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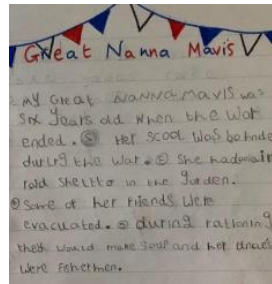
Dear Parents/Guardians,

An unbelievable eight weeks have passed - thank you for your messages of support; best wishes and kind words to the school staff. It is much appreciated and very thoughtful of you. This week, the pupils have been accessing Google Classroom and please enjoy reading the summaries below. The summer curriculum newsletters are also available for all parents to view on the website (these can be found in the class pages) to inform you of the coverage of the curriculum this summer.

Tomorrow (Friday 8th May) starts the bank holiday weekend. I hope you manage to enjoy the weekend; I will be in touch next week.

With best wishes,
Mrs MD Brown
Headteacher

Some fantastic examples
of VE day work and
celebrations this week...



Year 6

Another very productive week of learning for the children in Year 6 where the theme has centred on commemorating and celebrating the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. Yet again, the children have totally embraced several VE Day challenges: from testing their culinary skills in the kitchen when making war time recipes, to beautiful duets with Grandparents, singing 'We'll meet again.' We have been blown away! It has been so lovely to see the wider family taking part in the children's learning too - thank you for sharing that with us. The children have also been working hard in Maths: the current area of study is coordinates and in Science the children have been working hard learning about evolution. In English, the children have been working through VE Day comprehension; researching the life of Middlesbrough war veteran and national hero, Stanley Hollis and also writing a diary entry from the viewpoint of someone who was at the very first VE Day street party.

We hope that you have a healthy and happy bank holiday with your loved ones. The message of 'We'll meet again' has never been so pertinent to us all. Take care and lots of love from the Year 6 team.



In school this week...

Once again, the children in school this week have been a breath of fresh air - they are always so enthusiastic! As we are approaching the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, the children have all been marking the occasion with different tasks: creating bunting and even making spitfire planes out of paper - we have some budding engineers! The sunshine has meant that we have been able to spend time outside: we have enjoyed mini beast hunts and painting. Over the last few weeks, the children have been really nurturing their creative talents: we have some very talented artists amongst us and we had no idea how fantastic the children are at table tennis! It has been so lovely to see.



Year 5

We have had a very productive week in Year 5 this week and are so proud of all the hard work the children are sending to us. We are well underway with our novel "The Explorer" now. Year 5 have produced some excellent pieces of writing linked to this including instructions, setting descriptions, dialogue between characters to name a few. In Maths, we have looked at BODMAS and recapped our work from earlier in the year on Roman numerals and rounding. Our new Science topic, living things and their habitats, has allowed us to find out more about pollination and the reproduction of plants. We have been battling each other in tournaments on Times Tables Rock Stars to help us improve our times table fact recall and on Spelling Shed to learn the Year 5 set words. In RE, we have continued through our Pentecost topic, focusing on how St. Paul's beliefs shaped his life. Enjoy the VE celebrations with your families on Friday and World Fair Trade day on Saturday.

We have set some fun activities for you to try out on Google Classroom if you wish relating to these events. We'll be back next week with lots of new activities for you to do. Happy bank holiday weekend!

Year 3/4

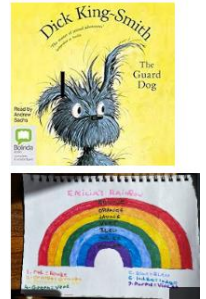
Year 3/4 continue to cope well in these strange circumstances. Each day we receive lovely messages of support and encouragement from the children for each other. This week we have completed our story book Leon and the Place Between. It's a book which allows us to be creative and tell the story in more detail. We've been amazed at the standard of the lovely creative writing we've seen. Maths has allowed us to explore position and direction, using coordinates, reflecting and translating shapes. Our RE topic is helping us learn about and prepare for Pentecost. We are continuing to learn about some aspects of Roman life in Britain and have enjoyed learning about invertebrates this week too. We will post some VE Day activities to keep you busy. We wish everyone a lovely bank holiday weekend spending time with your family.

There's some amazing creativity at home too!



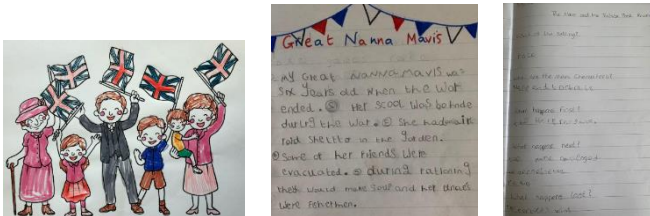
Year 2

The children in Year 2 have yet again completed all work enthusiastically on Google Classroom. We have continued studying the author Dick King-Smith and this week begun reading a new book 'The Guard Dog'. Work has involved describing characters and writing a persuasive advert which have been very enjoyable to read. The children have been learning the French names for colours and have made rainbows labelled in French which have been wonderful to see. VE Day tasks have been set to celebrate 75th anniversary of VE Day and we are looking forward to seeing all your completed work. Every week we continue to be astounded by all your wonderful work, thank you so much Year 2!



Year 1

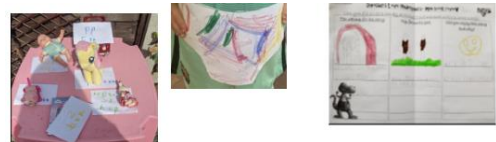
To mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War Two, the children have been learning all about VE Day in preparation for the celebrations this Friday. The children have learnt what happened on 8th May 1945 in a PowerPoint presentation, tested their knowledge with a quiz, completed word searches and colouring pages to celebrate. In English, the children have enjoyed a different story each day as part of Children's Book Week; Funny Bones, The Hare and the Tortoise and The Tales of Beatrix Potter to name a few. The children have been working on their arithmetic skills in Maths with 'Fluent in Five' activities. We love to see you all engaging with Google Classroom – please continue to do so! Take care and stay safe. ☺



Reception

This week, our children enjoyed exploring the 'Imperial War Museum' website as part of our VE day activities. The museum shows how Britain celebrated VE day in 1945, comparing the photographs from then to now. They also discussed family members who may have lived through the war and thought about how they might have celebrated VE day. To further this, the children thought about how they might celebrate on Friday, including colouring in pictures, creating bunting and decorations for their houses.

The story of the week for Reception was 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants'. The children completed a mini book review and designed a pair of pants for their own dinosaur. We have had some wonderful creations! In Maths, the children were asked to set up a shop and to buy and sell some items. They had to decide what they would be selling, label and price each item. It looks like everyone had fun with this challenge!



Nursery – a week in photos: 'Playing – smiling – laughing – learning!'

