



## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to welcome our amazing children back to both remote learning and learning in our key worker provision at school. This week, Mrs Lawrence and I have conducted a virtual learning walk - I must say we are very impressed with the children's learning, engagement and enthusiasm across all areas of the curriculum.

After the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday, we are delighted that we will be in a position to welcome all children back to school on Monday 8th March - it is just not the same without ALL our amazing children! We have worked through the guidance from the DfE and have firm and robust plans in place for their safe return. Please refer to the detailed information in relation to this, sent earlier today. Although we understand there will be some anxiety around the government's decision to open schools, children returning to school is fundamental for their wellbeing, learning and overall development. We are all extremely excited to be welcoming all our children back to school.

Our top priority is the safety and wellbeing of our children, families and our staff. Please be reassured that we will do everything that we can to make the school environment as safe as possible and also ensure that every child's transition back into school will be as smooth as possible.

Thank you for attending parent conferences. Teaching staff really enjoyed these meetings and the outcomes do assist with our planning, especially with all our wonderful children returning to school. My thanks must also go to you all for really embracing Maths Week; we had the most outstanding maths hats both in school and virtually that I have ever seen!

We are also in receipt of a further 6 laptops donated to our school. Thank you to James Broomfield of OurTech for this very kind gesture.

Next week is World Book Day and we know how much the children look forward to dressing up and coming to school as

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

*Home Learners*

Jill Barklem: **Beatrix J**  
Beatrix Potter: **Dominic D**  
Emily Gravett: **Inola J**  
Eric Carle: **Emmy R**  
Abi Longstaff: **Freddie Y**  
Michael Rosen: **Stanley D**  
Helen Cooper: **Ellie G**  
Jeremy Strong: **Logan B**  
Berlie Doherty: **Nathaniel B**  
Adam Frost: **Enrico M**  
Michael Bond: **Jeremiah K**  
Katharine Woodfine: **George B**  
Abi Elphinstone: **Finlay P**  
Andrew Donkin: **Lyam O**  
Sinead O'Hart: **Molly B**

★ **You are our  
'Stars of the Week'** ★

## STARS OF THE WEEK

*In school Learners*

Nursery: **Madison G**  
Reception: **Phoebe C**  
Year 1: **Peony P**  
Year 2: **Joshua C**  
Year 3: **Finlay P**  
Year 4: **Jake G**  
Year 5: **Terence F**  
Year 6: **Ronnie C-R**

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their favourite book characters each year. For this reason, and in light of the announcement regarding the wider opening of schools, we have taken the decision to postpone the dressing up element of the day. Our dress up day will now take place on **Friday, 12th March**, so that all children can take part.

Next Thursday we will still celebrate World Book Day, both in school and virtually. On this day, the usual live lessons will still take place, but one of these will include fun activities linked to World Book Day. Please also look out for some extra story videos and a competition on your child's class stream.

With the recent government announcements, road-map out of lockdown and school opening, we really do have so much to look forward to.

As a school community we have proved that we are strong, supportive and resilient - we said we would get through this together and we did!

Have a wonderful weekend.  
My very best wishes,  
**Mrs Freeman**



## MATHS WEEK

8th - 11th February

All children enjoyed Maths Week and enjoyed the opportunity to explore maths in different ways. The theme this year was 'All about me' and focused on measurement and comparison. The children looked at The Vitruvian Man by investigating body measurements and comparing them in different ways.

The week was rounded off with our usual tradition of Maths Hats. We saw the most amazing creations from all of our children - a very special well done to the winners!

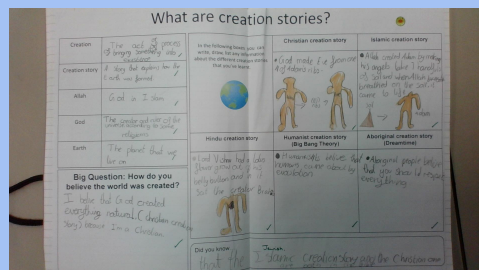
As Maths Lead, it is always a pleasure to see children from across the school engaging in our exciting maths learning activities - Maths Week gives us the opportunity as a school to celebrate maths and all it has to offer learners!

## YEAR 4

### Creation Stories



Year 4 have been learning about the creation stories that form part of different people's beliefs. We looked at the Christian and Jewish creation story as well as the Islamic story. They were very similar. Then we learnt about the Hindu creation story, Humanist beliefs and Aboriginal Dreamtime. It has been very interesting to see how the creation has been explained in different ways and to think about our own beliefs.



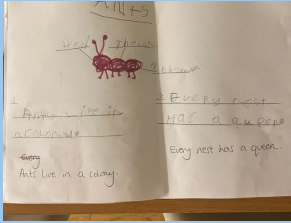
Miss Farrell and Mrs Buchanan



Mrs Buchanan,  
Maths Lead

# EXAMPLES OF AMAZING HOME AND IN SCHOOL LEARNING

## Reception



Cammy T has written this brilliant non-fiction page about an ant!

