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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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This week, it has been wonderful to welcome back some of our Year One pupils, who join our Year Six pupils and key worker pupils already in school. They are adjusting well to the changes and are following the fantastic example set by the other pupils. It is a pleasure to see the children working extremely hard within the classrooms at school, but also hearing how dedicated those children are working from home and joining us on Google Classroom. Thank you very much for supporting our online learning.

We have created our thirteenth newsletter this week to showcase all of the wonderful learning in each year group. Please enjoy reading it and I will write again next week. Have a relaxing weekend.

With best wishes,
 Mrs MD Brown
 Headteacher

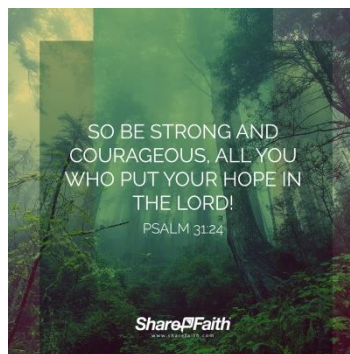
In school this week...

(written by two of our Y6 pupils)

At first, when we first started back at school, I kept thinking: this is so different and I might not get used to it. But now we know that the routines are simple to follow and we are settling in well. Our feelings this week have all been happy: this was because we are able to see our friends and some of our teachers. We are all learning to adapt to the 'new normal' in school, for example, when we are playing outside. We all play sports together, whether it is football, cricket or tennis, we never play alone. All of our friends are remembering to socially distance really well whilst still enjoying spending time together, in and out of our classroom. Overall, we would say that this week has been really fun and exciting. We love reading our new class novel 'Viking Boy' and playing cricket best!

Year 6

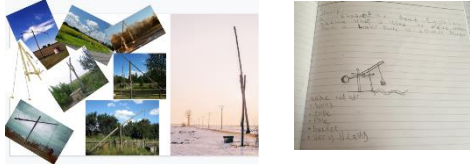
And just like that, another week has passed us by and what a busy week it has been! As always, Year 6 are being the perfect role models to their younger peers; they have taken everything in their stride and have amazed all of the staff at just how well they had adjusted to being back at school. We would also like to make a special mention to our Year 6 children who are at home: you are working so hard, we are so proud of you and we really miss you all. It is lovely to see you posting all of your fantastic Viking newspaper reports this week; our children have reported on a fire at a Viking longhouse with such enthusiasm and knowledge. You are all budding reporters! Some of our Year 6 pupils in school have even been helping to write our school newsletter too – see the 'in school this week' section to see their work. Maths has focused on statistics; interpreting graphs and solving problems. We have also been learning all about evolution in science and thought about what the word 'courage' means to us in RE, particularly through this week's Wednesday Word. You have all shown tremendous courage during this period of uncertainty and change; you should be very proud of yourselves. We are so proud of all our Year 6 children.



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Year 5

Yet another lovely week in Year 5, who have completed another week on Google Classroom. We have revised over some of our more tricky topics this week and the children, as usual, have risen to the challenge completing work around fractions in maths. We have been looking at our new poem 'The Highwayman' in English and analysing the language that the poet has used. In Science we have been examining the growth of babies, the children have found this fun and exciting, producing some wonderful graphs and timelines around the life of a baby! We have continued to strengthen our knowledge in R.E. in our topic of freedom and responsibility looking at Moses and the Ten Commandments. Another fantastic week in Year 5!



Here are some of the fantastic Y5 designs to make a shaduf too!

Year 3/4

Well done to our wonderful Year 3/4 children who have been working so hard this week both at home and in school to produce some fantastic work! In Maths, the children have revisited addition and subtraction and have practised using different strategies and methods as well as solving challenging word problems. In English, the children have completed our text 'The Hodgehog' this week. They have really enjoyed this story and have been very engaged, producing some lovely descriptive pieces of writing. In RE, Y3/4 have continued with our new RE topic 'Building Bridges' to explore the meaning of forgiveness. In Science lessons, they have explored our new topic of 'Animals including Humans'. In PSHE, mindfulness activities and breathing techniques have been shared to help the children to manage their emotions. In Geography, the children have further developed their mapping skills. We are so proud of how well they are all coping and with how dedicated they are to their learning.

Year 2

What a busy time Year Two have had this week on Google Classroom and comments from the children have shown how enjoyable they have found our new maths topic 'Statistics'. The children have been collecting and gathering data, presenting information in tally charts and pictograms and reading and comparing results. English work this week has linked to work about Mini Beasts, the children have written 'Home for Sale' adverts and have created 'Who am I?' riddles which were very enjoyable to read and had us guessing which animals the children were describing. We have begun new topics in Science, 'Plants' where children have been busy labelling the parts of flowers and trees, and RE, 'Treasures' where the children have had the opportunity to explore what they treasure in the world, it has been lovely to read about the things that are important in all the children's lives.

Year 1

This week has seen the return of some of our Year 1 pupils into the classroom while others continue their learning from home. The children in school have worked really hard and shown a very mature attitude to the changes within the school environment. We are all very proud of you! Each day this week the children have taken part in a maths 'Problem of the Day' to get them thinking and ready for the day ahead. As always, the children have enjoyed lots of engaging activities this week; buried treasure in phonics, mental maths, consolidating their knowledge of numbers beyond 50 with interactive video lessons, an English lesson with one of the Spice Girls and learning all about what it means to be sorry through the topic of Reconciliation in RE. Each week the children upload photographs of some of the extra-curricular activities they have taken part in. Please see a snapshot of the many drawings the children have sent us; a tiger project, an Airbus A380-400 heading to Dubai and a brilliant superhero for a comic strip. Keep them coming everyone – we love to see your creations!



Reception

This week in Reception we have had lots of fun reading and doing activities based on Julia Donaldson's 'The Snail and the Whale'. We have talked about how the sea is becoming polluted due to actions of humans and rubbish in the sea. We have created posters to try to warn people about the risks of rubbish in the sea and designed our own snails. In literacy, we have looked at adjectives in the story and talked about the structure of stories having a beginning, middle and end. We have also revisited shapes, measuring and number formation in Maths. Overall, a very busy week with some fantastic work produced by the children!



The Snail and the Whale went on an adventure.

Nursery

Nursery have been out and about this week. Some have been to the beach, some have been to see the Gruffalo and friends in the forest! There have been lots of great creative activities inspired by this week's story: [The Snail & the Whale](#), by Julia Donaldson. Nursery children have started to think about healthy food too. There have also been some great games being played to practice number and letter recognition – well done Nursery!



