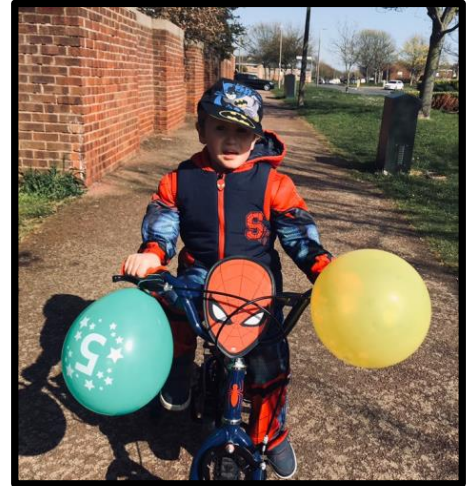


Weekly update 30th March – 3rd April 2020

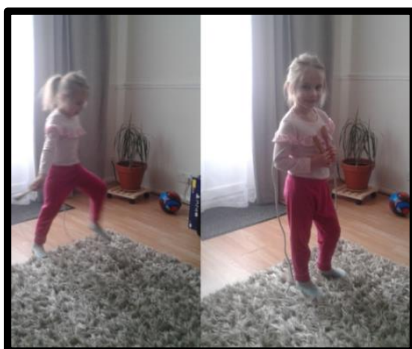
A message from Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Philips – We have been so impressed with the range of activities we have seen happening at home! The Lego challenge has proved very popular, as has baking. We have also seen lots of photos of children learning to ride their bike. This week many children logged on and completed some 2D shape activities on Purple Mash. All of the staff are enjoying seeing and commenting on the home learning. There have been many practical based phonics activities taking place, as well as some fantastic 2D shape hunts around



everyone's homes. It has also been lovely seeing some of the recorded work in the jotters.

We even had a photo uploaded to Tapestry from Ronnie W who appeared in the Evening Echo this week with his amazing rainbow pictures. Super! Well done everyone for adapting to home learning so well. All of the EYFS team would like to wish you a safe and happy Easter break. Love from the Year R team

A message from Mrs McLoughlin – Week two has whizzed by and I continue to be amazed by year one. I am loving the blogs, chats and encouragement to each other and I am so impressed with the amount of child led learning that is going on. I have been learning loads too! There have been life cycles of butterflies, frogs and sunflowers with writing pictures and creative art work, children have been keen to learn about puffer fish and sea horses and have researched super information. Albert has been making science experiments and Jake has shown us how we look after a sunflower. That is outside of the



activities that the children have been set. We have seen dressing up galore for Mrs Fitchew's challenge of the week and we are still keeping up the fitness with games, running and fun activities. Imogen and Harry H have still been collecting their dots for their running outside and Kamila has been practising her skipping! There has also been some lovely Easter work this week too in creating eggs and writing the

Easter story. I am pleased to say that our computer skills are improving, an area of good progress for myself too! Great job everyone! Keep up the hard work, thank your mums and dads as you're all doing a fab job!

Love from the Year 1 team

A message from Mrs Gillett - Wow what a busy week it has been again in year 2! It has been fascinating to see the children use their imagination to solve some of the home learning activities! (I think I will need to buy some new equipment for my Maths unit for when we return to school!) I have seen problem solving tasks such as column subtraction - with Lego and Fraction work - with pasta! I have also loved seeing the children take part in some of the 'one off' challenges during the week such as: telling me their favourite jokes on April Fool's Day, completing a scavenger hunt to find things that are the colours of a rainbow and taking rubbings from around their homes to make collages. I have really enjoyed looking at the posts on our Purple



Mash blog each day, where the children have been so creative with things like: cooking, gardening and even pottery! This is in addition to lots of children keeping fit and joining in with the daily P.E challenges. I have felt so pleased that many of the children have started to comment on their classmates work and give each other praise and words of encouragement, which has been lovely to see. Once again, the artist of the week has been incredible and the range of artwork has made me feel so proud of our wonderful talented children in our school. I will announce the winner(s) in Purple Mash (as well as the

Newsletter) this week as the children were very keen to find out whilst Blogging last week! Please could I thank the parents for supporting their child's home school learning, as without your encouragement none of this would be happening! If anyone is still having problems with logging on to Purple Mash, please email the school office and I will do my best to get back to you and help you. Happy Easter to you and your lovely families.

