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Dear Parents/Guardians,

24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

I hope you and your family are still staying well in these unprecedented times. I can imagine the scale of the challenges you are facing everyday so want to thank you for your support with our Google Classroom teaching and for communicating with us each week. I cannot believe it is the summer term already, albeit a different start to usual. Please be reassured we will do everything we can to support you this coming term.

A few reminders going forward:

- Please check you have received the free school meal email (if applicable) and once received, please contact school to confirm receipt – this does not apply to universal infant free school meals
- To ensure we can communicate with you and your children during this unprecedented time, phone calls from school will continue, please ensure that you speak to the class teacher when you receive the call.
- Please be aware and check what your child is accessing online through any social platforms / online games, this is to keep all pupils safe and happy.

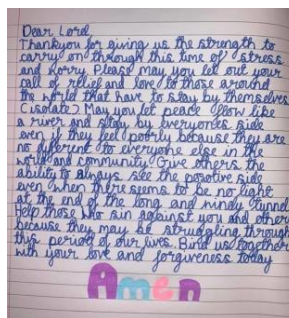
Can I finish by saying, please keep in your thoughts and prayers all of our loved ones and friends who are experiencing bereavement, illness and sadness during this difficult time. St. Edward's School family is thinking of you all.

With best wishes,  
Mrs MD Brown  
Headteacher



Year 6

Welcome back Year 6! You have all been working really hard this week on Google Classroom, from calculating diameter and radius in Maths, reading the next chapters of our class novel Wonder, finishing grammar, punctuation and spelling activities and exploring what it's like to be a witness in RE. We also began our new Science topic of 'Evolution and Inheritance' and we are learning how to describe our hobbies in French. With Thursday marking Saint George's Day, we set our Year 6 children a task linking to reading and writing as well as covering some of our history objectives! It has been fantastic to read their responses and they have really enjoyed researching all about Saint George! It has been lovely to see all of the work you have been producing and we look forward to hearing from you next week! We are so proud of your dedication towards your work so far – keep it up!



In school this week...

The children this week have been fantastic – an absolute pleasure to have in school. They have shown great maturity, dedication to their work, and lots of humour too! We have thoroughly enjoyed a variety of activities with lots of time spent outside. A 'Signs of Spring' treasure hunt, still life drawing, Saint George's Day activities, sports fun and posters of hope for James Cook Hospital have all been enjoyed alongside the work set on Google Classroom by each child's class teacher. We have also had a daily quiz, with a different theme each day including 'All About Middlesbrough' and animal facts. The children have loved trying to beat their score and learnt lots of new facts! Fantastic!



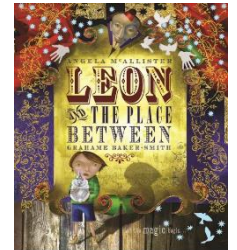
### Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have started to read our new novel, *The Explorer*, linked to our rainforests topic in Geography. We will also be making links to Art and Science over the coming weeks too. We have been very impressed with some of the creative leave rubbings in Art this week. In Maths, we have been working on statistics, looking at different ways to present information, such as bar and line graphs and tables. Yet again, it has been lovely to see photographs and work linked to our Science investigation on friction. Lots of the Year 5s have been accessing the online music unit on Charanga – here, you can practise rhythm and singing and even play along with instruments. It is a great resource. Well done to those of you who have also been taking part in the Times Tables Rock Stars and Spelling Shed challenges set too. It has been lovely to hear from you all this week on Google Classroom – keep checking in and letting us know what you have been up to. We miss you all! Stay safe, keep smiling!



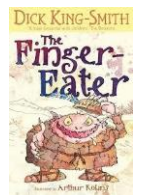
### Year 3/4

This week Year 3/4 have worked very hard and settled nicely into the Summer term. In Maths, we have completed our statistics topic. We have been interpreting and drawing different graphs as well as answering questions about the data. In English, we have started our new text, *Leon and the Place Between*, by Angela McAllister, which we think will be very enjoyable. In Science, we have begun our new topic of 'All Living Things' and categorized different animals into Venn and Carroll diagrams. In French, we looked at different pets and matched up the animals with the correct French name. In History, we began our new topic of the Romans. Our first lesson looked at the spread of the Roman Empire and key facts about the invasion of Britain. We think this topic will be very interesting! In RE, we also started our first Summer topic of 'New Life'. In our first lesson we explored how good news can bring new life. We have also completed regular drawing challenges, lunchtime riddles and enjoyed keeping fit with Joe Wicks' online PE lessons.



### Year 2

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to Google Classroom this week after our Easter break and yet again we have been bowled over by the children's continuous commitment to their learning. We have begun reading our first book by Dick King Smith - *The Finger Eater*, and it has been lovely to read the children's comments about how much they are enjoying the story so far. We have seen some wonderful, descriptive pieces of writing already this week so a big well done to everyone. We have continued with our Measures unit and this week the children have completed lots of problem solving activities and have done well to explain their reasoning. We have also begun a new Science topic 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. Well done Year 2 on another fantastic week of learning.



### Year 1

In Year 1 this week, we have been enjoying learning about the Queen and the Royal family. The children have researched the Royal family tree in History and wrote a letter to the Queen to wish her a 'happy birthday'. We also discovered the five rules you must follow when writing to Her Majesty the Queen! In English, we have enjoyed writing book reviews about our favourite books and created a description of our own land that could be at the top of 'The Magic Faraway Tree'. In Maths this week, the children have been working hard to practise counting forwards and backwards from 1 to 100 and count in multiples of 5. They brought all their learning together in the maths challenge at the end of the week.

Year 1 have also been learning about Saint George this week. The children have had fun learning about how they could prepare for Saint George's Day and why it is celebrated. They put their knowledge to the test in a quiz.



### Reception

This week, our Reception children have had lots of challenges in all their areas of learning. The children have practised their l, i, j letters. We have received lots of information written by the children all about their Easter holidays. We have also encouraged the children to discuss their favourite spring animal and give reasons why it is their favourite. They have practised lots of digraphs, tricky words and some have even put these into sentences! There has been lots of number work too, including identifying odd and even numbers, linking to number patterns.

During the Easter holidays in Mrs McGuinness' house, five little caterpillars have turned into cocoons. We are all now eagerly awaiting them turning into beautiful butterflies!



### Nursery

This week the nursery children have started their 'Fun with Phonics' activities. They have been introduced to Geraldine the Giraffe, much to the children's amusement – she's learning her letter sounds too! The children have also been invited to create their own monster, and help him to learn how to read. We also have some exciting news, as over the Easter weekend, 4 butterflies emerged from their cocoons! Nursery have really enjoyed looking at the photos of the beautiful butterflies! Some of the children enjoyed making newspaper butterflies to celebrate. Our beanstalks have also been treated with 'weed and feed' and are doing really well! Please remember to check the Nursery page of the school website and log-in to your child's Tapestry Online Learning Journey regularly – Mrs Bell is updating them daily. There are regular updates on Twitter too.

