little brother things and Cher teaches him phonics songs like "a a ants on my arm". It seems like fun.

Another ambition is to learn the piano because then I can also show the little ones songs I have learnt, on the piano.

## Lower Key Stage 2

The year 3&4 teachers are so proud of all the children in their classes. We have been impressed by the effort that you're putting into your home learning and we are really enjoying seeing pictures and hearing on the blog about all the lovely things that you've been getting up to at home. Year 3 have made some fantastic Ramadan leaflets – have a look on the display boards on Purple Mash to see some fantastic examples.



Last week year 3 were thinking musically and have decided to create their own version of True Colours. Dylan Harmer in Elm class sent Mrs Butterworth a fantastic video, complete with super effective rock star make up on, of him having band rehearsal with his sister in the garden. What a great idea Dylan this sounds like great fun! In Ash class James Starr has made a fantastic hedgehog house and Lily Day has made a bug house hotel.

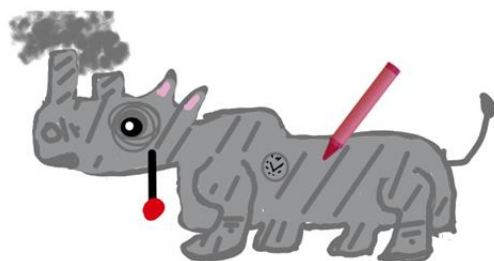


In year 4 we have seen some fantastic pieces of work, from your steam powered rhinos designs, volcano fact files to your history work looking at artefacts from the Shang Dynasty.

Mrs Farnell really enjoyed watching the video from Max Barclay telling her all about the prayer space model that he made as part of his RE learning. A big well done to Maya Blenford for writing a brilliant newspaper report all about a volcano erupting.



Miss Shepherd was very impressed with the steam powered rhino design by Annabelle Holder and the Snoozatron design by Naffeesa Monsur.



My Steam powered rhino is made out of copper and is kept clean everyday!! It has a clock like fuel teller on its left side which tells me how much steam it has in it. It has two horns like a steam train on above its nose. These two horns act lie pumps to let out the steam. Around the area of its eye is a lever wich makes it huff like the horn of a steam train! He is very shiny and simple to draw/make! hehehe



To all the children in year 3&4, well done for your incredibly hard work and positive attitude during these difficult times.



## Upper Key Stage 2

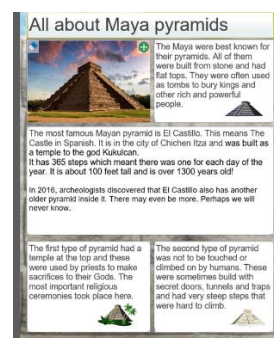
Y5 children and parents have fully immersed themselves in their Shakespeare learning with our sources telling us that there's some parent-led drama going on at home; Mum's playing Lady Macbeth and Dad's playing Macbeth, releasing inhibitions and getting into character! We think this is brilliant and cannot wait to hear the stories when we eventually get back into school.

Also, we are very lucky to have Keira's uncle, who played Macbeth at the Globe Theatre last year, send in some pictures and will be participating in an interview soon!



In year 6 pupils have seamlessly transferred themselves from experts of WW2 to discoverers of The Mayan Civilisation. We had some fantastic pyramid creations sent to us and excellent information shared on Purple Mash.

We have also seen some excellent collaborative work, with siblings and also with friends communicating between houses! It is great to see how resourceful all of the pupils in year 6 are being. Below is the beginning of a game, created for The Maya, which can be found on the Beech Display board.



## **Mayan Game: Bone Book Bash, brought to you by Ivy Nicholls and Sophie Carmichael**

**7+**

You will need:

- Ink - made from coal
- Turkey feather quill
- 5 cuboid bones (we will tell you how to get these later) from a sheep
- Two team+. A team can consist of 1 player

We are incredibly impressed with the continued resilience and efforts from all of our children and look forward to seeing what they create next!

## Sports Update

I have been posting daily PE activities on our new PE twitter account - @SamuellucasPE1. The account is locked so you will need to request to follow us on there. The activities are posted every morning and are optional (please don't feel obligated to try and squeeze it in every day).

Everything that is posted should be achievable with objects around the house or



garden. If you are happy to post videos of your children in action they will only be able to be viewed by anyone who follows the account. It's a really nice way of keeping in touch and seeing the children being active.

Mr.Smith

**Term Dates 2019/2020**

Bank Holiday	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Half-Term break	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Occasional Day*	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Term Ends 2pm	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
INSET Day*	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
INSET Day*	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

\*Children do not attend school on INSET Days or on the OCCASIONAL day

Yours sincerely,



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