

NEWSLETTER



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Useful links

<https://homelearning.woodhouse.academy>

Additional learning resources and activities.

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/parental-assistance>

Our new parental assistance page with plenty of avenues of support.

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/school-news>

Up to date school news.

Some Google forms for you to fill out please where appropriate.

Evaluation of home learning – Week Three

Please complete this form to help us evaluate our remote learning. You can also use the 'Additional Details' section of this form to let us know of any troubles or changes in circumstances you're having. We are able to offer a wide range of support such as food parcels, tech advice, checking eligibility and applying for free school meals. Please don't hesitate to ask. We will endeavour to do what we can.

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Photo Consent

Thank you to everyone who has completed this already. If you haven't done so, can you please complete this form.

<https://forms.gle/JG9HYxdhShp3qtBg8>

Complete the form to give information about mobile internet access, which, school can support with

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Complete this form to ask for help with devices

<https://forms.gle/9fwsf6mwmCgvGWVA9>

We have loaned out close to 100 devices at present for use with home learning. We've had devices from government funding, staff and community donations as well as repurposed school devices.

We have a list of children and families that we will endeavour to support with devices for online learning but at present the list is larger than the number of devices we have. If you are in need of support with this, fill out the form above and we will do what we can to support you.

We are able to repurpose most unwanted devices into Chromebooks for children to use. If you are able to support us with this, please contact families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk any donations would be put to good use.

Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 22nd January.

Nursery

Caitlin
Willow

Reception

Lameesah
Ramneek
Aluna-Rose
Wyatt

Year One

Reon
Sascha
Kyah
Courtney

Year Two

Aryan
Madison
Yaman
Sanogika

Year Three

Nyemah
Aaron
Rajvir
Nabiha

Year Four

Hugo
Fraser
Amelia
Yuvraj

Year Five

Zain
Kaiya
Harriet
Jack
Aaliyah-Mae

Year Six

Lilly
Oliver
Tia
Neave
Avneet
Riad

Congratulations to all of these children who have put in a fantastic effort this week. They have been nominated by their teachers. We are really impressed with the level of learning from all children. What can you do to be Star of the Week next week?

If you can and would like to, send us a photo with your certificate so we can share it on next week's newsletter.



Celebrating Success



Book some time to Read



The total word count on Accelerated Reader for school this half term is 28,148,556 overall with A total of 2792 quizzes been passed.

Taran, 5H and Hadeed, 5WS have both reached their 250,000-word milestones.

Mariyah, 6LP has become a word millionaire. Congratulations everyone on achieving your milestones.

If you haven't already, pick up a book or logon to Myon or EPIC and enjoy reading! There are now over 5000 books on Myon ready to start reading.

<https://www.myon.co.uk/login/>

epic!



We have a new reading platform called Epic, which is a free online library where children can read lots of very popular books – 40,000 books to be precise! If children are on accelerate reader they can search their level and finds lots of well-known favourites and if they aren't on AR then they can listen to lots of the read aloud stories. It is accessible between the hours of 7-4 (schooltime) and all children need to do is head to <https://www.getepic.com/students> and pop in the class code which has been given to them by their teachers. They then need to click on their icon and they can read away!

Teachers will also assign books for children to read to do with their topic and children will be rewarded as a class depending on how much they collectively read.

Parents can also use their email address to allow the children an extra few hours after 4 o'clock. This is free of charge.

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RECOMMENDED READS!

This is a book that all budding young astronauts will love.

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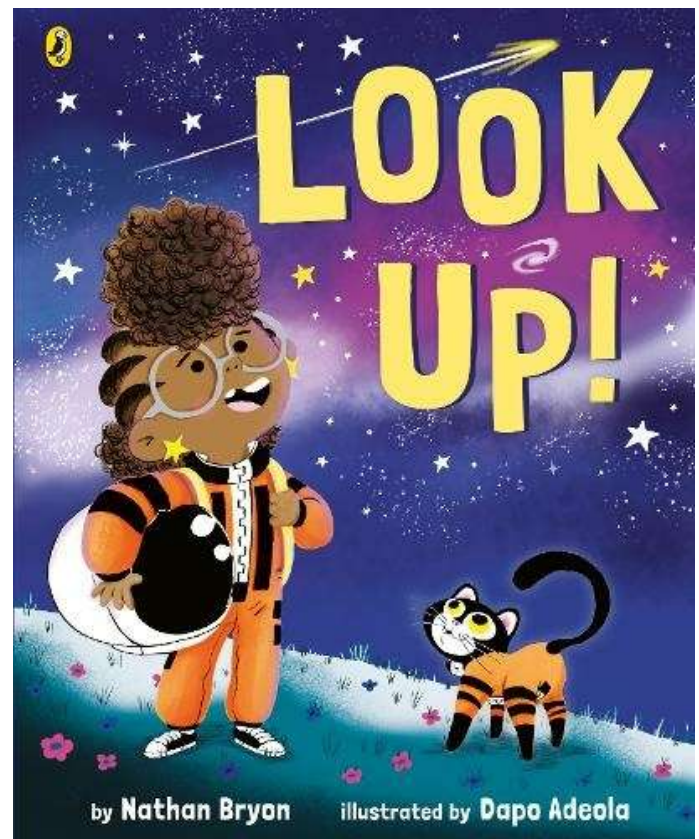
Let science-mad chatterbox Rocket launch into your hearts in this inspiring picture book.

