



# Cathedral Primary School Community News



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## A message from Mrs Yarnold

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5. It has been really lovely for our staff to be connected again with your children through Seesaw activities. We hope that you all managed to have a break and are safe and well.

All year groups have now started their new topics. Class teachers set some exciting launch tasks. I was really impressed with some of the detailed Year 3 drawings of Tutankhamen. The Year 1 children created some stunning responses to the April Shower task created by Mrs Oakley. You can see this and other artwork on our Instagram account - cathedralprimaryart

As we are now moving into the next term of home learning we want to make sure that children are enjoying their learning and making as much progress as possible in the current circumstances. During this term your child's class teacher will give you a call to check in with how home school learning is going. This will be an opportunity for you to share what is going well, ask questions and seek any support. Miss Bailey and Mrs Snelling continue to be available for any ongoing Pastoral or SEND support.

It is wonderful to see how creative many communities are, bringing people together through technology. If you follow this link you will be able to listen to how our choristers took part in virtual song over Easter.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdWkzkSOAb4>

I know that many of our children have been finding ways to support the wonderful work that is taking place. Rainbow pictures, positive messages and acts of kindness. It was wonderful to hear how Pascoe in Year 1 at CPS had been so inspired by Captain Tom Moore, that he decided to do his very own "street" walk with a target of £21. Cheered on by his family and members of his community has now raised well over £1000 for the NHS & Carers Uk. Well done!

Kind regards,

Mrs Yarnold



## Top Tip

Make time for exercise and breaks throughout the day. Start each morning with a PE lesson at 9am with Joe Wicks or Mr Baynton's PE lessons. If you have a garden, use it regularly. If you don't, try to get out once a day as permitted by the government (households can be together outdoors but 2 metres apart from others).







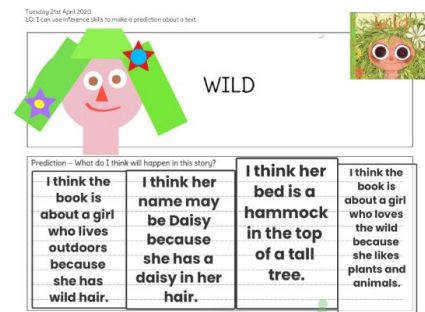
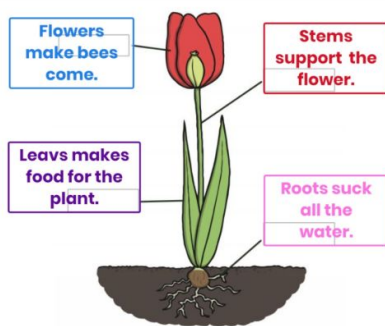
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## Year 2

We've had a WILD start to the new term in Year 2! Our new topic is called Walk on the Wild Side and we have been doing just that! From making predictions about our new book in English Wild by Emily Hughes to finally listening to the story and writing a book review. In Topic we've become biologists and looked at the different parts of a flower and the functions they do. In Art we recreated our own Henri Rousseau rainforest pictures. What a wild week!



## Year 3

We have had another fantastic week of home learning in Year 3!

We have loved hearing about what you did over the Easter holidays and have been so impressed by the work you have produced this week.

At the start of the week, we were excited to launch our joint Year 3/4 topic 'Who were the Ancient Egyptians?'. You rose to our pyramid building challenge and we saw all sorts of creative ways to make pyramids out of things you had at home! In English, we are working towards writing stories about disappearing through a magical wardrobe and travelling to a new world. We are looking forward to seeing the ideas you come up with! In Maths, we are continuing to learn more about fractions of shapes and amounts. We have been so impressed by the effort and resilience you are showing when completing your learning activities at home. Keep up the fantastic work!





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This week in Year 4 we started our new topic of the Egyptians. We started out with a challenge to build the largest pyramid you could build. We then thought about how historians ask questions about artifacts in order to try to find out what they were used for.

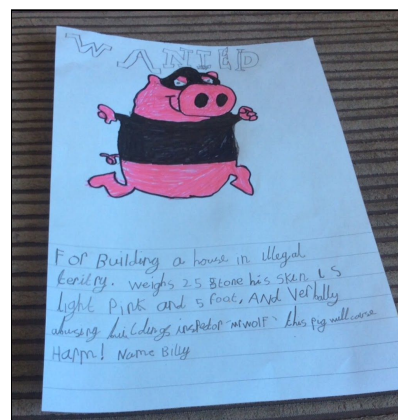
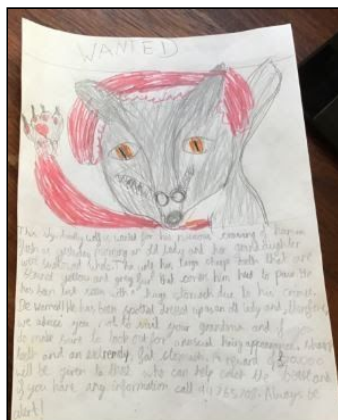
In maths we have been using our decimal skills to solve problems with money. In English, we started to look at a new book 'Town by the Sea' and have been looking at ways to structure our descriptive writing.



