

HOME LEARNING

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Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We have now completed two weeks at home and hope that you are all settling into a new routine. You all continue to be in our thoughts and hope that you are all safe and well. We've seen some great home learning taking place this week, remember do what you can, we know you all have different circumstances and pressures. We are going to send you some suggestions each week that may be of interest and also celebrate some of the great work we have been seeing.

Our school website is being updated regularly under the 'Home Learning' tab with ideas of different resources you can use at home. Please keep sending your photos through to your class teachers through Class Dojo. We are all missing you and are looking forward to seeing what you are all up to!

Literacy Shed

Literacy Shed provides access to high quality films and animations that can be used to enhance the teaching of reading and writing. Watch the video and develop a story based on what you have watched, describe the character, describe the setting etc. We can't wait to read them!



English Mastery

English Mastery has developed a selection of resources for use at home. You can find the resource you need by clicking on the resource relevant to your year group or key stage (Years 1 to 9). It gives high quality texts and activities focussing on writing and SPAG.



**Keep
Writing**

Dough Disco

Our children in EYFS will be familiar with the Dough Disco sessions. They can now access a daily session by watching Spread the Happiness TV on YouTube. Dough Disco is aimed at exercising the fingers to improve the fine motor skills. Get your dough ready!



Pobble365.com

The website gives a different picture every day with ideas of activities underneath. From writing character and setting descriptions to writing diary entries. You could even have a go at drawing your story out using a story map and writing this with support. Good luck!



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Cosmic Kids Yoga

Healthy screen time for children as they practise yoga, mindfulness and relaxation through story telling. Parents and teachers report significant improvements in self-regulation, focus and empathy. Give it a go!



Smiling Minds

Smiling Minds is a free app for adults and children to help the user be more mindful. The app includes meditations for the following age groups: 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18, and older adult, although younger children could also access it. The Guided Relaxation offers a space for calm and focus.



Keep
Calm

Google 3D Animals

With Googles 3D objects, you can put virtual animals in your real world. First make sure you have an AR-ready device. For iPhones and iPads, you'll need iOS 11 or higher. Android phones need to be ARCore compatible, which includes a lot of models running Android 7 or later. Search for an animal and see if it says 'View in 3D'



Try
technology

Quiver

Use the Quiver app and let 3D Augmented reality take your colouring to the next level. You will need a printer to access the special colouring packs, colour in download the app and watch it come to life!



Stars of the Week

We've been really impressed with your efforts learning at home and we would like to continue our Friday tradition of celebrating the great work! Well done to the following people.



Zuzanna and Adam
for great boat
making skills! It
looks amazing!

Nyah for learning to tell
the time, helping with
jobs in the house and
learning to ride your
bike with no stabilisers!
Well done!

Bethel for your
amazing commitment
to your online learning
and great marks on
Mathletics and Purple
Mash. Keep up the
good work!

Mila for your
fantastic 'Stay Safe'
poster. Great
creativity!

Benjamin for having
a very positive
attitude towards
home learning! Well
done!

Benjamin for
colouring and
building an amazing
city! Great work!

Axel for your
amazing tower
building, it was so
tall! Thank you for
taking part!

Adra for doing lots
of learning at home!
Well done!

Jibrán for your
fantastic Roman fact
file! The writing and
pictures are great,
keep up the good
work!

Dina for taking part
in the family
challenges and
completing lots of
online learning. Keep
up the good work



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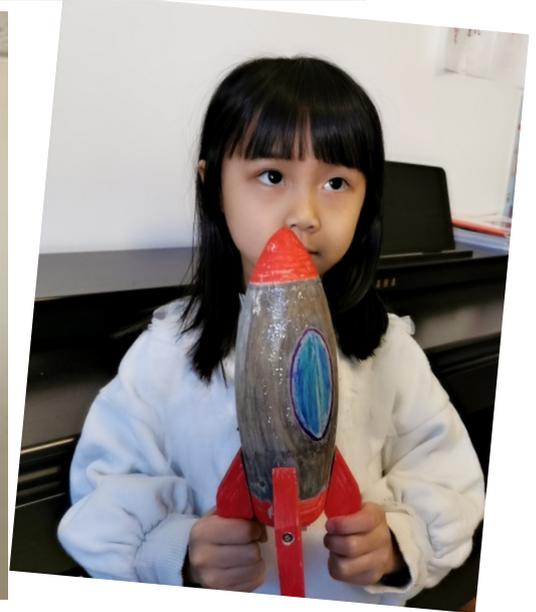