Rocket's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived!

But...

First, she needs to convince her big brother Jamal to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars.

Bursting with energy and passion about space and the natural world, this heart-warming picture book will reignite your desire to turn off those screens and switch on to the outside world.



SOME HAPPY NEWS

by Miss Hunt

A FEW NEWS STORIES TO MAKE YOU SMILE!

Good to know...

Kenya's elephant population has doubled in the last 20 years!



"Put yourself in their shoes. You can't talk to them, you can't see them," Corey said. "It's really sad and then I got an idea in my head to raise money so they can see people on Zoom or Facetime so they can see their loved ones."

Corey decided to raise the money by carrying a sack of potatoes up a mountain. He didn't stop there though - cycling up another and running up a third. His efforts raised £4,000 to buy tablet computers for patients at hospitals such as Llantrisant's Royal Glamorgan who could not have visitors.

The boy who climbed a mountain with a sack of potatoes!

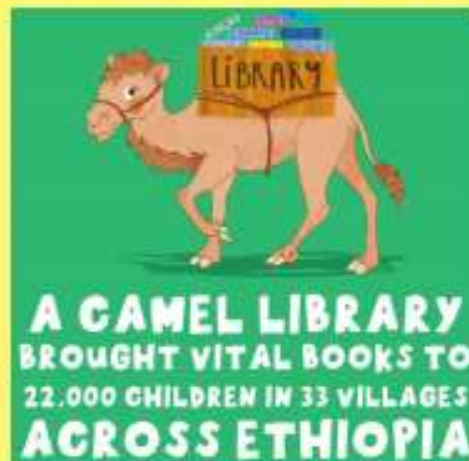
Since Covid restrictions were put into place, people all over the country have been working hard to ensure that they keep active. Well, one young boy has taken it a step further - by carrying a sack of potatoes up a mountain! Corey, 10, got the idea during the first lockdown after finding out about hospital patients who could have no contact with the outside world.



A camel library

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the way people live all around the world, and in some countries has seriously impacted the ability of children to access education. One solution comes in the form of a 'camel library' run by Save The Children, which aims to tackle the problem of children being absent from school for long periods of time.

The mobile library brings vital books to 22,000 children in 33 villages across Ethiopia, spending two and a half days at each site, in which time the camels rest, eat and have examinations for illness, carried out by their herders.



Always try to smile and be happy. That way, when other people see your smile, they'll be happy too!



Pictured above is a soapy bubble that froze into a pristine snow globe! The photographer tiptoed about two feet out onto Big Stone Lake, Minnesota where the ice was about four inches thick, to get the shot. The air temperature was around -13°C and the wind low, so the conditions were perfect for bubbles to freeze over.



A photography competition challenged young people in the UK to capture life under lockdown. The winning image (above) is titled, 'Dreaming of the Beach' and depicts two people dressed up for a day at the beach whilst inside. Second place (below) shows Barbie dolls being used to remind people to remain socially distant.



Did you know...

A group of pugs is called a grumble?



Machu Picchu opens for single, stranded tourist

A Japanese tourist, Jesse Katayama, only planned on being in Peru for a few days in March but ended up being stranded there for 7 months during the pandemic.

Not wanting to miss out on seeing what he'd gone to Peru to see, he submitted a special request to visit Machu Picchu before returning home. Peru's minister for culture allowed Jesse to visit the site that had been closed to visitors due to coronavirus. Machu Picchu is a symbol of the Incan Empire and is one of the New Seven Wonder of the World.



Dwayne, The Rock, Johnson gifts a \$30,000 car!

On New Year's Day, the 48-year-old movie star visited his old friend Bruno Lauer.

Bruno took the actor in when he was homeless as a teen in Tennessee. Nine years later, after Johnson fell on hard times once again while trying to make his name as a wrestler, it was Bruno who again came to the rescue and said he could live in his Nashville trailer.

To thank his friend for his kindness, the star gave him a brand new car. "I love you, brother," Johnson wrote to his friend in a post on Instagram. "Your kindness and heart - helped change my life's trajectory."