## Year 5

Year 5 have had a great first week back after the Easter Holidays! We started delving into our new topic and science units, the Ancient Egyptians and Living Things. We've also been investigating some fairytale crimes in our English lessons, which we will write a newspaper report about next week. Maths has been all about angles!

Once again, the children's commitment to their home learning has been fantastic and I continue to be extremely grateful for the brilliant support from parents.







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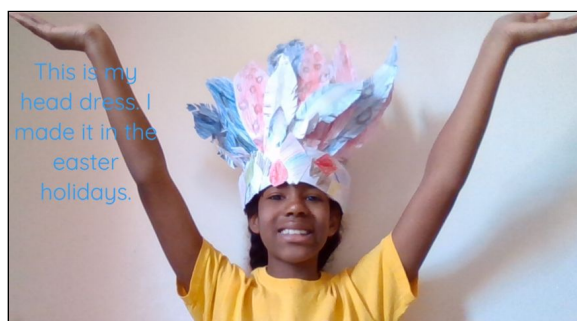


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## Year 6

It's been a lovely start to Term 5 in Choral Class! We have kicked off our topic with making some Maya headdresses and doing some historical comparisons; would we rather live with the Maya or the Anglo Saxons? This week, we have also begun planning newspaper reports based on fairytales - there has been some excellent vocabulary used and really exciting stories created so far! In maths, we have re-visited some learning about angles and remembered our cool triangle facts. We've started a new book 'Holes'. explored reincarnation, thought about electricity, and so much more!

Well done, Choral Class - you have all blown me away, once again, with your incredible enthusiasm and amazing ideas!



## SEND

### Take a Break - ideas for active breaks between learning sessions.

In school we break up children's learning with opportunities for movement or physical breaks, these have been shown to improve children's ability to concentrate on their learning.

You might suggest to your child they spend 30 minutes on a learning activity (time dependent on child and age) and then have 10 minutes of physical activity, or use whatever timing suits your family schedule .

There are some really good ideas for activities you can do inside or outside on the Access Sport website. Some of them are for children to do by themselves and some will need either an adult or another child to play with. You don't need any special equipment; they suggest using things such as rolled up socks instead of a ball.

If you go to this link and then select home activities, there are lots to choose from and the pages are being updated every week.

<https://www.accesssport.org.uk/Pages/Category/inclusive-activities?fbclid=IwAR3CGW23TyqP1PWJxYHyiZmNFDI0UvUvIvrbHZqAKvHkGGGrFgl3TAjJ1S5jo>

Alternatively you can complete all the activities on one sheet and enjoy a 30 minute family activity session

Have fun!

Lizzie Snelling

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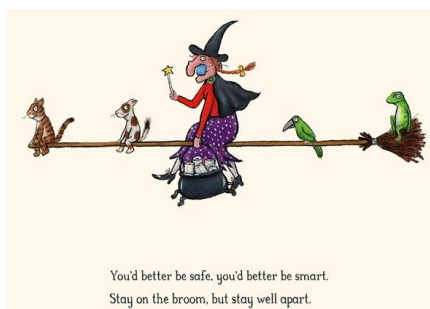
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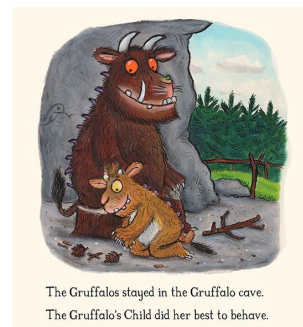
## Pastoral Team

During this time of uncertainty the children will have lots of different feelings. They also may have lots of unanswered questions and it can be hard to find the correct answers without adding to their worries or confusion. We aim to support you in this through our weekly pastoral activities. Please complete these activities together and use this as an opportunity for your child to express how they feel.



Well known book Authors are now creating mini stories/ illustrations and books to help support and answer questions children may have.

<https://axelscheffler.com/books-for-older-children/coronavirus> - This is a free digital information book for primary age children, illustrated by axel.



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2020/april/the-gruffalo-stick-man-and-the-smartest-giant-in-town-lend-a-paw-a-stick-and-a-hand-to-help-with-the-coronavirus-effort/> - Both Axel and Julia Donaldson have put together information using well known book characters.

As soon as more resources become available we will share these with you through seesaw and the newsletter.