Love from the Year 2 team

A message from Mrs Bracknell - This week has been a 'wow!' week full of mosaic making, plant dissections and even more cooking! I have seen rainbow cookies, chocolate brownies, toad in the hole and waffles. What a diverse range of culinary skills! Through seeing some of these posts on our blog, it has inspired me to make some of these creations with my own children. Thank you for sharing your recipes and methods.



The children have continued to show many ways of being active and is lovely again, to see the range of ways you are keeping fit such as yoga, dancing, skipping and playing football. I have really enjoyed seeing the wonderful talents of year 3, that I don't always see in the classroom. Furthermore, I am impressed with how some of the children have approached each task set and gone that extra mile, by taking on the weekly challenges and thinking outside the box. If there is a talent you would still like to share, please continue to post these on our, 'Talent Show!' blog or email them to the office. Thank you again for supporting your child's home learning, the results are fantastic!



Love from the Year 3 team

A message from Mrs Howell – As we come to the end of Spring Term, I am missing all the Easter activities we would have completed in class; however, it has been great to see lots of sunny Spring pictures and cards on our class blog. It has been wonderful to read all the messages too, really bringing a smile each day. The children have produced some fantastic home learning work this week. I have been really interested to see all the completed science tasks, and very impressed with the practical experiments taking place at home. Volcanoes have been very popular with many of the Year 4 children this week and the animations have been excellent. As a teacher in Lower Key Stage 2, I was immensely proud of all the great efforts the children put in to



rehearsing for the Easter Production, 'Amazing Love'. Filming two weeks early with just an audience of Mrs Delgado was a new experience for us, but they all showed amazing talent to present a truly wonderful performance. If you haven't already watched it, please visit the link on the second page of this newsletter. We wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Love from the Year 4 team

A message from Miss Rusz – Wow, I cannot believe it's been 2 weeks already! Year 5 have certainly been busy again over the last few days. All the year 5 team are very envious of the delicious cooking and baking going on, inspired by the creative crafts and art and amazed by the wonderful work going on from home. The positive and uplifting attitude of all the children is extraordinary, I am blown away by the positive comments and messages on each



other's work and the kindness that all the children are showing each other from afar, not to mention sharing uplifting messages and quotes on our wellbeing blog.

The children have also been busy making Easter cards and crafts, reviewing films, making forts, writing letters of thanks to key workers and testing each other's knowledge by making their own quizzes. We are so lucky to have such kind, enthusiastic and hardworking children. Thank you for finding the rainbows and silver linings in every cloud!

Love from the Year 5 team

Dear NHS,

Well done for helping us and keeping everyone safe. You are great people sacrificing your days to help sick people. Lots of people respect you because you are helping us and keeping our country alive

Finley

Dear NHS,

Thank you for looking after all the sick people in hospital and putting others before yourselves. You put yourself in danger so that you can save lives. We can't thank you enough. We hope you get home safe to your family

Grace



Dear NHS,

Thank you so much for what you do for us. I know we are in a hard situation and you are looking after the poorly people with covid-19 and other illnesses. I know you are all very busy and very tired. We love you all, you are our heroes.

Zofia



To Supermarket Workers,

Thank you for filling the shelves when they're empty. Thank you for working hard to fill them. Thank you for working round the clock. Thank you for helping.

Fred

Dear Staff,

Thank you for always being the best. During these tough times, I have to say thank you to you for always keeping us busy, updated and giving lovely comments when I post on the blog. You are always prepared. You are doing a fabulous job at this new way of learning. Don't worry or doubt yourself, you are amazing.

Jessica

A message from Mrs Sayer – The second week of home learning has been as busy as the first for Year 6! As Spring has officially sprung Year 6 were challenged to get outdoors and create a homemade bird feeder. We've seen a fantastic array of feeders made using dried fruit, apples, oats, empty bottles, pencils etc. One child even created a wooden bird house. Now to watch and see who comes to feast! In RE, comic strips depicting the events of Holy Week have been made; we've been impressed with the detail and illustrations included, well done. Science has seen their knowledge of refraction extended via an investigation. Some great predictions were made and conclusions drawn once the experiment had been carried out. English work included some more word class revision and Maths revised written



methods for calculation with activities on MyMaths. Great work everyone! There's been lots of baking going on too in Year 6, from birthday cakes to crumbles to bread rolls. All look delicious, keep on sharing your pictures on the blog. We even had a post showing an April Fools Day's joke!

We wish everyone a restful and peaceful Easter Holiday.

Love from the Year 6 team