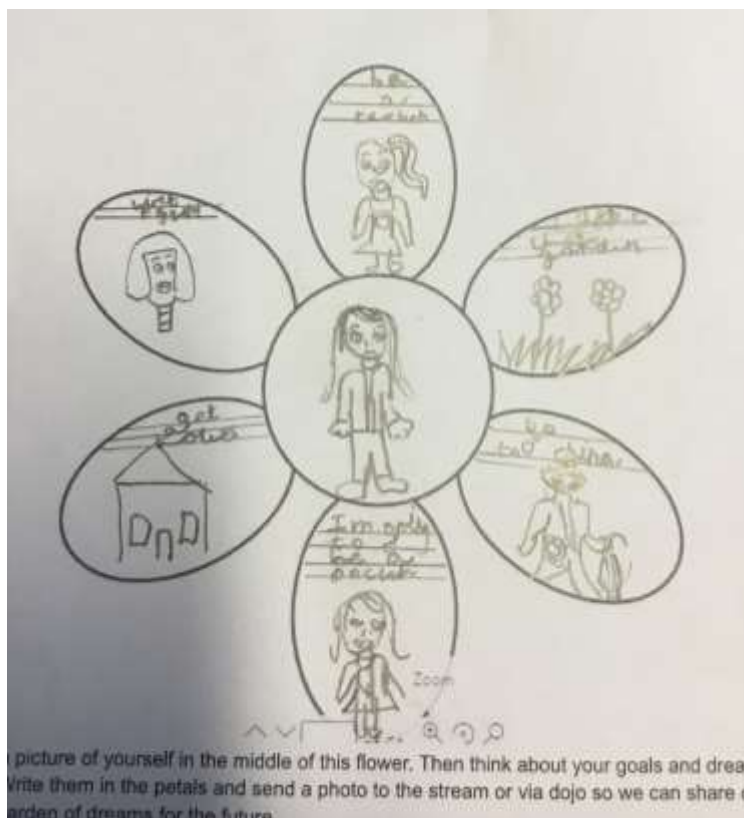
Positivity always wins...Always!



A diary entry written by Rory, 4W:

Rory's diary Your diary It all started when I was working in the fields. My boss was happy but then saw Koong-se looking at me as if we were going to marry and then flew into a rage. I had to come into his office. When it was over I slammed the door in his face because I hated him that much. Then he put up a fence to keep us apart. While crying, I ran as fast as I could away from that house I feel as if I will never see her again. I've heard her yelling at the boss, slamming doors in his face and crying. I've also heard the boss shouting at her. I wish he would shut up. He's a toilet brained seaweed hearted piece of sushi. With slanted eyebrows, clenched fists and grinding teeth, I saw that small boat coming towards the boss's house. It was a boat carrying the Duke and at least two soldiers. I was so annoyed because he looks so posh and handsome. I feel I know what's going to happen. I feel as if he'll marry Koong-se. I've seen him with a box of jewels. He must want to marry Koong-see! He is even worse than the boss. With a smug expression he is leaving now. With a drooping mouth and a heavy heart, I realised that Koong-se must have agreed to marry him. Maybe she doesn't actually want to marry him. With a pounding heart I realized that the boss must have forced her to do it. Anger flared in my vein and I decided to make a plan. The plan was to break into the palace disguised as a servant, find Koong-se and escape. The first two steps went well but the third step did not because the alarm was raised and the boss chased after us with a whip in hand. Then we saw the duke's boat and tried to escape from the boss. I hope we find an island to hide on.

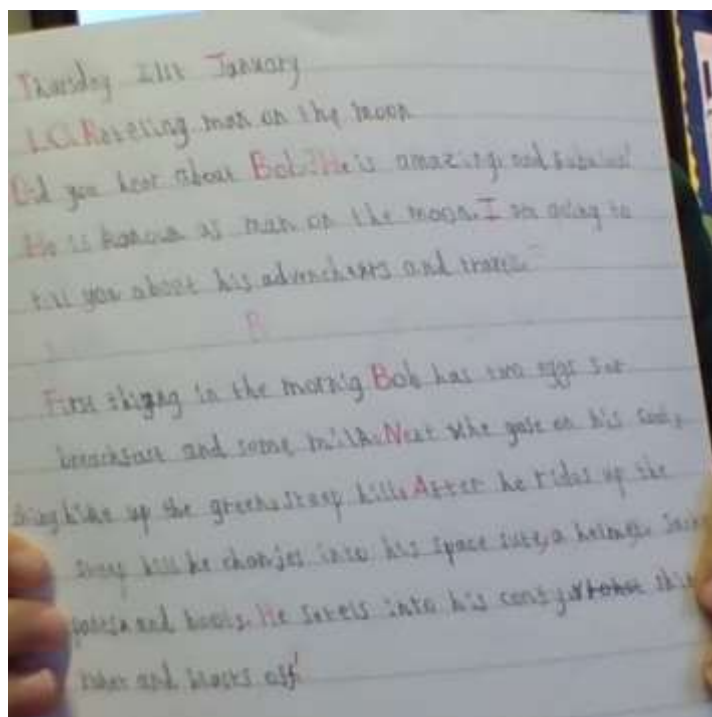
A fabulous chocolate poster by Courtney, 1L as part of Year One's Bournville Chocolate Bonanza theme.



Eva, 3N has made this poster about her goals and dreams as part of their PSHE learning.

