



Cathedral Primary School Community News



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A message from Mrs Yarnold

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for supporting your children by sharing all of the wonderful learning that is taking place at home. I have watched some interesting video clips this week and particularly enjoyed watching one of our reception children hunting out snails. We have noticed that there is even more engagement with the Seesaw activities as children have become more confident with using this resource, thank you all so much.

As this period of time continues we would like you to complete a questionnaire to help us evaluate homeschool learning. Due to the success of Seesaw we hope to continue to use this resource to support learning when school is back to normal. This questionnaire will be sent as a google form soon.

Next week will be a four day learning week as Friday is a Bank Holiday and Victory in Europe, VE Day. There will be no work set by the teachers on Friday 8th May. I am sure lots of you will be thinking of creative ways that you can celebrate VE Day from home. We hope that all our families enjoy this longer weekend.

Reception places for September 2020 have now been offered. Please make sure that you have accepted your place as instructed in the offer email from Bristol City Council. We look forward to welcoming the new children joining our school and will begin making contact about starting school once we have the list of children who have accepted places with us.

The next newsletter will be on Friday 15th May, there will be no newsletter next week. As class teachers have so much to share in the newsletter they will now be reporting curriculum highlights fortnightly.

We hope that you are well and staying safe,

Kind regards,

Mrs Yarnold

Top Tip

Be kind to yourself – As much as you're trying to implement and support homeschool learning, it doesn't need to be set in stone. If your child misses a session, don't panic, it's more important that you and your child are happy and relaxed. If your child is anxious about missing out some learning you can always come back to the learning another time.



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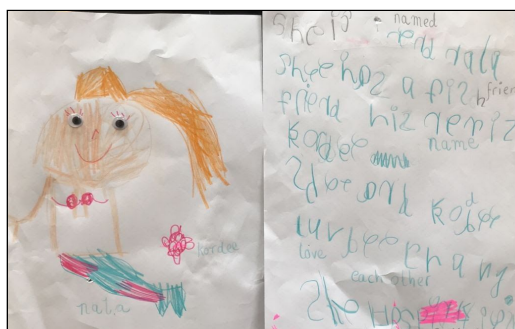
Reception

Thank you for all your fancy dress efforts last Friday, we loved seeing all of your pictures and they really put a smile on our faces.

We've had another great week of home learning in Reception. Your mermaid and mermen pictures and descriptions were amazing, with one of our favourites being 'The tall, strong King merman ruled over the dark blue sea'. We have been very impressed with your hard work to learn our new split digraphs this week and you have all thrown yourselves into doubling.

Have a great weekend, we will see you on Seesaw again soon.

Love, Mrs Perryer, Mrs Morris and The Reception Team

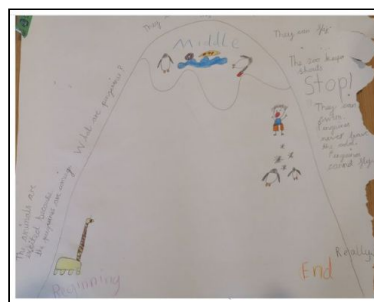


Year 1

We have kick started our topic with an all term project to make our own animal habitats in a box! So far, what we have received is astonishing! In maths this week the children have dived into learning all about 10s and ones in 2 digit numbers. We have been so impressed with how well the children can articulate their reasoning and how creative children are in their mathematical thinking! Alongside all of this amazing learning, the children are ALSO innovating the story 'The Truth about Penguins'. They have just completed their first story mountain for their version of the story and we can not wait to get started in writing up their story!

An absolute knockout activity this week was our Jigsaw activity - self portraits! Wow, do we have some fantastic artists in Year 1!

Thank You to the children and their families for always brightening our days!





