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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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It is now nine unbelievable weeks since we were all together as a school family and I would like to thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. Please enjoy reading the summaries about the work accessed through online learning this week.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Anne Teasdale on her new post as Head of School in St Edward's commencing September 2020. Mrs Fox (Assistant Headteacher) and I look forward to continuing to work with Mrs Teasdale as Head of School to further strengthen the already well-established senior leadership team and to continue to work with all our school staff, pupils and parents, ensuring that St Edward's remains outstanding.

With regards to school reopening for Year 1, Year 6 and key workers' children, meticulous planning is taking place in school and with NPCAT. Updates will be given as soon as plans are finalised. Please be reassured that the main priority is the health and wellbeing of all pupils, staff and parents. All that is left for me to say is have a relaxing Spring Bank Holiday.

With best wishes,

Mrs MD Brown
Headteacher



In school this week...

We have now completed 9 weeks since lockdown began, but the children in school have made us all extremely proud every week.

This week, they have enthusiastically completed all of their work set on the Google Classroom and some have even completed a project for Design & Technology, creating a car that can move! We have been lucky with the weather this week, allowing us to spend time outside as much as we could. Overall a fantastic final week in school before half term and time for some much needed rest.



A beautiful 'calm jar' created by one of our Year 6 pupils.

Year 6

Hello again to all of our Year 6 family! We hope you have been able to safely enjoy the amazing sunshine we have had. This week, the children have been focusing on instructional writing in English: we have seen some wonderful examples of how to make strawberry tartlets and chocolate cake! They have also been working hard in spelling, punctuation and grammar; many of the children have mastered the subjunctive mood! In Maths, the children have completed an arithmetic paper and the main focus has been on reflecting shapes. This week is Mental Health Awareness week: there has been a variety of different activities and tasks that the children have been given around such an important week. From calm jars, mindfulness colouring in, to changing negative thoughts into positives - we have really enjoyed seeing the variety of activities the children have been doing at home. Please continue to upload work to Google Classroom so that we can see all of your wonderful examples. Take care and stay safe.



Year 5

The first part of the Summer term has flown by! We have now come to the end of our novel, *The Explorer*. Year 5 have produced some high quality pieces of writing and really showed off their imaginations too. In Maths this week, we have begun to look at algebra and the nth term and in Science, we have studied the life cycles of different mammals and compared them and researched the work of British Scientist, Jane Goodhall. We continued to investigate different printing techniques in art and this week we tried using Styrofoam printing to create repeating patterns. In our final week of our rainforest topic in Geography, we made comparisons between the Amazon and a forest in the UK. Each day, we have set a 60 second PE challenge. It has been lovely to see so many of you trying these out, sending in your photos and telling us how you are getting on. We love to hear from you! Please do continue to log in to Times Tables Rock Stars and Spelling Shed. We are seeing some incredible progress and hard work from many of you. Have a fantastic half term everyone!



Year 3/4

This week in Y3/4, we've been learning about a range of poems and have written haikus, nonsense poems and acrostics. In maths, we've learnt lots about time, converting analogue to digital, reading timetables and calculating time differences. We have enjoyed learning about Roman gods and goddesses and also Roman numerals.

Mrs Brady, Miss Hamilton and Miss Melvin continue to be really impressed by the hard-working attitude of our year group and are amazed at the excellent standard of work sent in. We are very proud of our Year 3/4 children.

I miss school

No bell rings at the start of the day
With my friends I cannot play
How I'd love to run around the playground again
Let's play hide & seek I'll count to ten
My lovely class teacher I cannot see
But I know she's always there supporting me
It's different doing my work from home
At first it was scary to go it alone
But a new routine I have begun
Mum sets up my table and I get my work done
One day very soon we'll all be back together
Talking about how this time felt like forever
We'll laugh and smile and reminisce
And do all the things at home we did miss
I'll see you all soon my dear teachers and friends
All my love and best wishes in this poem I send

Year 2

Year Two have had another wonderful week of learning this week and the children have been very busy. We have moved on to our third Dick King-Smith book 'The Magic Carpet Slippers' and the children have been making predictions and identifying and questioning main characters. In our maths work we have been revising our times tables and it has been lovely to hear of so many children challenging themselves learn new times tables whilst at home. We have also been solving problems relating to place value and the children have not been deterred by challenging problems, they have shown great motivation and perseverance, well done! We have celebrated kindness this week as it is Mental Health Awareness Week and we have had the opportunity to reflect on kindness, we are so lucky to have such wonderful, kind-hearted and thoughtful children in Year Two, what excellent role-models you all are. Thank you yet again Year Two and parents for another brilliant week!

Year 1

As part of our learning in Year 1, we looked at this week's Picture News which had a geographical focus. The children heard about Italian architect, Luca Curci, who is planning a city of skyscrapers! He said that he wanted to build four self-connected towers that create their own energy with trees, wildlife and farms. He says his project, The Link, could save the world. The children wrote about where they live and what they like about it. They questioned if there was anything they would change. They also described their dream home and explained the features it would have. Through our English work, the children have enjoyed creating comic strips and in maths they have been consolidating their skills in addition and subtraction before ending the week with some word problems to apply their knowledge. As always, our enthusiastic and hardworking Year 1 children continue to make us proud with their independent learning at home. We have had photographs of swans laying eggs and their cute fluffy cygnets, dinosaur stick skeletons, lockdown scrapbooks and lots of drawing and painting. Well done everyone! 😊



Reception

Reception have been talking about the changes in all our lives and routines over the last few weeks. They have discussed what they have enjoyed and what they have not enjoyed, thinking about the reasons why. They have also discussed what they are thankful for. The children have been practising how to write their full name and in maths they have been learning about the days of the week and how to tell the time using o'clock and half past! A busy, busy week!



Nursery

Nursery have had another busy week playing, exploring, smiling, investigating, sorting, thinking and learning!