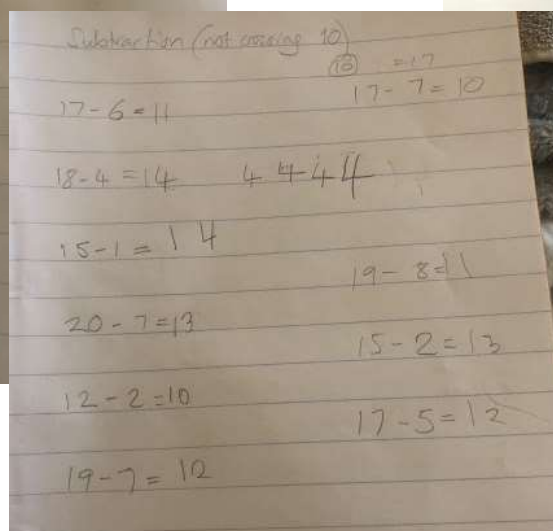
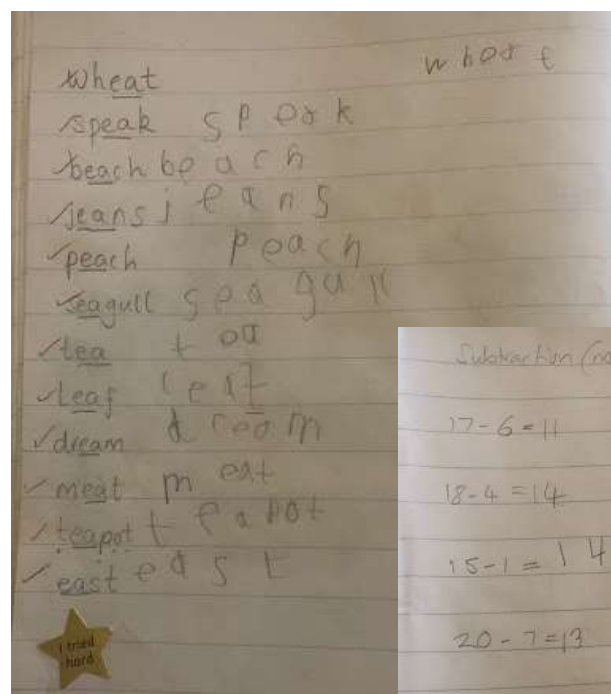
As part of their Journey to the Orient theme, Year 4 have been drawing and making dragons.





Some amazing writing by Aryan, 2F.

Charlie, 4SO wrote his name in chocolate bars.



Ethan, 1L has been working really hard with his remote learning, practising his arithmetic and spelling.

A diary entry written by Elnathan, 6W

25th December 1914

Dear Diary,

A miracle has happened down here in the trenches. We dropped our weapons and played a quite enjoyable football match. It all started when the Germans sang Christmas Carols. After that, I had a brilliant idea but wasn't 100% sure whether i was going to survive or not. The next day, snow covered 'No Man's Land'. It was time to put my plan into action. I dropped my weapons on a pile of dirt near me and started to climb the ladder. I stopped to think about what i was doing but it was now or never.

I climbed the ladder and walked onto 'No Man's Land'. All of the Germans hoisted their weapons. My feet began to shake and my stomach felt like it was in a knot. One of the Germans basically saved my life. The Germans were about to fire but then he told them that I was unarmed. Then everyone from both sides came onto 'No Man's Land' and we played a game of football.

It felt like home. Finally, I got something that lifted my spirits. I know I took a risk but it was worth a game of football. Now we are back in our trenches and going back to trench life.

Merry Christmas,
Will



Harry, 4W and George, 1L have been baking at home and made these tasty looking mini egg and smartie cookie pizzas.

Yuvraj, 4W has been drawing superhero logos at home. These are really cool!



This week Reception have been reading and learning about the story of the Three Little Pigs. They have done some amazing learning, both in school and at home. They have made house for the pigs, retold the story and were challenged to make a pig or wolf out of things they could find around their homes.