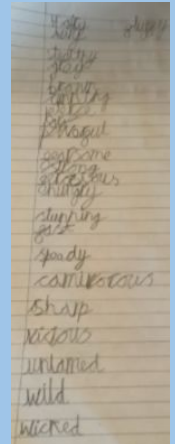
## Year 1



Jessie S has been weighing objects at home to see which one is heavier or lighter.

## Year 2

Max B has found lots of amazing adjectives to describe a wolf ready for our character description.



## Year 3



We have been learning about the Victorians and William Morris. We created our own wallpaper designs based on his work. This amazing artwork is by Evie M.

## Year 4

Observation from the illustration	Conjunction	Prediction
The children follow Wesley	so	I predict Wesley will make friends with them.
Wesley is writing a story	as a result	I think the children will read it and like it.
Wesley has opened a stall selling his juice drink	therefore	I predict he will use the money made to buy supplies for his garden.
Wesley is playing a game with the children	for this reason	I think the children are now his friends.
Wesley is standing in his garden after planting	consequently	I predict crops will now grow.
It is bedtime and Wesley is playing an instrument whilst in the hammock	therefore	the music will stop animals stealing the fruit.

Charlie B has written some amazing predictions about what might happen in our new literacy text Weslandia!



Year 4 has been learning about Roald Dahl. They made some artwork of themselves with positive thoughts based on The Twits' and how positive and ugly thoughts make you look.

## Year 5

Dear sir,

I am writing to inform you of an unethical act that is happening on my land. The farms beloved animals are being savagely attacked by a monstrous creature, leaving our farming business under threat and losing money. Furthermore, the threatening beast is stamping on our crops, leaving us with nothing to sell. My strong opinion is to set traps in order to capture the wild predator, this way we will be able to eradicate it and therefore prevent any more of our animals from being murdered. Our delicious crops (that are normally in full season by now) will continue to feed the village once this important matter is resolved.

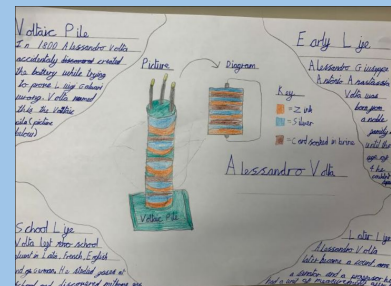
Yours faithfully  
Liam Smith



Liam S has written a formal letter using emotive language about a savage attack at a farm!

Year 5 have been learning about flower reproduction in science. We used this in our art creating our own Georgia O'Keefe pictures.

## Year 6



Daniel F has produced this amazing work researching Alessandro Volta and his inventions as part of our work on electricity.

*We are seeing some brilliant work on Google Classrooms from all our home learners and some fabulous work in school from all our in school learners - you are all amazing!*

## PUPIL VOICE Year 6



***This week, Pupil Voice was held with Year 6 children learning both in school and at home.***

### **What are you most enjoying about your learning?**

*"I like the fact that it is made fun so we enjoy it."*

*"Fractions in maths."*

*"I like drawing in literacy and art is fun."*

*"Being in school with grown-ups that help me."*

*"I am enjoying seeing my friends on live lessons whilst I'm still learning."*

### **How do you know you are doing well in your learning?**

*"I got Star of the Week once and I also had a positive parents evening."*

*"If the teacher says you are."*

*"You know you are doing well if you try your best."*

### **What attitude do you need to be a good learner?**

*"Positive."*

*"Good listening."*

*"You should endeavor to try your best and always try to go above and beyond."*

### **What are you working on to improve at the moment?**

*"Handwriting."*

*"Timetables for maths."*

## *Look out For - Home Learning Provision*

- Our 'Good Morning' message on Monday will now include an OPTIONAL well being activity for the week.
- Two live lessons a day - one English and one Maths.
- A weekly video that sets out a learning challenge related to another subject from the curriculum.
- A daily physical/PE challenge. Also see our letter dated 26th January regarding 5-a-day Fitness.
- Stories uploaded to our YouTube channel.
- A weekly pre-recorded assembly.
- Social time for children on a Friday.
- Curriculum Maps - have been uploaded to Google Classrooms.

## NURSERY *On the Farm*



This term's topic in Nursery class is 'On the Farm'. This week we have been looking at animals that live on the farm and the noises they make. We have turned our play loft into a red barn and the children have had lots of fun pretending to be their favourite farm animal.

Our Nursery children have also been superstars working hard to learn all about numbers 1 to 5 and what they look like as a number, as quantities, ordering and mark making.

We have had lots of fun looking at our faces and the expressions they make. What do our expressions tell us? How can we tell if our friends are happy or sad? What makes us happy and sad? Then as we were talking about our feelings, we all had a surprise and lots of chuckles when we noticed a visitor in our garden!

***Miss Belaon, Nursery Manager***

## LOCKDOWN *CREATIVITY AND FUN!*



This is Lilya's vegan pea and mint soup and vegan strawberry cake that she made during the half term!



*If you and your family have thought of any creative and resourceful ways to keep yourselves entertained during lockdown, please email Mrs Helps at [s.helps@bigginhillps.com](mailto:s.helps@bigginhillps.com)  
Your creations may be included in our next newsletter!*