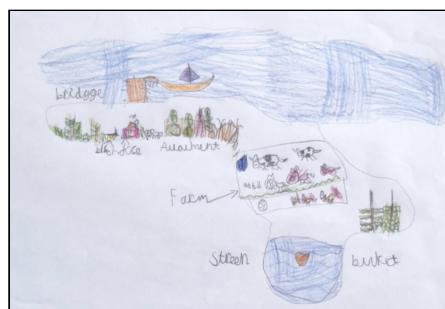
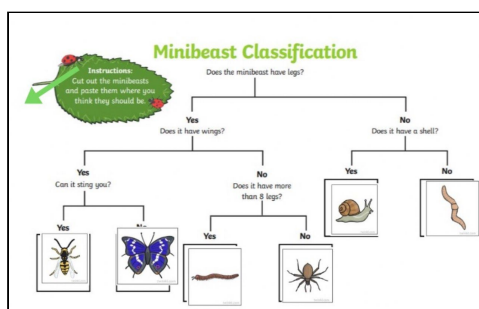
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Year 2

We've had another wonderful week in Year 2. It's been amazing to see the enthusiasm and love for our new topic! We've been busy designing islands for Katie Morag that have everything needed to basic human needs, making shoebox



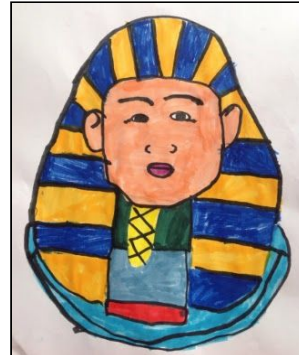
Year 3

It has been another fantastic week for Year 3! We continue to be wowed by all of the amazing work submitted - well done!

This week we've been writing stories in English based on a snapshot from the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Your ideas have been fantastic... from Candy Land to Toy Land and beyond! You've really made the story your own. Your artwork is so impressive as well! We've loved seeing your collages this week and your Tutankhamun drawings from the end of last week were brilliant! We're continuing to dig deep into the past and explore the Ancient Egyptians, finding out when they were around using timelines and learning about their daily life. Where will next week's learning take us?

Keep up the hard work - you're doing so well!

Miss Edwards, Mrs Wright and the Year 3 Team





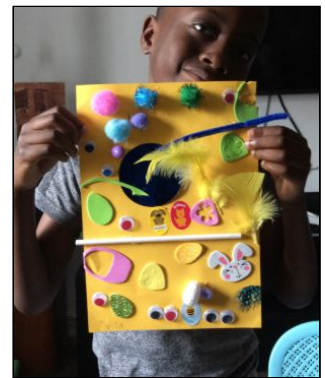
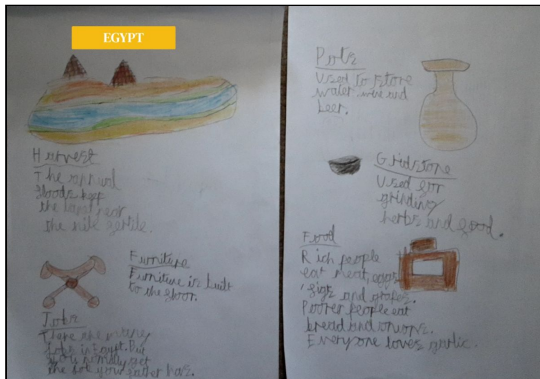
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Year 4

This week Year 4 have been building on our writing skills to create diary entries for different characters from "Town by the Sea". There have been some great descriptive sentences and lots of use of the DAD structure. We have had lots of great work around money in our maths, as have been investigating combinations of coins and thinking about how to calculate change. In our topic we have been learning about the daily life of ancient Egyptians. There have also been some wonderful responses to the whole school art task. The year 4 team have all been so impressed by how hard our children have been working and the quality of work that has been shared with us. We are so proud of you year 4!



Year 5

This week we said goodbye to the sunshine and hello to April showers and year 5 did some lovely April showers artwork! In English, we wrote our fairytale newspaper reports and the children showed real creativity and we definitely have some budding journalists in our midst! The children have also been doing some wonderful singing and their videos really brighten my day!





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Year 6

We've got some journalists in the making in Choral Class! The newspaper reports that have been produced have been nothing short of excellent! I'm so proud of year 6 and the continuous effort they are showing in their learning. I've loved seeing different PE challenges, collages and various other creative activities through the week, and hearing about so many different ideas and opinions about Maya life.



Pastoral Team

During this time you may be contacted by a member of the pastoral team. This is for us to check in on how you and your family are doing. We are able to offer advice or point you in the right direction if we can not answer your questions. If your child is struggling and you feel they may benefit from pastoral care then please let us know. We have a seesaw group dedicated to just that.

We have attached some links for story books that I feel may support your child in their understanding of the coronavirus and they are available in a number of different languages.

