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A message from Mrs Yarnold

Dear Parents and Carers,

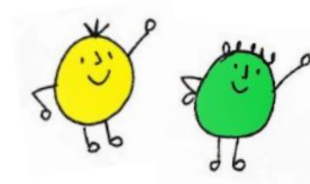
Once again we see ourselves with a strange start to this term. Thank you so much for working with us and supporting your children with their remote or in school learning.

Staff have made huge efforts and worked collaboratively to facilitate both in school and remote learning. Thank you so much for the positive messages you have sent in to school. This has helped to keep spirits high in these challenging times.

Seesaw has once again provided us with an excellent platform for home learning. We are so impressed by the resilience and commitment of our children. They have been working so hard to keep positive and engaged in their learning. Over the last couple of weeks staff have organised 'Class Meets' and some live lessons. Staff have really enjoyed seeing their classes all together and have been really impressed with the engagement from the children.

Teachers are now planning Term 4 and you will receive information about your child's class topic at the start of term. We now know that for the first two weeks the school will continue to be open for only critical workers and vulnerable. During this time we will continue to plan creative whole school projects that bring our school community together. Once we know the details for the full reopening of school we will be in touch with you all.

It's been lovely to see so many of you joining in with the whole school challenges. Lots of you thought hard about what you would put in your dreams and goals jars. We also really enjoyed looking at your timelines and the solutions you found to the maths challenge. This week we're looking forward to seeing you counting to 10 in different languages. This week also heralds the return of "The Beans", our lovely comic from the very talented Mrs Gunn.



We do understand that this continues to be an uncertain time for all of us, so it is only natural that it will affect our mental health in different ways. Staying healthy and positive is really important. We will continue at school to find ways to keep us connected and support as much as possible. Please do have a look at the ideas in this useful NHS leaflet [Health for kids, Looking after yourself](#).

We hope that you are all keeping well and safe. Thank you for your continued support,

Best Wishes

Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team



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Reception

The Reception children have donned their space suits this term to blast off on a Cosmic adventure!

To launch our Space topic, we had a wonderful virtual visit from the Explorer Dome team who took us all on a tour of constellations, stars, moons and planets. We continued the space fun with our dress up day, and it was brilliant to see some amazing aliens and super space people. We have loved hearing all their ideas about what it would be like to live on the moon and what they would do if an alien came to visit.



Year 1

Year 1 have been working so hard with their learning this term and continue to wow us with their enthusiasm and engagement with the activities on Seesaw!



As part of our topic, 'Where do all the lost toys go?', we have been looking at a range of toys, both modern day and Victorian. We discussed the similarities and differences, and then had a go at putting them in chronological order.

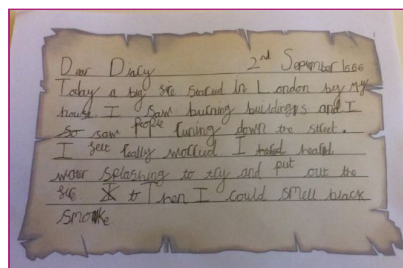
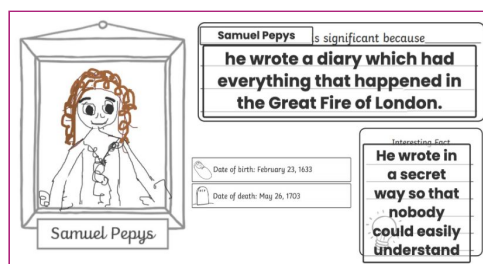
In Science this term, we have been looking at different materials and thinking about their properties. We carried out some super investigations to find out which objects float and sink. In Maths, we have been working on addition

and subtraction equations. In English, we have recently started looking at some poetry and have been thinking about using metaphors in our writing.

Year 2

Year 2 have been amazing historians this term as they've explored 17th Century London and the Great Fire of London! They made a timeline for the events of the fire, wrote their own diaries inspired by Samuel Pepys, compared firefighters in the past and today and learnt the song London's Burning.

However, the most exciting thing that has happened this term is the mysterious dragon that was photographed on CCTV outside the school entrance!





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Year 3

We have had a brilliant start to the term in Year 3. Despite the strange circumstances, all the children have worked incredibly hard and we have over 120 pieces of work submitted on most days! WOW!

