

HOME LEARNING

Issue 5—4th May 2020

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. 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!

VE Day—8th May 2020

8 May 2020 marks 75 years since VE (Victory in Europe) Day when the Second World War came to an end in Europe. The long anticipated news resulted in spontaneous celebrations breaking out across the nation. A national holiday was declared and people from all walks of life came together to mark the moment.

There are lots of online resources you use to find out more about VE Day and the Second World War:

- BBC
- CBBC
- Discovery Education's free resources for schools and families
- Imperial War Museum
- National Army Museum
- Royal British Legion
- The National Archives

Dan Snow's VE Day Challenge

<https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/>

We're asking you to think about how you would tell the story of VE Day today. There are lots of ways you could bring the story of VE Day to life. You could:

Write a short news report in the style of today or 75 years ago

Make a short video that tells the story of VE Day, either in the style of 75 years ago or how you would tell it today

Design a newspaper front page or article

Write or perform a poem, song, drawing or other work of art

Share the story of someone in your family or area who was involved in the War

Write or perform a short play about VE Day and what it would have been like 75 years ago

Send your entries to

ve-vjday75@culture.gov.uk or post your creative content on social media using the #VEDay75 hashtag and tagging Dan Snow in @thehistoryguy

Recalling History



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Steve Backshall's Live Wildlife Homeschool

Every Wednesday at 9:30 Steve Backshall will be holding a home school session on his Facebook and YouTube Channel. Join him for wildlife learning and you can even ask your parent or carer to ask Steve a question on his twitter account.



WWF



Each week the WWF are providing five engaging ways for you to connect with nature and learn more about our amazing planet. Their themed weeks will include live learning events via a dedicated Facebook group, an opportunity to participate in fun and insightful webinars with WWF experts, and links to our popular educational materials.

<https://www.wwf.org.uk/learn/love-nature#learning>

Explore Nature

#ArtJumpStart

Darrell Wakelam is releasing daily art activities during lockdown and we love them because they use pieces of rubbish that you might have lying around the house. Search #ArtJumpStart



Stop Motion Studio

Anyone who's seen one of Aardman's Wallace & Gromit productions, or even The Lego Movie, will know all about stop-motion animation. It typically involves taking little figurines (though anything would work) and moving them one frame at a time to create an animation. Download the free 'Stop Motion Studio' app and give it a go!

Get Creative



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.



Lilly moving up a rank in Times Table Rocks Stars and becoming a Rock Legend! Amazing speed!

Jamie for working hard in Mr Marler's coding club! Well done Jamie!

Charlie for your fantastic warning sign!

Isabella for making an excellent time capsule and writing an amazing letter to her future self. Well done!

Tilly for participating in and enjoying the online Letters & Sounds lessons!

Isla-Rae for your lovely written message to everyone at Pike Fold!

Thomas for some beautiful work on Van Gogh! And for using excellent research skills.

Sarah for consistently completing your online learning! Fantastic effort, keep it up!

Jaxson for great research skills and creativity linked to the Vikings topic!

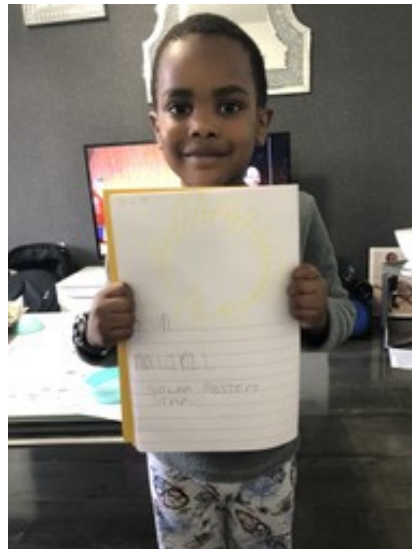
Jake for completing some research about his family origins and creating bar charts. And your fantastic powerpoint about all things Manchester!



