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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the end of our 3rd week of remote learning and hopefully another week closer to us being able to reopen to many more, if not all pupils.

We were pleased to have received our first Covid Rapid Test kits for staff this week which is another step forwards in terms of helping us to remain open. Hector was keen to be given his own kit and surprised when I told him he is naturally immune to the virus and so can't have one!



Reception

This week in Reception, we've been concentrating on one more and one less. We really enjoyed finding things to put into containers (Wilbur used cars and Playmobil and Lilia used Hatchimals) and identifying which had more or less. We loved learning about carnivores and herbivores and what diet different dinosaurs had. Brodie came a little close to being part of a Velociraptor meal - EEEK! Angelina had fun writing some similes. Mrs Edwards really liked 'The dinosaur's teeth were as sharp as a saw'. Kate was buzzing from Miss Nash's dance class again and we enjoyed the reading activities, particularly matching the words to pictures.

Year 1

Our Space topic continues to inspire us, and quite a few of us have made our own rockets this week. Yusuf designed and made his own spaceship, Jack made some delicious rock cakes and Gabriela's dance to the Unicorn Noodles space song was great! We were delighted to have watched footage of the rocket that was launched on Wednesday and were interested to learn why we have Day and Night in

Science. We've been learning about estimating and measuring capacity. Rachel had great fun using puddles and making milkshakes and lemonade to practise her measuring skills and so did Daniel.

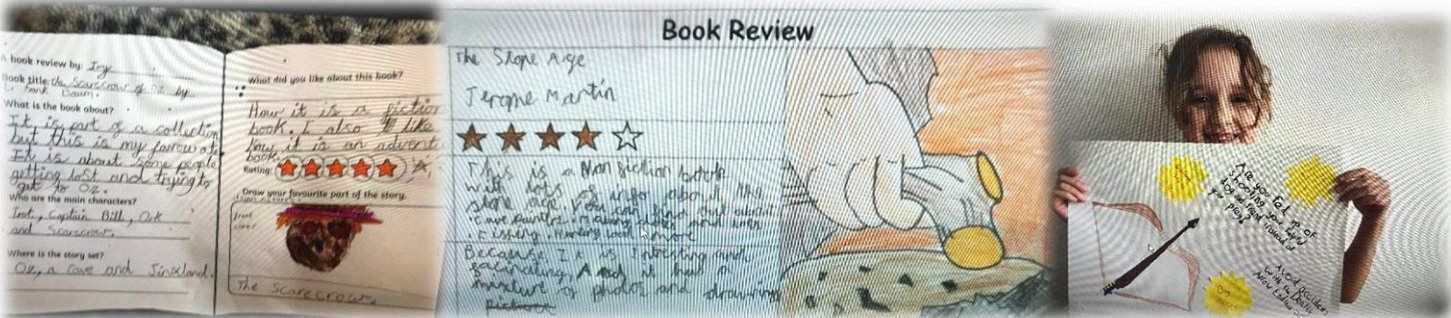


Year 2

This week in Year 2, we've been using practical resources to investigate multiplication as repeated addition and how multiplication can be done in any order. We were really interested to learn about how chocolate is made and where it really comes from and we had great fun writing character descriptions about monsters. Elsa's explanation of why her monster is green made me laugh out loud and Hughie left her feeling rather nervous about ever meeting his. We're looking forward to trying Mrs Fallon's STEM Challenge - How much weight can Aluminium boats float?

Year 3

This week, we've been writing book reviews. Mrs Edwards said she found them all really interesting and said she hopes we keep sharing reviews of the books we read. Here's the book reviews from Ivy and James. We've also been busy writing persuasive adverts for a bow and arrow and Gwen also made an impressive lava lamp. In Maths, we've been developing our written methods for addition and subtraction and aim to move from the expanded method after the compact method. We're enjoying our French lessons, learning about 'La Famille' and our work on animals in Science.



Year 4

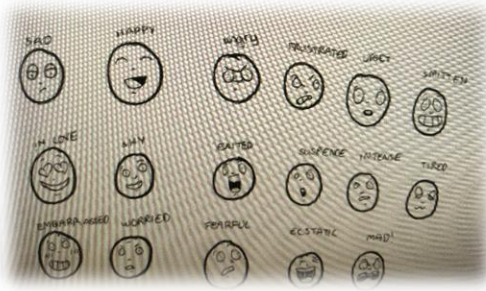
We've been re-writing the build up of the story of the brothers Romulus and Remus this week. We were challenged to use adjectives, expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, pronouns and similes. Phew! Callen used some amazing vocabulary in his description!

We enjoyed learning about processes of evaporation and condensation in Science and the Super Challenge sheet was a spicy one! Our Maths work on areas of shape has been tricky but really interesting, as was our Reading comprehension on 'Making Inferences'.

Year 5

This week, we've been looking at features of a diary and linked this to our topic by writing diary entries of the astronauts who first landed on the Moon. Piper drew this great picture of a rocket flying into Space. We've been solving word problems involving measure in Maths and recalling what we know about the Digestive System in Science. More of us also completed the parachute investigation and the Year 5 Key Worker group carried out their investigation from the top of the Fire Exit stairs. We enjoyed making our own compass with a moveable needle and completing the challenge on compass directions in Geography.





Year 6

Continuing our theme on Native American culture, we've been looking at their traditional clothing and housing. It was fascinating to learn about the buffalo hide clothes and moccasins and the tepees and longhouses they lived in. We enjoyed creating Mandalas and creating a description piece of writing focussing on the moments when Theseus enters the labyrinth, walks his way through it and defeats the Minotaur. We recapped our work on Algebra in Maths and had our first Guitar lesson from home.

Eco Activity

Thanks to Mrs Loveday for passing on a suggestion and instructions on how to make a Bird Feeder. Mr Edwards doesn't know what fun he's in for this weekend!

Parent Consultations

We are bringing forward Parent Consultations to the week before half term to give parents the opportunity to talk to classteachers about your child's experience of, and engagement with a different way of learning during Lockdown before half-term. Further information will be sent out next week about days and times meetings will be offered and held.

Thank You

Thank you to Travel Plan Working Party for all your input this week. We are very close to finalising our School Travel Plan which we will be submitting to Reading Borough Council and will share with all parents and members of our school community as soon as we are able.

Have a great weekend everyone and stay safe.

Mrs Edwards