For our topic, 'What can rocks tell us?', we have been looking at the book, *The Pebble in my Pocket*, and learning about how the Earth began! We have learnt about different rock types and have made posters to explain how they are formed. We are now exploring fossils to become palaeontologists! Take a look at some of our homemade fossils below - they're amazing! In Maths, the children have been working hard on multiplication and they have also been wowing us with their expression and understanding in Guided Reading.

We have been so impressed! A big well done from all of us.

Miss Edwards, Miss Hufford, Miss Allen and Miss Williams



Year 4

This month in Year 4 we have been doing some fantastic science work on changing states on matter. The children have been investigating solids, liquids and gasses and did an experiment to find out about evaporations. We saw some lovely Seesaw videos of children explaining what they had done. We have also been recapping the water cycle as a starting point to think about why it rains so much in Britain.

Year 5

Year 5 have been working incredibly hard both at home and in school, and it has been great for them to catch up during live lessons. In English, they have been reading *Floodlands* by Marcus Sedgewick, a story about sea levels rising and flooding the country. As a result, they have all written some fantastic letters to the environment secretary George Eustice, highlighting the issues of climate change.

Year 6

You wouldn't even know we were out of normality this term, in Year 6! Our incredible learners have been going above and beyond, creating beautiful double page spreads of writing all about Bristol, Brunel, and even explanations about how to be mischievous elves like Puck in our story 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. They have been blowing their adults away with their creativity and positivity.



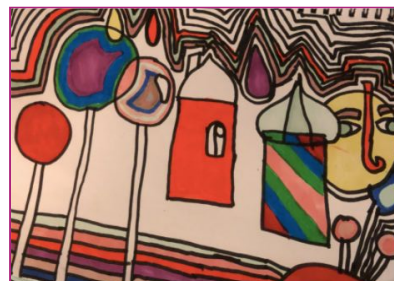


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This week, they were inspired by Hundertwasser and created beautiful pieces of art. Be sure to pop to our webpage for more amazing pieces of learning!



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Bramble is working hard, learning to settle on her blanket. At the moment she gets paid with food rewards every few seconds each time she lays on it. The long term goal is that any time I get out the blanket, Bramble will settle on it for as long as I want with no reward!

Lizzie Snelling
SENCO



CPS Governors

The governing body is pleased to welcome Fiona Dorman as a new governor at CPS. Now that CPS is a Faith School Fiona will be a new Foundation Governor providing a valuable link with Bristol Cathedral where she works as the Cathedral Education Support Assistant.

The Governors at Cathedral Primary School currently are: Sara Yarnold (Headteacher), Will Shield (Chair of Governors), Tim Gear-Evans (Vice-Chair), Lucy Ryder, Troy Roe, Fiona Dorman and Becky Wright (Teacher covering Danuta Perryer whilst on maternity leave).

The governors are looking to recruit a new community governor from outside of school, so if you happen to know anyone that might be happy to volunteer as a governor please get them to contact Paula in the School Office or at clerk@cathedralprimaryschool.org

From the Office

Our current online school uniform shop, famousbranches.com will be making the transition to www.monkhouse.com The shop will stay the same but when the transition takes place, there will be an automatic redirect to www.monkhouse.com



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Pastoral

Hello CPS Community

What a month it's been! Well done everyone for getting through a tough January, we've been thinking of you all and missing the children who are not in school.

If you would like any pastoral or wellbeing resources there are lots of brilliant resources on the mentally healthy schools website <https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/>

Resources include:

A toolkit for dealing with the lockdown

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/coronavirus-dealing-with-the-effects-of-lockdown-toolkit-5/>

A toolkit for managing anxiety and wellbeing

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/coronavirus-anxiety-toolkit-4/>

A mindfulness calendar with 5 minute daily activities- these are lovely!

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/mindfulness-calendar-daily-five-minute-activities/>

Our school pastoral activities on seesaw this term are focused on noticing the colour zone you are in and the sensations in our bodies that show us how we feel. For example, having ants in our pants when we're excited or butterflies in our tummies when we're nervous and in the yellow zone. Mrs Gunn has drawn a brilliant picture showing different body sensations. This could be something that you build on at home if you like- asking children what sensations they are getting in their bodies when they are having big emotions or little ones. You can also role model it for them, 'my eyes feel heavy and sore today, I think that I must be tired'.