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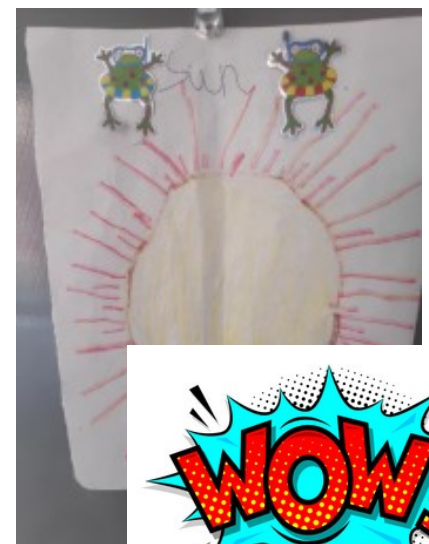


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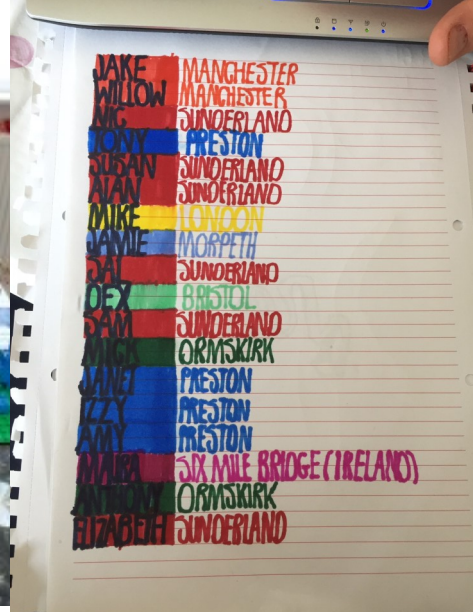
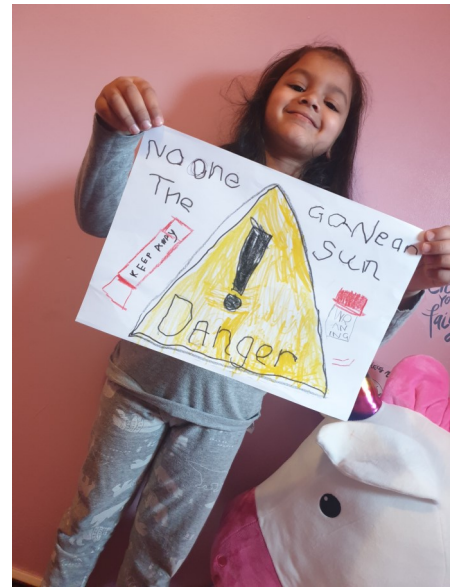


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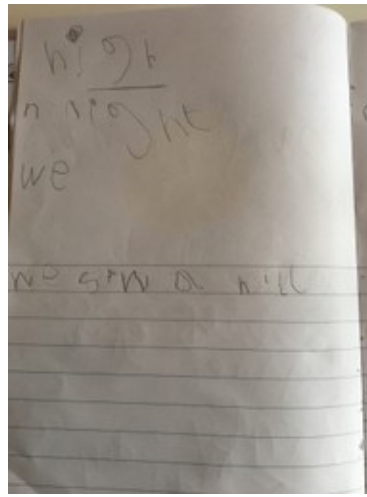
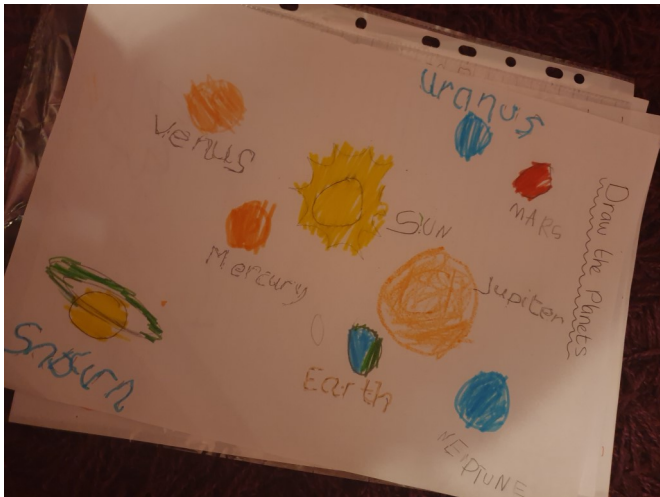


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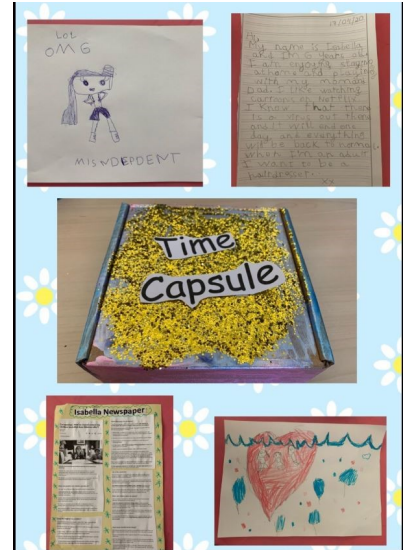
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The spider that came to my

It was an ordinary day in an ordinary city. March 14th March there good by brilliant sculpture. The sculpture was a spider. So on that ordinary day, the large audience expected was that the sculpture would move. But that's what it did. Many people gathered minutes after minutes day after day and watch after watch. The spider opened its legs, which were fixed on some building steel by its four several wires. It then turned its body to the honor of the viewers, and did its best to forget them.