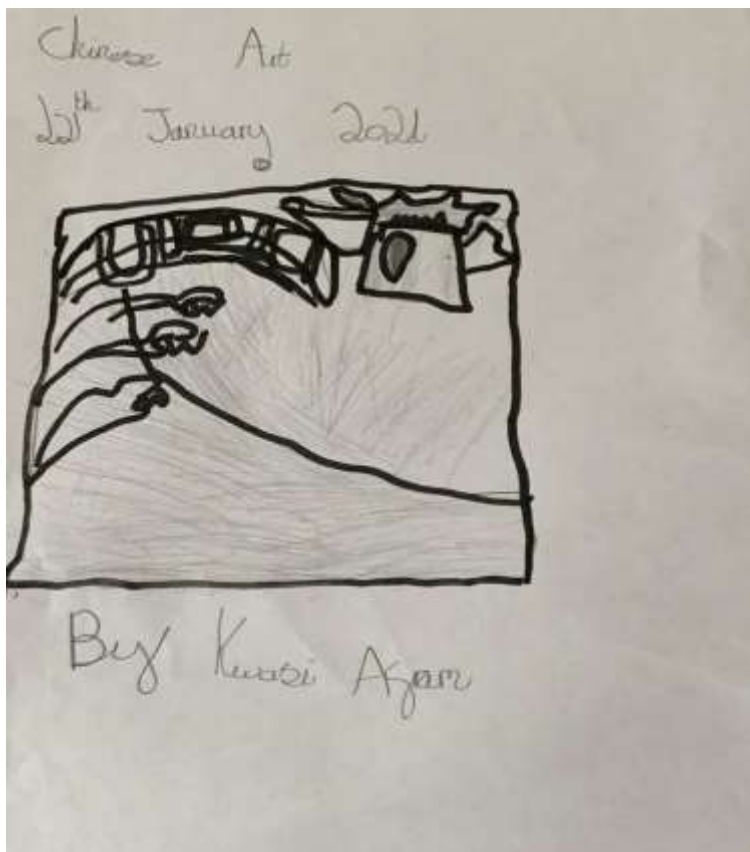
A Haiku poem by Yuvraj, 4W

Woodhouse is lovely
Woodhouse is the place to be
Woodhouse is really fun

English and MyOn
Lots and lots of art to do
Science and music

The teachers are great
Mrs Williams is fab
We all like to learn

Woodhouse is funny
Woodhouse is a sporty place
Woodhouse is my School



Some more amazing artwork by Year 4,
inspired by their Journey to the Orient
theme.





Donte and Harriet, Year 5 have made these fantastic Tudor Me collages in the Year 5 Emergency Care bubble.

A diary entry written by Amelia, 4W

Dear Diary,

Yesterday was the most horrid and dreadful day of my life! I was working so hard for my love Koong-se, the most beautiful, amazing girl I have ever met. Suddenly, her father found out that we both are in love then the mandarin pushed me and shouted at Koong-se "NEVER EVER DO THAT!GO TO YOUR ROOM! NOW!" So Koong-se ran to her room, tears dropping from her eyes and sliding down her face but the mandarin was following her with a scarlet coloured face and stomping instead of walking. Even though, I was shaking in fear, I kept cleaning and doing my job until I was thrown out. Then they started building a wall. Why did this have to happen? I love Koong-se and I am sure she loves me too. Then I heard shouting and it sounded like the mandarin. After that we were able to plan an escape to an island far, far away so those horrid, nasty people cannot see us. We plan to go on the duke's boat because it is large and should have a lot of food.

SHANG DYNASTY FACTS

1. Tai Wu is thought to be the longest-reigning Shang king. He is believed to have ruled for 75 years from 1450 to 1375 BC.
2. THE Shang built their houses and public out of wood and mud. They built mud banks to try and hold back floods.
3. The Shang Dynasty is believed to be the oldest Chinese dynasty based on archaeological and astronomical evidence.
4. The Shang Dynasty writing was found to be on animal bones, turtle shells and bronze.
5. The concept of kingship would go from brother to brother or brother to nephew rather than father to son.
6. The Shang people were believers in providing human sacrifices to the gods.

Some posters about the Shang dynasty by Year Four.

The rise and fall of The Shang

The first Dynasty of China was Shang, 3,500 years ago. The name 'Shang' is from a place in China, the 'mount of the Shang'. The Shang Dynasty ruled in the Yellow River Valley.

The Shang Dynasty lasted 500 years and had 17 generations of Kings. Legend has it that Shang conquered China after a great battle. The first great king was Cheng Tang who was a kind king and legend has it that he once offered to sacrifice himself when the country was in famine. Most people in Shang time were farmers. Brave warriors were chosen to be kings to protect the people.

Shang kings knew how to make weapons using Bronze, clay and stone. With these weapons they were stronger than their Chinese neighbours. The armies also used horses and chariots, which were found at burial sites in China. It was believed these pulled the Kings' chariots in after life. Kings had to look after the people. They knew how to fight but also how to care for their people. The Shang kings were very spiritual. They spoke to the Gods for guidance on how to rule in a good way. They also looked at the stars to see if heaven was on their side. They believed the stars were spirits who could punish them at any time.

After 500 years of good rule, an evil King called Di-Xin started to rule. He was a cruel king and the people were unhappy. They looked to the sky and saw a very unusual sight. Five planets appeared in the sky and the people thought it was a sign from the Gods. The planets were Mars, Venus, Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn. This only happens every 516 years. Scientists have been able to date this to 25th May 1058BC. The people in China believed the Gods had spoken and that the evil King must go. Another sign was that a red bird landed in the King's altar in the temple. The bird spoke saying the King of the Shang must be overthrown. The people rose up and defeated the King's army. King Di-Xin realised that he had lost the Gods' favour or, as the Chinese call it, 'The Mandate of Heaven'. Di-Xin put on his Jade suit and walked into the fire and that was the end of the Shang Dynasty.

The Shang Leaders



1st leader

Cheng Tang ruled in 1600 BC. He was a nice king and was appreciated. He overthrew the Xia dynasty.

Wu Ding ruled from 1250 BC to 1192 BC. He reigned the longest. He had 64 wives. He had one from every neighbouring tribes!



2nd leader



3rd leader

Lady Fu Hao aka the female military general had 13000 soldiers working for her. She was the most powerful woman in the Shang dynasty.

Di Xin ruled from 1075 BC to 1046 BC and was the last leader of the Shang dynasty. He was a cruel king and got beaten by his enemies. He had a message from the gods.



4th leader



LOVE ONE ANOTHER



Love One Another

Treat others as we want to be treated.