Mrs Gunn has also put together two new Bean comics about being in another lockdown- one for children at home and one for children at school. See below Enjoy!

Take care

Miss Bailey, Mrs Gunn, Mrs Lewis and Miss Santos
CPS Pastoral team



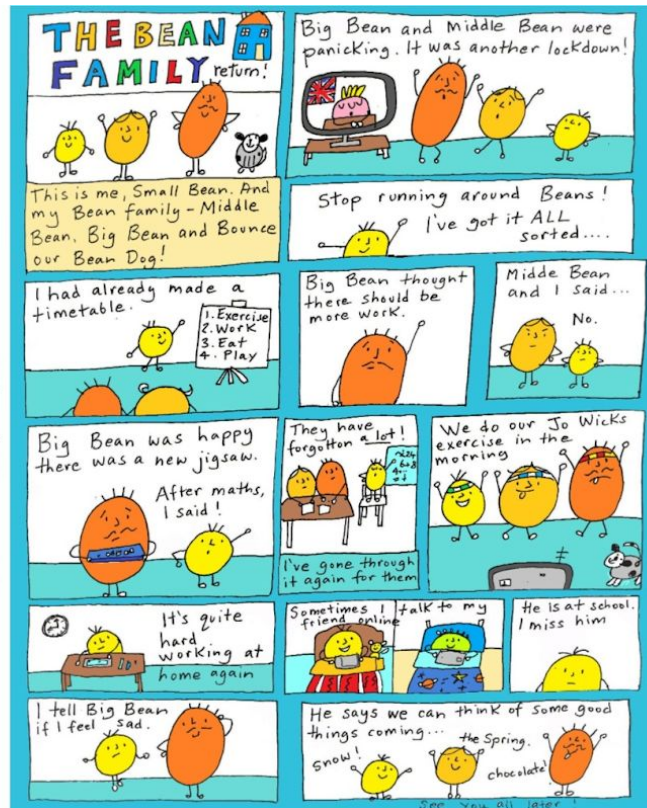


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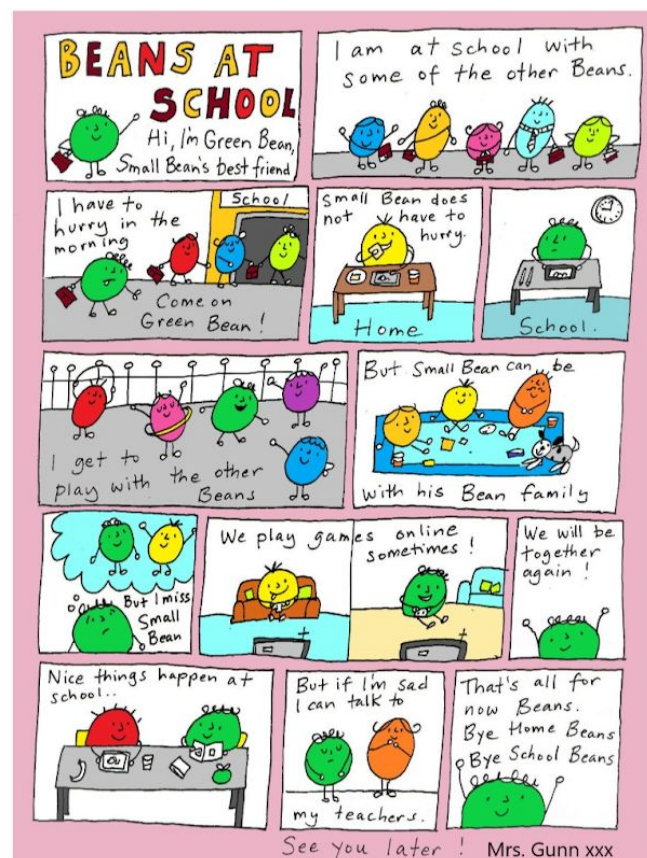


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Hi, I'm Small Bean.
I am at home
in lockdown.
my story →



Hi, I'm Green Bean.
I'm Small Bean's
best friend.
I am at school in
lockdown.
my story →



See you later! Mrs. Gunn xxx