Short book about the coronavirus.

https://660919d3-b85b-43c3-a3ad-3de6a9d37099.filesusr.com/ugd/64c685_319c5acf38d34604b537ac9fae37fc80

My Hero is you, a short story on how children are the heroes.

<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc-reference-group-mental-health-and-psychosocial-support-emergency-settings/my-hero-you>

We have also attached some links if you feel you and your family may need some support in managing in isolation and how to answer some questions your children may have.

Top tips for managing in isolation:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/supporting-your-family-s-wellbeing-during-isolation/>

<https://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid19-questions-children-may-have-and-answers>

Take care,

The pastoral team.





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SEND

Please remember that the school nurse service is available to support families through their telephone helpline. This offers advice around anxiety, low moods, sleep routines, healthy lifestyle, domestic abuse, toileting issues, medication and a wide range of health and wellbeing topics. The school nurse service can link with GPs and other health professionals to support you.

Please call 03001245816 Monday- Friday 9:00-4:00.

Lizzie Snelling
SENCo

PE from Mr Baynton

Rain at some point this month was inevitable I suppose but I hope it hasn't stopped you from being active! Just a reminder that I have put together some resources on our website that you might find useful <https://www.cathedralprimaryschool.org/children/sport/pe-at-home-2020>.

I really enjoy seeing the pictures and videos of everyone enjoying their PE activities at home. It was very difficult for me to choose my 'PE at home' awards this week. If you're disappointed about not getting one yet then you'll have to demonstrate your resilience and show me your fantastic work again next week!

Mr Baynton



Gold - Gold - Leo (Yr 5 - Blues class)



Brilliant practising with his partner in a 2 rugby ball juggling challenge.



Silver - Silver - Jude (Reception - Pop class)



Fantastic energy and enthusiasm in his 'beans' game.



Bronze - Bronze - Annie (Yr 3 - Reggae class)



Showing great sending and receiving skills in her 'clap and catch' challenge.





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Music News

Thank you to all those who have participated in BCCS singing activities sent by Andrew Nichol, CST Music Director.

We look forward to our first 'virtual' CTS concert!

My 'Song of the Week' activity has moved to Tuesdays on Seesaw and thank you to the children who have taken part! Keep sending your lovely videos - there is some great music making going on!

Charanga logins for Key Stage 1 and 2 Music lessons are now being sent through Seesaw. Years 2, 4 Country, Years 5 and 6 have been sent out. Years 3 and 4 Soul will be sent over the next week.

Helen Peat (Music Co-ordinator)

From the Office

With limited Office Staff working at present, there will be times when we are unable to answer the phone. We are still picking up emails and will reply to these when time permits.

A couple of useful reminders and links from the Department of Education:

It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus. Hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (i.e. when outside) but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides.

The latest guidance and video on hand washing can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Public Health England has published guidance for households with grandparents, parents and children living together where someone is at risk or has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Staff Spotlight

Hello, I'm Jess Claridge, hopefully most of you know me by now. I started in the office at CPS a little over a year ago to cover Mrs Brady whilst she was away on maternity leave. I was really excited to then be offered the position to job share with Mrs Brady when she returned in January as well as taking on the role of Music Administrator.

I'm kept very busy at home with my four children. I am often busy baking cakes and I also love spending the weekends and holidays together with my family going to the cinema and enjoying the outdoors as much as possible.

I've really enjoyed my time so far at CPS and look forward to getting to know you all better, it's taken me a while but I think I have eventually managed to learn most of the children's names now!





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School Council

The School Council has been busy making positivity posters which we would like to share. We think they are fab!



Forest School

Hope you have all had a good week and the weather has not proved too soggy for you to get out for some fresh air during the day. Rainy walks can be so much fun, puddle splashing or catching a raindrop in your mouth, the rain gives us a whole new world of smells.

Here is a little activity for you to try at home outside, build a mini Cairn! A Cairn is a man-made tower of natural stones, usually built as a marker or memorial. You can make a mini Cairn with any size stones all you need is to collect some rocks, stones or pebbles of different sizes. Stack the rocks, stones or pebbles on top of each other starting with the largest on the bottom and smallest on top.

This is great for fine and gross motor skills, hand eye coordination and concentration as you have to experiment with balancing each rock or stone, you could even make it a game each person choosing and placing the stone, a bit like reverse Jenga!

Give it go it is addictive!

Jon and the Forest School Team