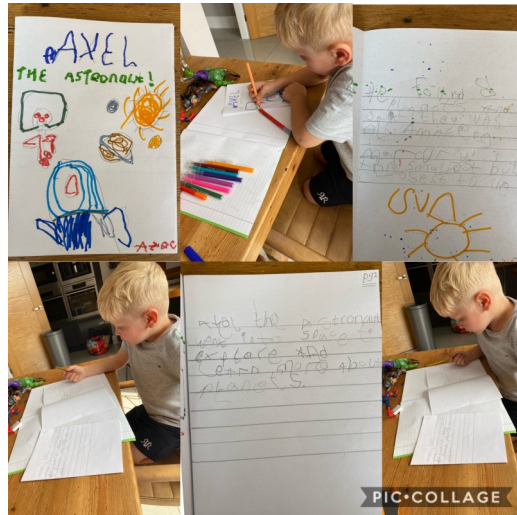
The spider tried to give a smile, which he did, but unfortunately, what seemed to be a normal and charming smile for her, was a sinister and tragic smile to the audience. By now, well over 100 people had gathered around the poor spider, compared to the very few that were usually there.

But if the people were not shocked enough, the spider spoke, "Hello!" it said.

It took a few seconds before people could decide whether they were cheering or not. They lifted their eyes, looked each other (no, I am not checking social distancing) and a few whispered words came: "He... Hello... Hello!"

The spider, satisfied with the response, and told the people "he had actually been alive all these years, but had just been expected to come out." The story was met with a loud cheer, and the story soon spread around the world. The spider still lives today, and has been given justice and freedom.

The End



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This week's Positivity Project is:

This weeks project focusses on the things that we have done or can do to be kind to others both during and beyond lockdown?

K is for Kindness—Can you make a kindness alphabet?

Can you think of different things which you can do to show kindness to others? Can you create a 'K is for Kindness' poster or an alphabet of different things from A to Z to show kindness?

Here are some ideas to get you started:

A is for always thinking of others

B is for baking for my neighbours

C is for colouring a rainbow for my grandparents

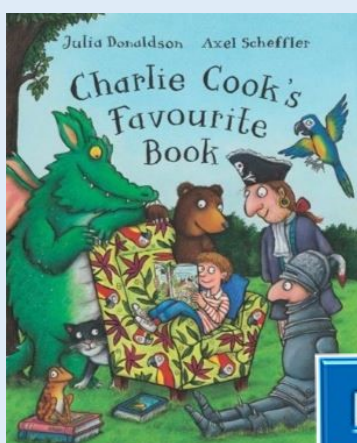
In a
WORLD
where you can be
anything
BE KIND

Mrs. ADK

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

Week 8

We know that you will have been spending lots of time enjoying your favourite books. This week we are looking for you to recreate the front cover of your favourite book. It's fun for adults and children of any age so everyone can get involved!



**FAMILY
CHALLENGE**

The importance of routines and sleep

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic many children and parents are at home all day. Parents are finding that without the routine of school and work, the whole family's sleep is affected.

In order to give your body the best chance of staying in normal time, consider following these tips:

- Although the temptation is to allow your routine to slide if you have nowhere to go, we recommend sticking to your normal wake and sleep times as much as possible.
- Limit lie-ins to the weekend, and make sure that everyone wakes up no more than one hour later than you would on a normal/school day.
- Get creative about how to get as much daylight as possible. If current government advice allows you to go outside then go for a walk first thing in the morning for at least 20 minutes.
- If you are self-isolating and need to stay indoors, open up all the curtains/blinds first thing in the morning. Opening windows for 20 minutes in the morning will help you to get a blast of fresh air.
- Make a daily timetable of what you will be doing as a family to keep some structure.
- Get some exercise during the day. If you can go outside then this is best, however if this is not possible then try to use the spaces in your home creatively.
- At night, make sure you are closing the curtains/blinds and dimming the lights at the same time every day. Keep your calming bedtime routine the same as you normally would. There may understandably be an increase in screen time during the day at the moment, however we still recommend turning off screens for one hour before bedtime you can. Switch instead to hand-eye coordination activities such as drawing or puzzles.



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