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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are keeping well. We thank you for your continued support during this unprecedented time. Just to remind you that a letter was sent yesterday from the CEO of NPCAT. It can also be found on the school website and has been posted on our Twitter feed.

We will inform parents as soon we have any updates and please be reassured that school and NPCAT plans will take into account the health and wellbeing of all pupils, parents and staff.

Please enjoy reading about the wonderful work our pupils have covered this week.

May I wish you all a very happy weekend.

With best wishes,

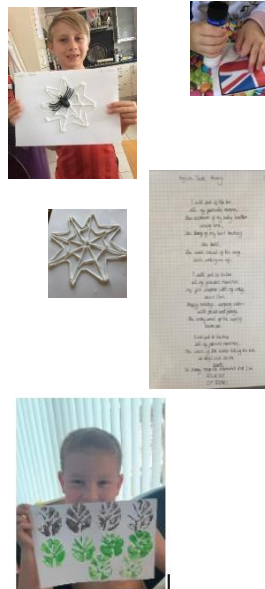
Mrs MD Brown
 Headteacher



In school this week...

Once again, the children in school this week have been a pleasure! This week marked what would have been Florence Nightingale's 200th birthday. We have discussed how her influence is still carried on to this day, especially during this pandemic. As Wednesday was the feast of Our Lady of Fatima the children watched a film explaining the miraculous event. Each morning the children have had the opportunity to complete a drawing challenge following an online tutorial – what fantastic artist abilities! We have also all been extending our knowledge of a range of subjects with 'Kahoot!' quizzes. The weather hasn't been as warm this week but we have made the most of the sunshine when it made an appearance!

Wow!
 We have seen some fantastic examples of work this week from every year group:



Year 6

This week has been a strange week for Y6 as it would have been SATs week, but this didn't stop our children in producing some amazing work and showing enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards home learning.

In English, we have continued to read our class novel of Wonder and completed work related to the text, as well as SATs papers from previous years. In Maths, we have been using our shape and co-ordinate knowledge to translate shapes and arithmetic tests to practise fluency skills. We started a new RE topic this week, which is linked to healing and the Sacrament of the Sick. We have also began studying about the Vikings in History, which allowed us to use our chronological knowledge to create a timeline of events and our geographical skills to locate Viking homeland settlements. We have continued with evolution and inheritance in Science and this week we have been researching Mary Anning and exploring why she was a significant figure.

As always, we are so proud of you all and how you continue to engage through Google Classroom. Keep up the good work Y6 and we will be in touch next week. Have a lovely weekend and stay safe!



Year 5

We have been working on finding evidence in the text of our novel "The Explorer" to describe characters, make predictions and plot changes in emotions of the main characters. In maths, we have been recapping on prime, square and cube numbers as well as factors and multiples. We have also continued with our Times Tables Rock Stars challenges: at the moment Y5W are in the lead. Come on Y5A! The children have been very creative, designing repeating patterns with a potato print. We are very impressed with the results! Our nature theme has continued in science and geography too. Here, we have investigated the plants of the rainforest and how humans use them and also had a go at growing our own plants too. We are eagerly anticipating their growth over the coming weeks. Each day, we have also set a 60 second challenge for PE, working on a different skill each time. It is great to see the children still staying active and improving their fitness levels after all this time indoors. In RE, we are coming to the end of our Pentecost topic. We have been looking at symbols of Pentecost and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lessons. We love to see everything you are doing at home and are so proud of how you and your families have adapted to home learning. Keep it up! We will be looking forward to setting new challenges and tasks for next week!

Year 3/4

It's been another productive week in Year 3/4. This week we have been learning about different forms of poetry. We have enjoyed reading a range of different poems and writing our own, with some fabulous results. In maths we have begun a new topic – time and have been looking this week at reading and writing the time on analogue clocks. Our R.E topic has allowed us to explore the theme of Pentecost and the power of the Holy Spirit. We have learnt more about the classification of living things in our science topic and about the positive things that came to Britain during the Roman invasion.

Year 3/4 have continued to work so hard and have sent in some gorgeous work. The children make us proud everyday with their conscientious attitude and their caring and supportive comments.



Year 2

Yet again we have had another fantastic week of learning in Year 2. We have had so many positive messages from the children about how much they have enjoyed completing their work and as always, we continue to feel so proud of you all and the amazing, hardworking attitude you continue to show. We have now completed our second Dick King-Smith novel, 'The Guard Dog' and the children have had many opportunities to write in a variety of genres, it has been an absolute pleasure to read all of your work. As we continue with our Science topic 'Living things and their Habitats', the children have been out on mini beast hunts and have wowed us with their creativity making spider webs at home. A big well done to all of you. Thank you and well done Year 2 on a wonderful week of learning.



Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been learning about Florence Nightingale, and celebrating what would have been her 200th birthday on 12th May. We thought it would be a nice idea to learn all about her and why she is a significant person in history! We enjoyed finding out about her life, what Florence Nightingale achieved and why it is so important. We recognised and discussed the diversity of people within the nursing profession by comparing Florence Nightingale and Nellie Spindler. The children enjoyed making birthday cards for Florence Nightingale to celebrate her 200th Birthday.

The children have also enjoyed working on their phonics this week, especially reading the new phonic comic strips from Phonics Play. In maths, we have been learning about number facts and addition and in science we are continuing to learn all about plants! We have enjoyed seeing photos of some wonderful home activities this week, including pond dipping, science experiments, construction, and crafting projects.

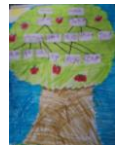


Reception

This week Reception has celebrated 'International Day of Families' as part of Global Dimension's 'Local and Community History Month'. The challenge was to discuss their family with an adult and create a family tree together.

We have also marked 'National Numeracy Day' with a 'My Life In Numbers' challenge. The children had to complete a booklet that had questions about numbers within their life, for example how old they are, what number house they live at, how many people live in their house and many more.

We continued with our topic of Dinosaurs with our story this week. The children had to read 'The Dinosaur that Pooped the Past' and a variety of dinosaur poems and identify any rhyming words they could hear. Their challenge was to create a rhyming poem of their own. We have seen some fantastic poems being created!



Nursery

Nursery children have been sharing their photographs from their VE day celebrations!



