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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've made it to the end of this Lockdown as we know it! We can't wait to welcome all the children back to school on Monday and Hector and Matthew are ready and waiting for the children to come into class! As I said to staff in today's Briefing Minutes, only three more sleeps to go! Thank you for all your support of the children and us as a school, over these past few months - we really appreciate it, are very grateful and are immensely proud of how hard everyone has worked.



So, this week has been another busy one...!

Reception

We celebrated St David's Day on Monday and Kate and Oliver made some wonderful (nearly life-sized) Daffodils. We really enjoyed following the steps of making play dough, measuring all the ingredients, mixing it all with a spatula and kneading it with our hands. Yuki then loved actually making play dough numbers.

We've continued to find and make different 3D shapes. Lottie couldn't believe how many cylinders she has in her house! We're really coming on with our reading and handwriting and can't wait to show our teachers when we come back into school on Monday!



Year 1

Well... we were tasked with writing a newspaper report about Mrs Edwards being abducted by Aliens. We Key Worker children were shocked and surprised by Mrs Edwards appearing from behind a screen in our room on Thursday afternoon stating she didn't know how she had got there, but was very glad to see us! She said she was blown away by our newspaper reports and the language and punctuation we had used!

We've also written book reviews for World Book Day and loved making maps of alien planets. Jonah's planet Ansox was 3D, as was William's - aren't they great?!

It was really interesting learning about the different phases of the Moon. Charlie showed his understanding using Jaffa Cakes - genius! We also used our knowledge of directions and instructions to find treasure in our Maths lessons this week.



Year 2

It's been the second week of Fairtrade Fortnight and we've combined our English lessons with Food Tech to follow instructions to make Brownies. Mrs Edwards said the vegan Brownies were particularly delicious and appreciated the Year 2 Key Worker children's culinary efforts. Sam said it was the best English lesson EVER! Here's Amelie's Brownie - it looks scrumptious!

We learnt about inspirational Scientists in Science this week and have really got to grips with telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes in Maths.



Year 3

This week we wrote our own set of instructions to wash a Stone Age animal. Alex's piece of writing about washing a Saber Tooth Tiger included the use of her neighbour's paddling pool and Krishan's the use of a hose! We also wrote Character Descriptions for World Book Day. Mrs Edwards really enjoyed reading Keira's description of Mirabelle the Witch. We enjoyed learning about Stonehenge and making our own versions of it - Will made one from his sofa!

We've been developing our understanding of time in Maths and Tempo, Timbre and Texture in Music.



Year 4

In DT and topic, over the past 2 weeks we've been planning and making our own aqueducts and learning more about Mount Vesuvius and the Roman city of Pompeii. Here are pictures of aqueducts made by Rebecca and Oliver.

Isn't it amazing that this past week, archaeologists have unearthed a chariot in Pompeii which had been buried in the eruption all those years ago! It's so interesting trying to work out what different artefacts might have been used for. We've been learning to write purposeful paragraphs in English and how to demonstrate symmetry in Maths. We also enjoyed our World Book Day challenges yesterday.



Year 5

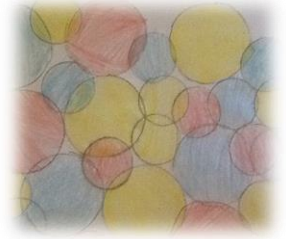
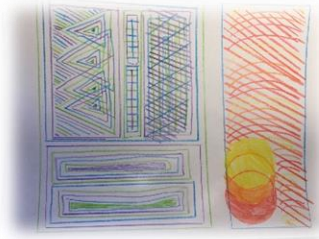
This week we've completed and published our Alien Invasion pieces of writing. Joe used some incredible vocabulary in his writing, and George and Freddie's pieces were really detailed. We've enjoyed making presentations this week about how mountains are formed and we've been recapping our work on teeth, night and day in Science, and loved listening to Gustav Holst's 'The Planets' and describing what instruments we could hear and why the music matches the planets.

Well done to Milla for entering her artwork with Reading Borough Council's 'Love Your Park' initiative to encourage people to look after our local parks and discourage littering.



Year 6

We've been revising different Maths topics this week, from multiples and factors to adding and subtracting fractions. We've been developing our persuasive writing and were tasked with persuading Mrs Edwards and Mrs Fallon to get something for our new school, which will be our legacy. We've looked at the North American Biomes, focusing on the Tundra region, and wrote about and drew a plant and two different animals from this region. We also explored abstract expression and the artist Jasper Johns. Here is some artwork from Alyssia, Ben, Sammy and Rhys - all inspired by Jasper Johns.



Finally, please note that due to the amount of time the children have had out of school, the last day of term (Thursday 1st April) will not have an early finish - children will finish at their usual finish time.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you all on Monday!

Mrs Edwards

