

Welcome:

As the first signs of Spring are gradually poking through we cannot wait to have all the children back in school with us from Monday 8th March - we have really missed you all. Unlike when the children returned to school in September 2020, there have not been further changes to routines. So school will look and feel similar to how it did during the Autumn term. Classrooms are laid out in the same way, children still have their own resource packs, lunches are still in the classrooms, and of course – still lots of handwashing! As a school we have always prioritised emotional wellbeing, and now more so than ever. During the first few weeks back there will be a heavy focus on wellbeing and helping the children settle back into school life. Our school is part of the NHS Healthy Minds Project and we will continue to incorporate their advice into our daily practice. Please talk to your child about how they are feeling, and reassure them that their feelings are normal. Try also to help them remember the positives which they enjoyed before and talk about things in the future which they can all look forward to.



World Record:

Many families have been enjoying the regular cook-along sessions with Raheel and Isla since the first lock down nearly a year ago. This month they decided to go REALLY big and attempt to beat the world record of 177 people cooking simultaneously. They chose chicken (or tofu) butter curry for the event and were adjudicated by the official Guinness Book of World Records. It was later announced on the One Show that they had smashed the previous record with a massive 532 people participating on the night. CONGRATULATIONS. The One Show report also featured Lois (and her Dad) preparing for the event. Please do click [here](#) to watch the televised report (from 16:05).



SCH Bears:

The Sheffield Children's Hospital are running another trail all over Sheffield this Summer (similar to the Herd of Sheffield a couple of years ago). This time the theme is bears. As a school we raised the required sponsorship from running the Sheffield 10K (in September 2019 - it has taken this long!) to have our own Ecclesall Primary School bear. It will be decorated using the children's designs around a theme of "Lions & Tigers and Bears, Oh My!" The children have been busy submitting their designs so far and we can't wait to see the project take shape over the next few weeks under the watchful eye of Mrs Chester.



Y3 Chinese New Year:

Following on from their work about Chinese New Year, when they learnt about the various Zodiac animals and then created their own Zodiac wheels, the children in Y3 spent time designing and decorating their own willow pattern plates.



Y4:

Who would have thought that there is so much “stuff” inside our bodies? The children in Y4 have been finding out about our digestive systems (including all the yucky bits) and have made some fantastic junk models of the digestive system.



KS2 Sensory Room:

Over the half term holiday the little “space” between 2 of the Y5 classrooms was transformed into a sensory room for the children to learn, relax, inspire and explore. It has an underwater theme to it complete with a shipwreck, friendly octopus (Tangly), jelly fish, stingrays and lots of fantastical sea creatures designed by the children in Y5. We can't wait to see the room being used and the impact that it will have on all the children. Thank you very much to Vivien Willatt, who, along with Ms Kay, designed and created this wonderful resource. Click [here](#) to see a short video of the process.



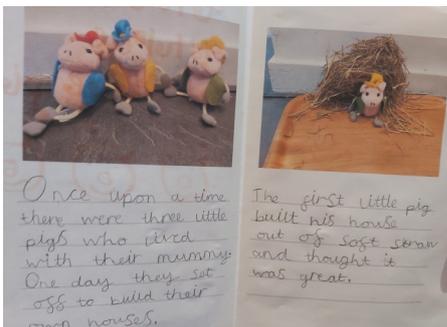
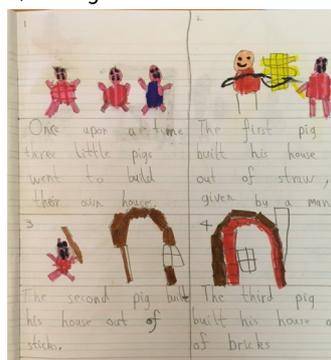
Y2:

What is it like to live in Africa?



The children in Y2 have continued to hand in some beautiful work through their Google Classroom. They have been researching Africa and making comparisons to living in the UK. They compared schools, food, living accommodation and physical features of the landscape.

They have also been producing storyboards of the Three Little Pigs - we were very impressed with their recount and vocabulary skills as well as the beautiful and creative presentation of their work. Well done Y2, keep up the hard work.

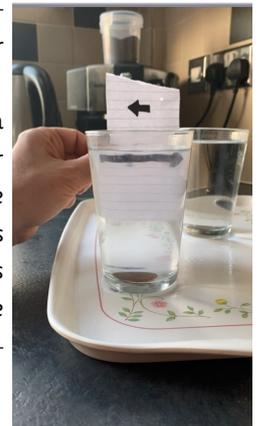


Y6 Refraction Video:

Wow - you just have to watch this video from Daniel in Y6 (click on the picture) - it will blow your mind!

Y6 have been learning all about the eye and light and have carried out all sorts of kitchen experiments. We have loved seeing your work and especially the videos.

Being a successful scientist is often more about asking questions rather than knowing answers and there have certainly been plenty of questions asked about this video and others that have been sent in through the Google Classroom. Well done Y6 scientists - keep it up.



Coming Up:

Sat 27 February: EPTFA Virtual Quiz Night

Thurs 4 March: World Book Day

Mon 8th March: All children return to school

Mon 15 March: National Science Week

Thurs 1 April: Last day of term

Mon 19 April: Return to School for Summer Term

Please also see our parents' calendar here:

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/calendar/>