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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please enjoy our second newsletter showcasing pupils learning and activities for this week. Your children have been a credit to you and the school during what is a testing time for us all. The positivity from the pupil's accessing Google Classrooms; work packs and the general communication with the staff has been a joy to observe.

I want to particularly mention the children coming into the school building every day (key worker's children). What a set of mature, polite and happy children. It is incredibly hard for them to continue schooling in the building without their peers but continue they do! The smiles and waves from them as they enter the school gates melts the heart!

Please keep yourself safe and have a lovely weekend.  
With best wishes,

Mrs Mary D Brown  
Headteacher



In school this week...

We've been following a routine each day - enjoying English, Maths and RE every morning, with Art or D&T afternoon. The children have logged on to Google Classroom each morning, keeping in touch with peers, completing the activities set by their teacher. We've also made a lovely display in the corridor, which has been added to our April working wall, using graffiti to send positive messages of love to the world. These are filled with positive messages and inspirational words for all our loved ones at this time, thinking about how the world can come together despite staying apart.



Last week, there were various sports taking place in school. Children started with 'Wake Up and Shake Up', followed by further developing the skills in football, basketball and netball.

Athletics, tennis and cricket (whilst keeping our distance!) were also enjoyed during the day. Everyone improved their technique too!

Year 6

Once again we have had another productive week of learning in Year 6: whether the children have been at home or in school, Google Classroom has united us all for the second week. We have just commenced our class novel: Wonder by R.J. Palacio and the children have also been completing Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar activities alongside this. Our Maths work has been based around area and perimeter but the children are still completing daily arithmetic challenges and White Rose Maths Problems of the Day are proving to be a hit! We have started our humanities topic based upon our local area, our question is: Middlesbrough: Is it really just small town in Europe? After the amazing entries we received for the engineering competition, we are excited to be entering the Cleveland Bridge Competition which is looking to inspire the next generation of bridge builders and wants to see how creative pupils can be - watch this space!



## Year 5

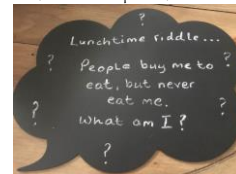
In Year 5, we have had a great week on Google Classroom, where the children have completed tasks in English, Maths, RE, Science and Geography. We have studied the story of The Great Kapok Tree in English and produced a persuasive letter to stop deforestation. In Maths, we have been learning how to convert between metric and imperial units of measurement. We have continued preparing for Lent with our RE work and the children have produced some extremely creative designs linking to the word sacrifice. Overall, we have seen lots of fabulous pieces of work! Well done for all your hard work on Google Classroom Year 5 - you are making us all proud. We can't wait to see you again soon!

## Year 3/4

This week, Year 3/4 have been working very hard on Google Classroom. In English, we have been using a photo stimulus to base our task around. So far we have used an image from Rumpelstiltskin, an image of a Queen Bee and a picture of an animal town. The children have all really enjoyed completing these activities and have produced some fantastic work. The MyMaths website has been used to complete tasks based around statistics including data handling, interpreting data and looking at different types of charts and graphs, and children have been completing times table activities to improve their rapid recall! In RE, we have started our new topic called 'Self-Discipline'. Our Big Question is: Is self-discipline important in life? The children researched a person who has excelled in something and thought about how that person has shown self-discipline.

Many of our children have been keeping fit and active in many ways including Joe Wicks' 9am lesson! They have also been taking part in our daily drawing challenge and have produced some lovely art work. Every lunch time, the children are enjoying

Miss Hoy-Taylor's daily riddle and teachers are regular posting links to creative, different activities for the children to enjoy. Year 3/4 have worked so hard this week and we are so proud of them!



## Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy this week with even more children accessing Google Classroom. The children have been working hard investigating money; they have been finding different amounts of money, giving change and solving money-related problems. The children have also completed some SPAG quizzes, which they have thoroughly enjoyed. To finish our Science topic 'Everyday Materials', the children have researched the inventor John McAdam and created Fact Files. Everyone is continuing to show their kindness to others with rainbow artwork, displayed in their windows for the community to see.



## Year 1

In Year 1 this week, we have continued to learn about the Traditional Tale, Little Red Riding Hood. We have enjoyed designing a cake to give to Grandma, writing a set of instructions using imperative verbs and creating a wanted poster to help find the wolf! In Maths, we have started to learn about money! We have used real coins, learning their names and different values. We have also been adding the coins together to find the cost of an ice-cream and buying imaginary toys from our toy shop. The children are using the Google Classroom stream to ask questions and keep in touch daily. We have really enjoyed receiving photographs of your work and other activities you have been enjoying at home this week.

Keep it up!

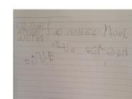


## Reception

This week, Reception have had lots of fun being creative and enjoying lots of different home learning challenges. One of the challenges was to draw a picture of the very 'wiggly' caterpillars and explain what changes they could see. The work that we have received was brilliant. Well done everyone!

Lots of our Reception children and their siblings have been enjoying joining in with the live Joe Wicks workout first thing on a morning. We have loved seeing their photographs and watching the videos!

The children have also reflected on their first week of 'Home School' and tried hard to write a sentence describing their favourite part. Number fun, phonics and tricky word work have been part of their activities too. We are super proud of how all the children are adapting and enjoying their home school learning. Well done everyone, keep it up!



## Nursery

This week, our theme was 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. The children have been watching him perform his famous story on YouTube and put their own teddy bear in their window. Children have been counting teddies in windows when they are out with their families for their daily exercise/bear hunt!

Our caterpillar and beanstalks are doing well too! Nursery now have 4 cocoons and 1 wiggly caterpillar in the pot! Now we are waiting for the first butterfly to emerge! Exciting! The beanstalks have grown so much that Mrs Bell decided to plant them out. She has given them bamboo canes to climb up - will they get tall enough to go and search for giants? (Obviously Ginger and Pickles - the guinea pigs - were supervised in these photographs!)





