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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all managing to keep safe and well in this current lockdown. Thank you for all your support and feedback of our remote learning provision.

I continue to enjoy reading the children's comments on the Google Classroom live stream and looking at the work they are completing. Let me share a little of what each year group has been focussing on this week.

Reception

We're really loving our Dinosaurs topic and had lots of fun making shakers. Sophie, Edie, Yuki, Lillia and Maya particularly enjoyed finding things to put inside them, such as rice, crayon stubs, beans, dried pasta and small toys and then decorating them with dinosaurs. Noah was inspired to paint this dinosaur and Angelina wrote a sentence about a Brachiosaurus and then counted the letters in the word - there are 13! Toby loved his older brother



helping him with his number line and they added one more to all the ages of their family members and Bertie created her own checklist to find different shapes around the house. Supermario Funky Feet Friday was a favourite of Kates, and Wilbur loved the counting activity using his cars to help him.

Year 1

In Year 1, we adore our Space topic and have found the work and the Space related activities really fun - particularly the Topic Bingo. Charlie and Rachel's Rock Cakes looked delicious and we all couldn't believe the size of



Oliver's Rocket! We love Maisey's Van Gogh inspired 'Starry Night'. We all used our imagination when we looked at the photo of the rocket launching from Earth to describe how we think we would have felt as an astronaut and have started to create our own 'Space' booklets. We practiced our weighing skills in Maths, using our own scales to weigh different items we could find either in the classroom or at home and we're enjoying identifying common plants in our gardens and the countryside for our work in Science.

Year 2

Mrs Edwards says she's really enjoying reading the riddles the Year 2 teachers are posting on the Google Classroom stream. Try this one:

Q: What does December have that the other months don't?

Our Chocolate theme is going down a treat - if you pardon the pun! Matthew threw himself into it wholeheartedly, as you can see from the delicious looking chocolate fridge cake he made. Mrs Edwards is wondering if anyone has made a papier mache sweet for Willy Wonka's factory yet? (It was one of the Topic Bingo tasks). Elsa has enjoyed doing Yoga at home and has recommended the Yoga Quest Challenge to us. In Maths, we've been learning about money and really enjoyed the Shopping Bingo.



Year 3

We've started our Stone Age Rocks topic and enjoyed problem solving how people survived in this period and deciding why certain things were more important than others to do. We also enjoyed planning a creative, persuasive and eye-catching advert for a bow and arrow. Aoife read her dog, Otto, a story about a woolly mammoth to help her get some ideas for her English work. Max was clearly inspired and created an amazing story based on the 'Stone Age Boy', which we're all reading. The sentence challenges our teachers set for us were fun. We had to choose one of our focus words and then:

1. Write a sentence with a conjunction.
2. Write the word in a sentence that uses an exciting adjective or an adverb.
3. Write a question sentence using the word.
4. Speed write the word five times.
5. Write the word backwards.

Parents - why don't you choose a word and give this a try?!

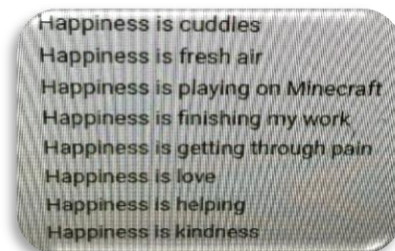
One afternoon, the camp went to the beautiful, blue river, it was a very warm, sunny day. The kids picked tasty berries and crunchy nuts while Om and I watched the muscly, strong men fishing. If the men saw one of the slippery slimy fish their spears would drop like an eagle, swooping down to get its prey. Their spears came back up again as quick as a flash with fresh fish on the spike.

Just then a boy came shouting, "There's a big brown bear, alone! It will be an easy hunt!" The men, Om and I followed the boy to the big brown bear. The boy was right, the bear was alone. The men threw their spears toomph and hit the bear directly in the leg, causing the bear to collapse onto the floor. "The bear is dead!" Shouted the men joyfully like they won a football world cup.

After the men had brought the brown bear back to their warm, cosy camp there was a big party and the huge delicious feast began. The bear was tied up above the fire cooking. The fire was crackling loudly ready to be eaten. The amazing Stone Age people danced around happily to the music.

Year 4

We had a Science investigation this week seeing if and how long it would take to melt chocolate at different temperatures. We learned more about the



Romans, including the story of Romulus and Remus and how myths differ from normal stories. Look at Aaron's Roman Road! Very clever! We've continued to work on times tables and division facts in Maths and enjoyed writing poems about happiness - here's Noah's.



Year 5

Our topic 'To Infinity and Beyond' has really captured our interest. We've been researching NASA, making notes about possible jobs there and about the inspirational Katherine Johnson. We thoroughly enjoyed our Science investigation where we timed how long parachutes made from different items including bubble wrap, a sheet of kitchen roll and a plastic carrier bag took to 'float' to the ground. Can you guess which one took the longest? We've been solving word problems in Maths and checking our answers using estimation and have enjoyed creating pieces of a rocket in the style of the Space Artist Peter Thorpe.



Year 6

We continue to love our daily drawing challenges from Mrs Rogers - look at some of our distorted giants and Lily's Totem Pole design. We've had a lot of fun writing fables and (hysterically funny) versions of 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf'. It was really interesting to learn about the diets of Native Americans and all the different uses of the Buffalo. In Maths, we've been focussing on calculating the volume of cuboids and translating and using Roman Numerals.



Thank you

Thank you to all the parents for the lovely M&S Fruit Basket that was delivered this week, and to the Pattisons for the speciality box of teabags. We really appreciated them and are lucky to have you taking care of us.

Performance Sports

Congratulations to Chris and Annie Ellison and the Performance Sports Team for earning a Berkshire Lockdown Physical Activity Award as a result of their contributions to Physical Activity for children during this pandemic. It's richly deserved and thank you from us all!

Class Reps

Thank you to all the Class Reps for your time, feedback and support in our meeting on Monday.

Travel Plan

Our next Travel Plan working party meeting will be held on Monday 18th January at 9.30am, zoom details to follow.

**Thank you again for all your incredible support of us as staff and your children.
We understand how challenging it is and please let us know if we can help in any way.**