Be kind to each other

Make sure others have food and water

Make sure others are warm

Share your things with each other

Help them when they need it

Listen to each other

Respect each other's wishes

Play with each other

Make sure they are not working too hard

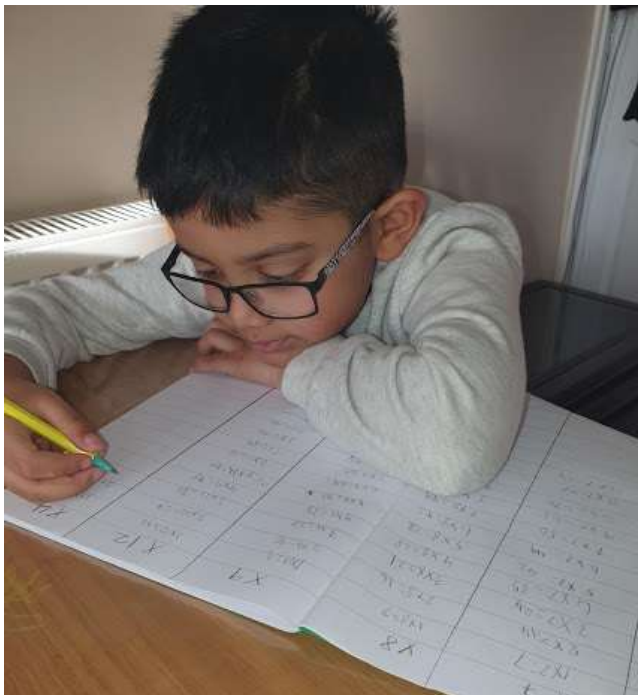
HELP EACH OTHER



Some wonderful posters about loving and caring for one another.



Rainbow Room have been making bird feeders in school and have hung them outside in their playground to wait for the birds to come and feed.



Ijaz, 2G and Isra, NSY have been working really hard at home practising their arithmetic and phonics.

Alfie, 3N has drawn this amazing picture to depict the changes of the seasons.



Shanice, 2F has been doing her maths work on Google classroom, using cubes to help her.

One day there was two friends there names was Kay and Gerda. One day the snow queen took Kay to the snow queen palace and she froze him. Then Gerda looked for Kay everywhere until she found a big big palace made of snow and then she gone into the snow queen palace and then she have found Kay was frozen and she sang a song then the snow sell off Kay. At the end they livell happily son ever. ♥

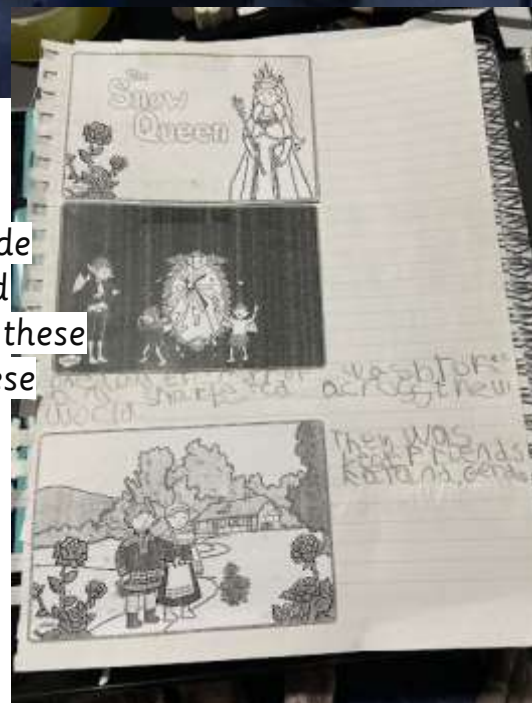


Long time ago there was on evil Snow queen. In a village one boy friend Kay and Gerda lived they were very good friend they played with each other. One day evil queen took away Kay and Gerda was searching key everywhere. Finally she found Kay in a cold palace but he was frozen. Gerda sang a love song which made him back to normal. They lived happily ever after.



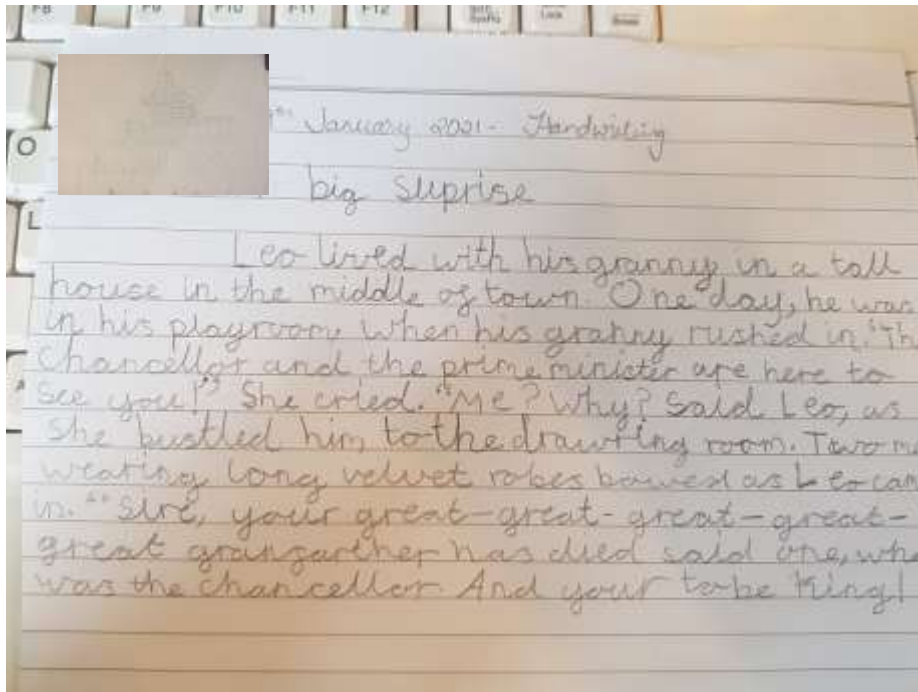
Year 1 have been creating Antarctica pictures using a wide range of techniques. They have painted with brushes and fingers, ripped paper and decorated with glitter to make these masterpieces. The children really enjoyed building up these layers and watching their pictures come together.

