

Welcome:

Happy New Year - welcome to 2021 as we find ourselves back in lockdown! As brief



as it was (only 1 day) it was wonderful to see all the children back in school following the Christmas break, we are only so sorry that it was not for longer. As always, we continue to be open for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children and we are extremely grateful for all the work that the NHS staff in particular are doing to keep us as safe as possible.

This edition of the EPS Update (lockdown special) is highlighting the wonderful work that is coming in from all those children who are learning from home. We recognise and appreciate the difficulties that families are facing trying to meet the demands of jobs, school work, normal living and well-being. You are all doing an amazing job and we have been so impressed with the work that is coming back to us through the Google Classrooms - very well done, keep it up for now and we just hope we can have children back into school when deemed safe.

Y2:

When learning about the Victorians, one thing always springs to mind and that, of course, is the classic Victoria Sponge. We think these are just brilliant and hope that they tasted as good as they looked.



Continuing with Maths, it is not easy to demonstrate 3 groups of 5 unless you get really creative with your fingers and toes!! Well done Y2 - we love seeing all the work you are handing in - keep it up.

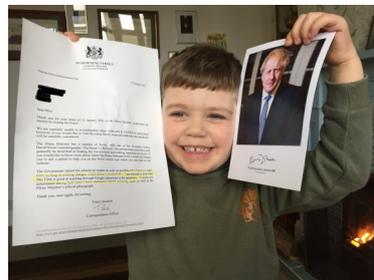


EYFS:

The usual, wonderful variety of tasks are continuing for the children in

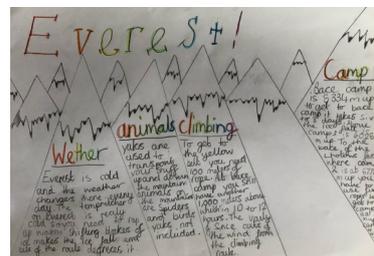


EYFS even though they are working from home. Over the last few weeks we have had all sorts of pictures sent in including a brilliant puppet video of Goldilocks and the Three Bears (click on the picture above to watch this film), a delicious looking Gruffalo cake and a reply to a letter writer from none other than the Prime Minister himself, Boris Johnson. Well done to all the children (and parents/carers) for keeping going on your learning, we love seeing your pictures and your work so please keep on sending in what you have been up to.



Y5:

Adventures, expeditions and explorations in mountain ranges has been the focus for Y5 children, learning all about the geography and habitats of mountains as well as the risks that climbers face - these, of course, include coming across the legendary, fearsome Yetis! Well done Y5 - keep climbing that mountain!



Staff News:

Congratulations to Mrs Betts on the birth of Jamie Lachlan on 14th January 2021. We all look forward to being able to meet him once we are allowed visitors back in school.



Y1:

At home Year One have been busy improving sentences and writing the story "Somebody Swallowed Stanley", as well as creating some amazing under the sea craft.



Stanley
Stanley is a stripy orange plastic bag that floated into the deep blue sea.
Suddenly a long whale came and swallowed Stanley.
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Y3:

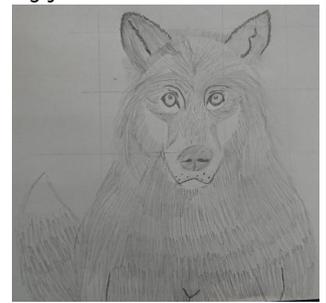
Y3 have been learning about Judaism and have enjoyed making their own Torah Scrolls along with a Yad (pointer) and even having a go at writing in Hebrew. They have also been challenged to create a scene for a fairy tale in preparation for writing their own including the features that appear in so many traditional tales. There has even been time for baking breakfast muffins, really good timing as they were part of birthday celebrations too!



Y4:

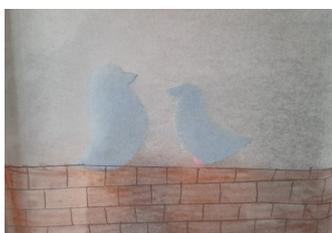
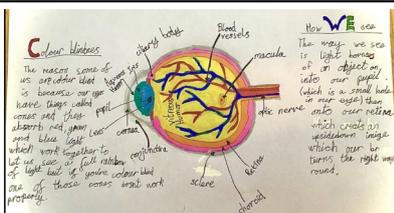


Using The Lorax as a starting point Y4 have been learning all about the environment and writing persuasive reports on how to save plastic and reduce waste. They also considered the impact on wildlife once their habitats are changed, especially the wolves in Yellowstone National Park. Their Lorax landscape paintings were all really bright and colourful. Y4 children are working really hard and we are so proud of everything they are achieving whilst away from school - well done.



Y6:

Alongside their regular Maths & English Tasks, Y6 enjoyed a special day all about optometry and specifically the effects around colour-blindness. This included writing a letter to the makers of the game Frustration to point out the difficulties people with colour blindness have playing the game. Y6 also made shadow puppets and we particularly liked the simplicity of this film to the song "two little birds". Click on the picture below to see the film.



Well done Y6, you are working incredibly hard and especially well done to those who are working independently, allowing parents/carers to get on with their work.

Coming Up:

Mon 1 - Fri 5 Feb: Children's Mental Health Week
Sat 6 Feb & Fri 12 Feb: EPTFA Cook along
Mon 15 - Fri 19 Feb: Half Term Holiday (School Closed)
Sat 27 Feb: EPTFA Virtual Quiz Night

We are awaiting further guidance on re-opening school wider - please continue to access home learning through your Google Classrooms.

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