

Friday 15th January 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well during the current lockdown. Many of us will have adopted new routines and schedules over the past two weeks and it has certainly been a busy start to the new year. Your patience, cooperation and support in adapting to our current schooling provision has been amazing and I would like to thank you all for your continued efforts.

We fully appreciate that juggling home learning to support your child/children's education whilst leading busy lives is not an easy task. Equally, dropping your child/children to school during a pandemic is a difficult task too. Together, we will aim to make this current lockdown as manageable and as purposeful in terms of learning outcomes as we can. As mentioned last week in our newsletter, our aim with the home learning is to replicate, as far as is possible, the English and maths provision which is taking place in school each day. This is to ensure parity of provision for children in school and at home. The focus of home learning during the lockdown is to sustain learning and maintain our high standards of progress and attainment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your many positive comments regarding the in school and at home provision.

Telephone calls home

For those of you supporting your child/children at home, you will have noticed this week that a member of staff from your child's/children's class, will have telephoned to keep in touch with you.

The purpose of these calls are three fold.

Firstly, to sustain connectivity between home and school which we know from the previous lockdown, is an important factor in keeping our school community united and also our parents/carers and children united with their class teacher and support staff.

Secondly, to check that you and your child/children are well.

Thirdly, to discuss the home learning access, content and engagement and address any concerns which you or your child/children may have encountered.

The feedback from the telephone calls this week has been very positive and this is a model which we will adopt in the forthcoming weeks during lockdown.

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We appreciate, that for our parents/carers who are working shifts, you may not appreciate a call during a rest period. Please do inform your child/children's class teacher via Tapestry for Year R and Year 1 or Google Classroom for Years 2-6, of suitable times to receive a call. Thank you.

Access to devices

Thank you for your responses to the questionnaire sent our last week regarding your access to devices at home to support your child/children's home learning. I am pleased to inform you that the DfE funding will enable us to provide devices for families who require them. We anticipate taking delivery of these devices at some point next week, and as soon as they have been set up by our IT team, we will contact families to arrange collection.

Free School Meals Vouchers

An update on the provision of vouchers for families entitled to free school meals (this does not include universal free school meals) will be coming direct from the Aspire Academy Trust shortly. Please monitor our Facebook and Twitter pages for any updates.

Term Dates 2020/2021 Academic Year

Spring Term:

Monday 4th January 2021 to Thursday 1st April 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Easter Holidays: Friday 2nd April 2021 to Friday 16th April 2021

Inset Days for 2020/2021 Academic Year

The remaining inset days this academic year are as follows. On these days school will be closed to all children:

- Friday 12th February 2021
- Friday 28th May 2021
- Monday 7th June 2021
- Friday 23rd July 2021

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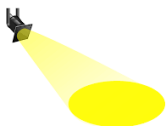
Reporting Positive COVID-19 Test (out of hours)

If you receive a positive COVID-19 test, in the first instance please contact the school office by phone. If the office is closed, please complete the form at the link below to report a positive test.

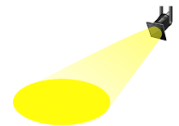
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Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week, to include both children in school and home learning.

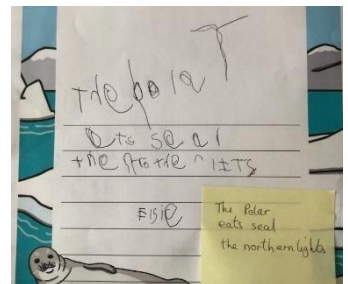


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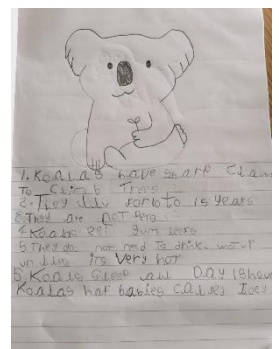
Year R – Elsie R

For her fantastic engagement with year R's home learning. Elsie has spent time learning outdoors and has also produced some fantastic writing linked to our 'Frozen Worlds' theme.



Year 1 – Theo

For super research and writing a fact file about Koalas and a fantastic drawing as well. Well Done Theo!



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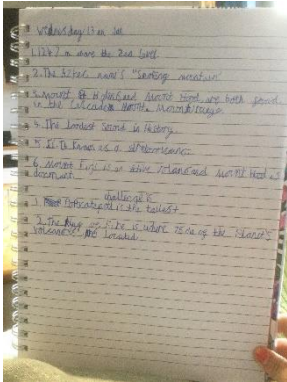
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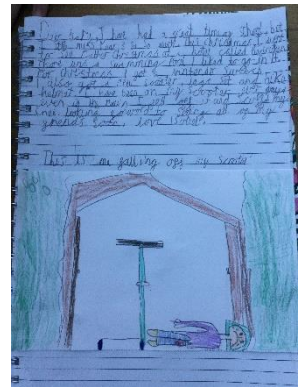
Year 2 – Kerra

Kerra always shows kindness and generosity towards others and has an intense curiosity that she brings to all her learning. Keep it up Kerra!



Year 3 – Isobel

For her excellent work in English during home learning. Isobel presents her work beautifully and includes lots of detail in her answers. Well Done Isobel!



Year 4 – Oscar

For his super efforts with his home learning. Oscar has completed every task set with such effort and determination and has produced an incredible poem about Godrevy Lighthouse. Well done Oscar – keep it up!



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Year 5 – Elodie

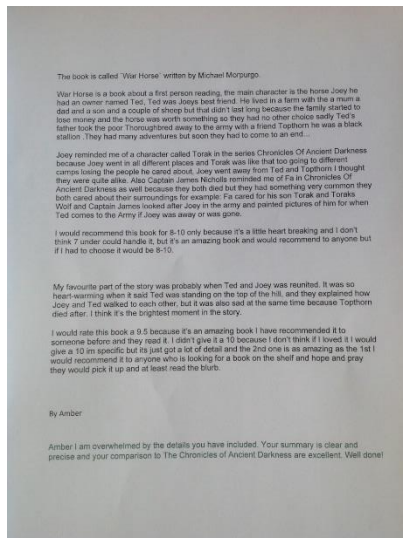


For her creative use of photography and artwork and her incredible model of a Stuart house on Pudding Lane for our topic, 'The Great Fire of London'. Well Done Elodie!

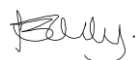


Year 6 – Amber

For the incredible detail Amber has put into her written tasks over the last two weeks. It is always a pleasure to read Amber's work, which shows imagination and attention to detail. Well Done Amber!



Kind Regards,



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