They have also been writing stories about the Snow Queen. Here are a few of their stories.



This week, Reception have been learning about shapes. They have searched their homes for as many different shapes as they could find. They also found the time to practise their letter formations!





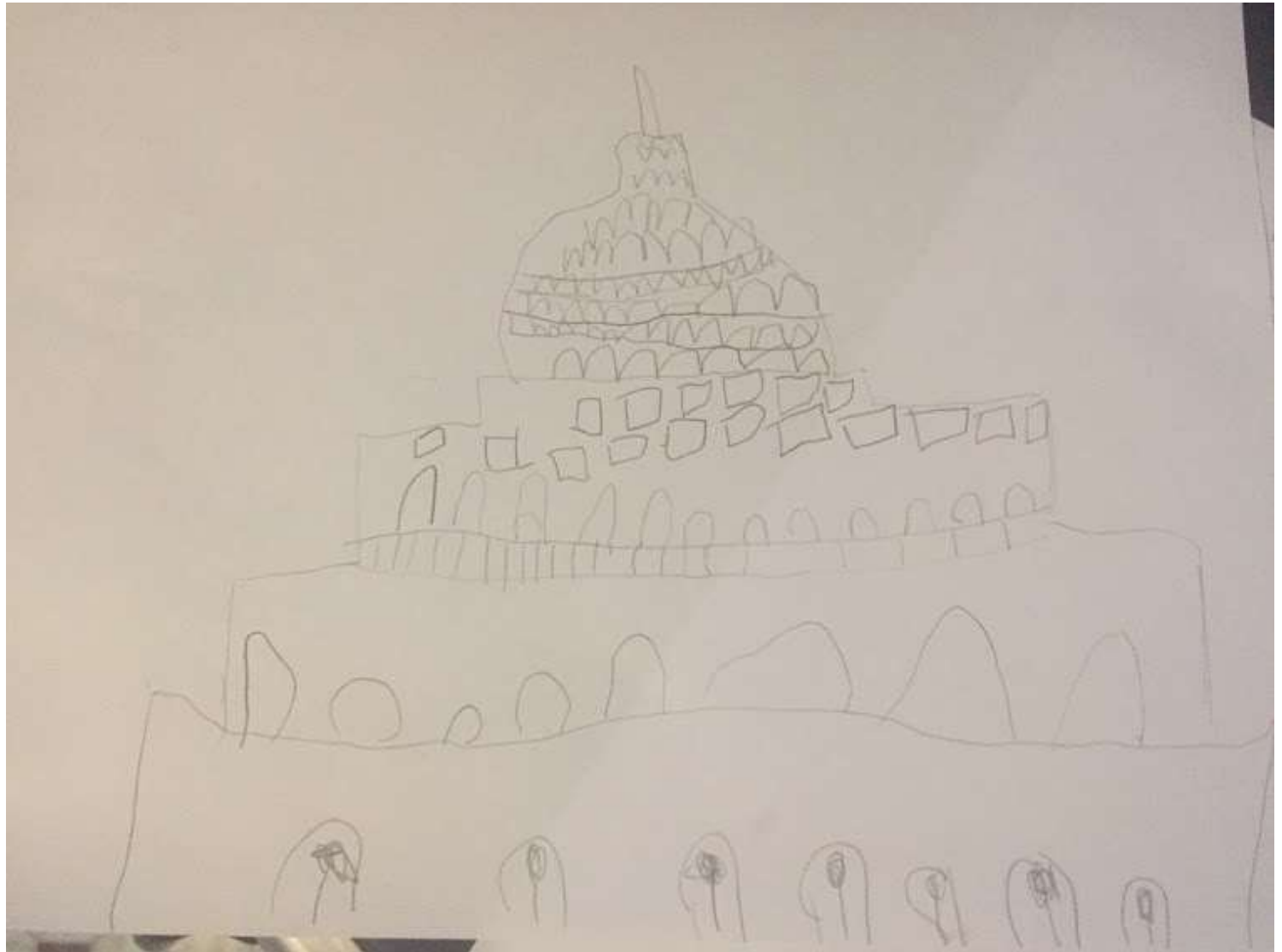
Samara, 2G has been practising her handwriting at home.