## Green Team

As a school we work with the Council to ensure we are working the best we can to enable active travel. We have our daily Travel Tracker which the children use to track how they get to school and earn badges. We worked alongside them for our Anti Idling campaign and training and have also been working behind the scenes on our School Travel Plan. They have produced weekly newsletters for the schools in Bristol and attached is a link to this week's edition:

<https://mailchi.mp/bristol.gov.uk/ideas-to-help-keep-kids-active-1107835>

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Great use of recycling by Josie in Year 6



Miss Tennant



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## PE from Mr Baynton

Hello everybody. I really hope you've all been managing to enjoy the sunshine and get into a routine of being active everyday. Staying active is really important for our minds as well as our bodies and I'd really like to support you all with ideas to help make this fun. I know the list of homeschooling ideas being passed around social media grows larger every day and can be quite overwhelming and so I'm hoping to help with this. I've created a page on our school website:

<https://www.cathedralprimaryschool.org/children/sport/pe-at-home-2020> - to share resources I have explored and tick all the boxes of being high quality, fun and easy to use. (I may add others as I explore them but don't want to make the list too long).

This week on Seesaw, I have loved hearing about all the physical activities you've been getting up to and looking at pictures and videos of you tackling your PE lessons. I think you're all superstars!

I'm going to award 'virtual' medals each week to the children who've shown me something extra special in how they've given their PE tasks a go. It's very difficult to decide because there is so much fantastic work to choose from but below are the winners this week (sorry Yr 3 & Yr 5 but because your lessons are on a Friday I haven't seen your work yet and will include it for next week).

Mr Baynton



Gold - Maiya (Yr 1 Hip Hop class)

Fantastic ball control skills using both her dominant and non-dominant hand.



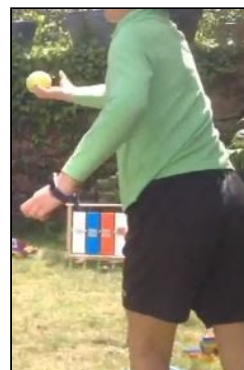
Silver - Alice (Yr 6 Choral class)

Very smooth 3 ball sending and receiving challenge with her partner after lots of practice.



Bronze - Zan Tu (Yr 4 Soul class)

Challenging himself with a very tricky simultaneous throwing and kicking task.







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## Music News

I hope everyone had a good Easter break and enjoyed the lovely sunshine?

Gareth Malone news...Well done if you are keeping up with Gareth Malone songs! Some of the songs are pretty 'involved' so don't worry if you cannot learn them all. I would recommend 'You are my sunshine' and 'I'm still standing' - that great Elton John number!

Song of the week...

If your child is interested in learning some extra songs (as well as in my online Music lessons), Singup have released a free 'home learning' section that you can access free of charge.

Put 'Singup' in a Google search, click on Singup - Love learning, start singing, click on Singup at home, click on the orange 'Song of the week' icon and this week the song is 'One moment, one people'.

My lovely Year 3's know this song, and perhaps they could perform this to you this week?

I will send this as a weekly Whole school Singing activity and feel free to upload a video of your child/children singing the song onto their Seesaw page.

Happy singing everyone!

Helen Peat (Music Co-ordinator)

## From the Office

As you may be aware, the BBC has launched an education package across TV and online, featuring celebrities and teachers, helping to keep children learning at home and supporting parents. Below is the link to this should you need extra resources.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Below is some useful information from local Health & Care leaders:

**Everyone is doing their bit to help beat Coronavirus. Do your bit by going to the right place for medical care.**

It is important for parents and families to understand that our local emergency departments are still open for anyone who needs it. If you think your child has a **very serious or life-threatening condition** you must go to A&E or call 999.

**If your child has a minor injury**, please go to your nearest Minor Injuries Units at:

- South Bristol Community Hospital, Hengrove
- North Somerset Community Hospital, Clevedon
- West Gate Centre, Yate

**If your child has a minor illness** please contact your GP practice.

For 24/7 advice please go to 111.nhs.uk





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## Forest School

We hope you have all been enjoying the sunshine, spring has really sprung since Lockdown commenced. The flowers are beginning to blossom, the trees are bursting into leaf and there is a crescendo of bird song, the natural world is so inspirational.

It is so important for all our health and well being to spend time outdoors, obviously the current situation limits this opportunity, however please try to spend some time each day outside, whether it be a family exercise walk in the park or woods or just playing in a garden.

Below is a great link to a great Forest School art/craft activity that you can try with your children and explore your own ideas. You can even make it a nature expedition to collect materials on a walk around your local area, park or garden, then bring them home to create your own spring inspired piece of art. It is so simple, fun, rewarding and therapeutic, give it a go.

Best wishes,  
Jon and The Forest School Team

<https://www.learningandexploringthroughplay.com/2018/08/nature-weaving.html?m=1>