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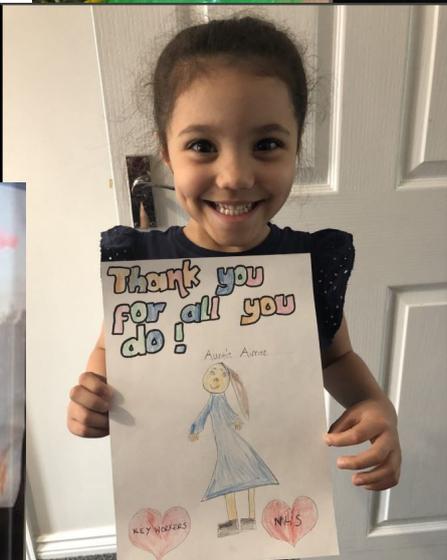
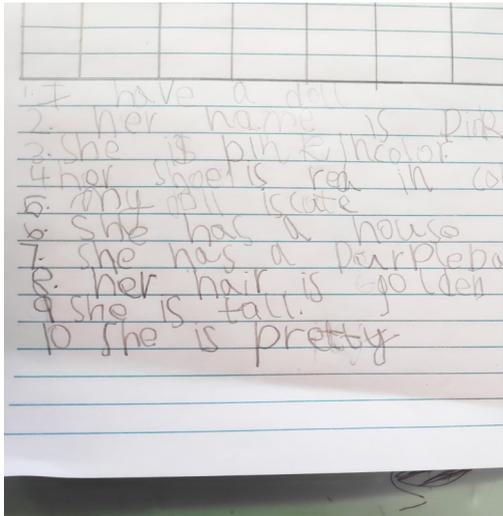
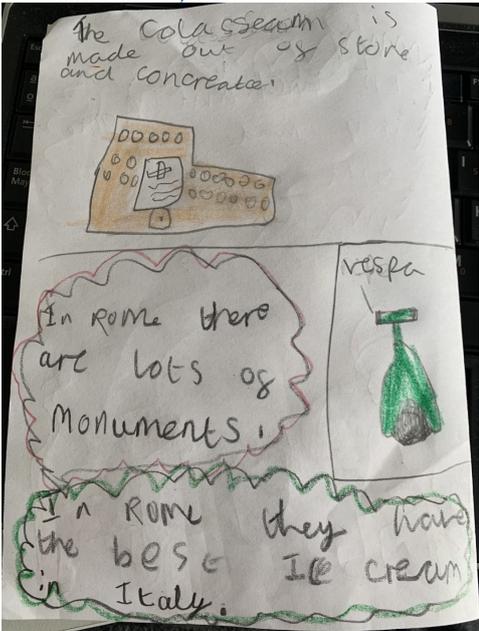


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What's been happening this week?

Rainbows are widely being used across the UK as a symbol of positivity, support and love to all. We have listened to the Queen address the nation with her speech. We have celebrated Easter and have had Easter Egg Hunts. Last week we asked you to put pictures of Easter Eggs in your windows and whilst on your daily walks see how many you could spot!

This week's Positivity Project is:

Can you make a den using objects in your house or outside in the garden. You could use your den to do your home learning in, have a picnic or spend some relaxation time in. You might find it helpful to draw a plan and write a list of things you will need before you start so you know what it will look like.

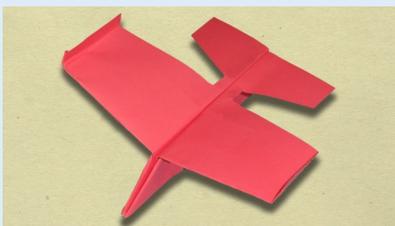
We can't wait to see all of your fantastic creations? Send via the Class Dojo app or to admin@pikefold.manchester.sch.uk addressed to your teacher.

We will be setting a family challenge every week while school is closed.

Week 3

Design and make a paper aeroplane that can carry a cargo (coins).

Competition—Who can carry the most coins without falling? Or whose can glide the furthest with the same amount of coins?



FAMILY CHALLENGE



If you are entitled to Free School Meals our kitchen is still open and providing fresh food. Please ensure you have placed your order on Aspens and your 'Packed Lunch' food will be available to collect on a Monday lunch time, with enough lunch supplies for a week.

If you have any questions about this please email admin@pikefold.manchester.sch.uk and we will try to reply to you as soon as we possibly can.

Thank you and take care.

Happy
Easter

A cartoon rabbit holding a large Easter egg. The word "Happy" is written in green cursive above the word "Easter", which is written in large, colorful, outlined letters.

Something to share

The Time We Spring-Cleaned the World

The world it got so busy, there were people all around.
They left their germs behind them; in the air and on the ground.
These germs grew bigger and stronger. They wanted to come and stay.
They didn't want to hurt anyone -they just really wanted to play.

Sometimes they tried to hold your hand, or tickled your throat or your nose.
They could make you cough and sneeze, and make your face as red as a rose.
And so these germs took over, they started to make people ill,
And with every cough we coughed, more and more germs would spill.

All the queens and kings had a meeting, "It's time to clean the world up!" they said.
And so they had to close lots of fun stuff, just so these germs couldn't spread.
We couldn't go to cinemas, or restaurants for our tea.
There was no football or parties, the world got as quiet as can be.

The kids stopped going to school, the mums and dads went to work less.
Then a great, big, giant scrubbing brush, cleaned the sky and the sea and the mess!
Dads started teaching the sums, big brothers played with us more,
Mums were in charge of homework, and we read and played jigsaws galore!

The whole world was washing their hands, and building super toilet roll forts!
Outside was quiet and peaceful, now home was the place for all sports.
So we played in the world that was home, and our days filled up with fun and love,
And the germs they grew smaller and smaller, and the sun watched from up above.

Then one morning the sun woke up early, she smiled and stretched her beams wide.
The world had been fully spring-cleaned, it was time to go back outside!

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