Year 1 have been working really hard this week. They have made finger puppets to use in their English work, Ice palace sculptures and drawn pictures of Antarctic scenes.



Year One have also been talking about the Inauguration of Joe Biden as the 46th President of the USA. As well as talking about it, they have drawn pictures of the US Capitol building.









Rashi, 5WS has done this piece of writing based on the 'How to Train Your Dragon' stories.

The midnight sky was full with hollow mist spreading along. The eerie mist obscured the ground all over. Far away, you could see the enormous, rickety watchtowers with rocks settling calmly. In the distance, you could see the waves crashing right onto the rocks. The rough, jagged rocks were soaked.






Flickering lanterns in the distance adding spotlight to the naive, unsettled sheep. Huts huddling closely together warmly on the jagged path. On the landscape, the innocent sheep didn't know what was coming next. There was something in the sky that the sheep were clueless about.

Seconds later, the guiltless sheep was powerfully snatched from the land as the villagers shouted. Commotion spreading along the village, wings beating strongly. The island was overrun with dragons!

LO: To know the Tudor monarchs

Person	Date they were born	Date they died	Important facts about them
 Henry VII	1457	1509	He won the battle of Bosworth He united the houses of York and Lancaster, by marrying Elizabeth of York
 Henry VIII	1491.	1547	Had 6 wives and 3 children. Converted England into a Protestant state, creating C of E Wanted a son to become King and keep England from returning to a Catholic state.
 Edward VI	1537.	1553	Was the son of Jane Seymour and only son of Henry. Became king at the age of 9 and died at 15. He didn't want his Catholic sister Mary to rule.
 Lady Jane Grey	1537.	1554	She became Queen to continue the Protestant England. Ruled for 9 days as Mary arrested her and later
 Mary I	1516	1558	killed her. Daughter of 1st wife, became queen after killing L.J.G., married king of Spain with no children. Unpopular as she killed people by burning on the stake, as she reverted England back to the Catholic Church
 Elizabeth I	1533.	1603	Daughter to 2nd wife, became queen when Mary was to die to continue. Refused to marry and had no children. Started the Elizabethan era. At the time was the longest reigning monarch. Had smallpox as a child. Wore white make up to reflect innocence, known as the virgin queen.

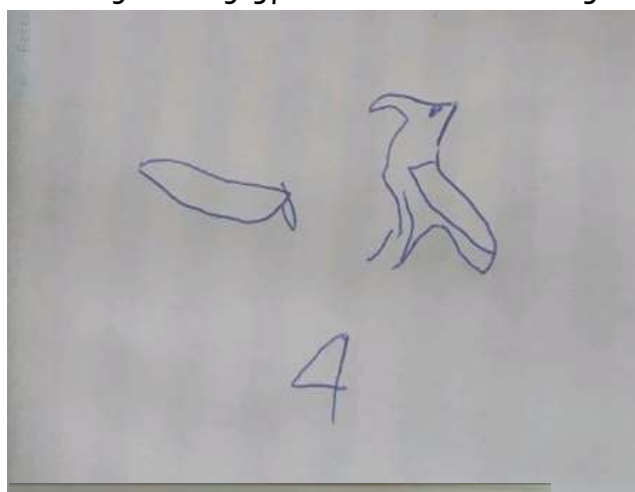
Year 5 were tasked with recording their learning after following a Loom lesson about Tudor monarchs. The above piece is by Jack, 5WS and below is by Monique, 5H

Person	Date they were born	Date they died	Important facts about them
 Henry VII	1457	1509	He is also known as Henry Tudor He was born in Pembroke castle in Wales He went to Brittany when he was 12 because he thought he was in danger When he returned he fought Richard III in the battle of Bosworth and won He was crowned king
Henry VIII 	1491	1547	He was a powerful and fierce monarch He is one of the most famous Tudors in history He has had 8 total marriages To remember what happened to the wives there is a poem DIVORCE BEHEADED DIED DIVORCE BEHEADED SURVIVED
Edward VI 	1537	1553	He was Henry 8th's only son to his 3rd wife He was king for only a few years He became king at 9 He died when he was 15 He was a Protestant and made England a Protestant country
 Lady Jane Grey	1437	1554	She was Henry 8th's cousin She was named Queen of England on Henry 8th's death She was only Queen for 9 days 4 days after Edward VI's death she proclaimed queen Mary who was the correct heir to the throne came to London 9 days later and imprisoned Jane and her supporters Jane and her husband were held in the Tower of London until they were executed
Mary I 	1516	1558	Mary Tudor was the only born child of Henry and Catherine She was very popular in England She reversed all religious changes of Edward as she was a Roman Catholic and not a Protestant People that did not agree with her changes would be burnt at stake this is why her nickname was Bloody Mary

Some Incredible Egyptian inspired artwork by Maryam, 3N and Jeron, 3N (below)



Year 3 have also had a go at writing their names using hieroglyphics. Here is one by Kai, 3N



2F have been producing some artwork as well. Rayhanah has made a collage of the Earth. Rae'y has made a poster about our world and Tyler and his brother Mason have been creative with their artwork.





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