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Dear Parents/Guardians,

5th June 2020

I hope and your family are all keeping well! I want to thank you for your continued support during these very challenging times. The staff have been working very hard to continue the preparations for wider school opening.

We are looking forward to welcoming back our Year Six pupils on Monday 8th June. This will be followed by our Year One pupils on Monday 15th June. Provision for our Key Worker pupils will remain in place. Thank you to those parents who have communicated with us in order to plan the weeks ahead.

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter showcasing all the wonderful work completed by our pupils this week. Please keep yourselves safe and have a relaxing weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs MD Brown
Headteacher



In school this week...

Another week has whizzed by in school this week: it has been lovely working with the pupils in school! As always, the children have been a total delight and even though the sun has disappeared for now, the children have continued to bring the sunshine into the classroom. Each year group has been busy reading their class texts: from Magic Carpet Slippers in Year 2, Hodgehog in Year 3/4 to Wonder in Year 6. As History is a key focus in the Summer term, the children in Year 5 have begun learning about the Egyptians and have been busy writing a report on Canopic Jars. Towards the end of the week, the children have entered the 'Love of Teesside' Art Competition, inspired by Mackenzie Thorpe.



Year 6

Welcome back to your final half term as our wonderful Year 6. Already this week, we have been amazed by your commitment and enthusiasm towards everything you complete on Google Classroom. We are very proud of you all.

In English, we are continuing to read our class novel 'Wonder' alongside writing a formal letter of complaint. We have received some thoughtful plans already, considering important current issues, including littering and adherence to social distancing. In Maths, the children have been handling data, such as calculating the mean of sets of data. To mark the SpaceX craft landing at the International Space Station this week, we have also asked our children to research this historic event and create a project to display their findings.

We have received some brilliant responses to this task: take a look at some of these creations...

Once again, well done for all your hard work Year 6.



Uniform Notice

As we are currently unable to provide our usual ordering (and trying on) service for school uniform, please see Ross's website to place uniform orders.

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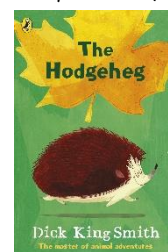
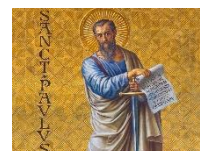
Year 5

Welcome back to our final half term of Year 5. We cannot believe how quickly the last few weeks have passed us by! This week, we have begun to introduce a number of new topics. In History, we are studying the Ancient Egyptians, first of all, looking at who they were and where they came from. We have linked this to English and we have been researching canopic jars and writing non-chronological reports on this topic. In Maths, we have recapped on division methods, ready to learn the long division strategy and applied this to real life problem solving. In RE, we have introduced the Freedom and Responsibility topic and explored the importance of rules. In Science, we have come to the end of our topic on Living Things and their Habitats and have learnt about metamorphosis of insects and amphibians and in Art, we have completed our final lesson, exploring different printing methods. This week we used felt tip pens to create leaf prints and were very impressed with your designs. We have also used our Purple Mash logins to explore coding. We love to see all of your fantastic work and to hear what you have been up to so please keep up your communication with us through Google Classroom.

Year 3/4

This week in Y3/4 we have started work on our new story – 'The Hodgehog'. The children have really enjoyed this and produced some fantastic English work. In Maths, we have started a new topic looking at place value including estimating numbers, rounding and working with hundreds, tens and thousands. We've enjoyed learning about St. Paul and his travels, thinking of reasons how we can spread the Good News in the same way that he did. The children also watched a lovely video explaining Pentecost and produced some beautiful pictures. They have completed the morning challenges each morning which have been quite tricky!

It has been a pleasure to see their brilliant work this week and Mrs Brady, Miss Melvin and Miss Hamilton are so proud of all of the Year 3/4 children this week and every week. Well done from all of us!



Year 2

It has been lovely to welcome our children back to another week of online learning after the half term break and yet again we have been bowled over by their commitment and attitude towards their learning. This week we have continued with our novel 'The Magic Carpet Slippers' and have focussed on adding detail to our writing, exploring different synonyms and sentence types and being more adventurous with vocabulary choices. In Maths, we have continued with work on number and place value; the children have solved a variety of problems where they are becoming so much more confident with explaining their reasoning. Year 2 children have also had the opportunity to reflect on their lives in lockdown so far through this week's Picture News and their work has been very interesting to read. Thank you yet again for your continued support and well done Year 2 on another brilliant week of learning.

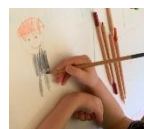
Year 1

The children have learnt about the new SpaceX rocket, Dragon, which was launched into space over the weekend. They watched the launch video and a short film showing the two astronauts, Doug and Bob, inside the spacecraft. The children discussed where they thought the rocket was going, how the astronauts might be feeling and explained how the rocket goes up into space. They also thought about some questions they would like to ask Bob and Doug about their mission. In Maths, we have been learning about measurement with mass, capacity and volume being the key focus. The children have enjoyed some practical work involving water (and a bit of mess!) to help them understand these concepts and have put them into practise at the end of the week with problem solving activities. Through this week's Picture News, the children have been considering what they have learnt about themselves since lockdown began in the UK at the end of March. You can see some of the children's reflections below. As always, the children have engaged enthusiastically with Google Classroom and we are so proud of them.



Reception

This week our Reception children have been working hard yet again. We have been looking at our new 'Big Question' for this half term which is: 'What makes a good team?' The children have talked about what this means and watched a short animation about a group of Meerkats working together to get back their piece of fruit. This short film reminded the children that teamwork does not just happen during sporting events. Every day we can learn to help people, to be kind and to work as a team to accomplish something great. They have also drawn pictures and wrote about their half term, what was their favourite part and why. Each week we practise different letters for our handwriting, this week it has been the letters e, s and f. In Maths, we have concentrated on doubling and halving. We have loved receiving lots of photos and updates on Tapestry and it is very evident that there is lots of lovely creative learning going on at home. Well done everyone!



Nursery

- *This week sees the start of our new theme in RE: Friends – we will be finding out about being a good friend and what Jesus tells us about being friends.
- *We've been learning lots of phonics and letter sounds and now we are practising the sounds we have learnt through some interactive phonics games on the 'Phonics Play' website. Check out the 'Giggling Aliens' – it will really make you chuckle!
- *We've started our thinking about our new big question:

Why do we need to be active? What makes a good team?



Grab your trainers – we will be exploring the reasons why we need to be active; sharing ideas about our favourite healthy foods and the importance of what we eat; learning how important team work is; sharing favourite 'lockdown' activities that will keep us fit and active, and enjoying some physical challenges!



