



Message from Mrs Hunkin

Happy New Year! Welcome to the new term, a term that is already significantly different than we'd imagined when we broke up on 18th December.

Following last week's announcement of lockdown and school closure. We have had up to 60 children in our vulnerable / key workers' groups in school and teachers have been placing home learning on the website. You will all have seen a development on this throughout the week with an increasing number of video recorded sessions as the week has progressed. From next week some teachers will be working closely across year groups (in particular, Y3/4 and Y5/6) to enable them to share out the workload of planning and creating resources and videos. This will also enable greater continuity for pupils in the case of any staff absence or illness.

So far, we have had very successful live story sessions on Teams in Year 3 and Year 1. Live sessions for the other classes have been scheduled for later this week.

From next week, after all we have decided to continue uploading all the home learning to the website as it has turned out that this platform gives a clearer layout for each day and is easier to embed links to videos. However, we will be asking children (parents) to upload their work to Teams and they will be able to receive feedback from their teachers on this platform. More information about how to do this will be provided over the next few days. Next week we are aiming to offer two live sessions for each year group, and possibly moving to daily sessions after that.

We are completely aware that much of this must seem overwhelming to you all. When supporting your child with their home learning, try not to feel anxious if you are not able to get through everything. Go at a pace that works for you, pause videos and take breaks at times that suit you and your child/ren. Please let us know if your child is finding the work too challenging (or too easy) or if you are experiencing difficulties in accessing anything.

Thank you so much for all your support, encouragement and positive emails this week as well as for bearing with us throughout this incredibly high learning curve for all our staff.

Year Foundation and I Bubble

Group I have launched their transport topic with a host of exciting activities, such as designing and making paper planes, creating tyre track prints, building a variety of vehicles that might travel by air, sea or land. They have also been reading and writing their own versions of our book 'The Train Ride'. This week group I will be continuing their work on transport, learning about the history of trains.



Family Fun During Lockdown

During these unusual times our normal everyday routines have changed and some of us have found ourselves slowing down and giving us much more spare time to fill and enjoy as a family. Have you been doing different activities during lockdown? Perhaps you have started new hobbies like - baking, cooking, painting, online fitness sessions with Joe Wicks, reading novels, family quiz nights on zoom, long family walks, Lego, family board games and much more. It would be lovely to share some photos of these on the newsletter.

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Year 2 Bubble

The Year 2 Bubble have made an excellent start to back to school, but we are missing the rest of our class! We have started our transport topic and enjoyed reading the story the 'Magic Train Ride'. We created some amazing actions to go with the story! I hope that the Year 2 children learning from home enjoyed the 'Magic Train Ride' as well! We have many more exciting transport stories coming up this half term. Also, Year 2 have been keeping active by joining in with the Joe Wicks PE lessons which are taking place on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 9am!

Year 3 and 4 Bubble

I enjoy playing football at playtime. I also enjoy maths as we're watching lots of videos. I feel very happy coming in to our bubble. By Riley Yr 4

I enjoy playtimes and doing art. I enjoy seeing my friends and working in a small class. I like using the computers and watching Mrs Baker on her videos. By Luca Yr 4

I enjoy playing football because we have smaller teams. I like playing maths games on the computer. By Finlay Yr 4

I am enjoying doing my maths and art lessons. By Sayan Yr 4

I am enjoying seeing my friends and other children. I enjoy doing lessons in a different classroom with the children from year 4. By Cleo Yr 3

I am enjoying art and collage work- we made a big river. I am enjoying being with my friends. By Bea Yr 4

Year 5 and 6 Bubble

The year 5 and 6 children are in a bubble together. This has really helped us get to know each other better. I am enjoying the learning and feel happy being in school with other people. Even though there are only a few of us in school it is still fun. The teachers are great, I have never been taught by Mrs Samuels and am really enjoying getting to know her and different teaching assistants. By Matilda Yr 6