

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th June 2020.

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

As this week draws to a close, children have been creative through many home activities. This week also saw our first 'pod' return to school which was exciting after such a long time at home. It was lovely to see the children again and although it is still early days, they have responded well to their change of routine and are settling in.

Ms Youngman and Ms Jordan have done some fantastic work to enable the children to come together again safely, to talk about what has happened, their experiences and to feel secure in school with our 'new normal' as part of a recovery curriculum.



Mrs Edwards delivers lunch each day – which is very welcome after a morning of concentrating hard and remembering to socially distance. Pod one have done extremely well in adapting this week.

Our youngest children in busy bees class also returned to school for a short morning session yesterday. Here they are in their work stations; socially distancing and concentrating very well. Mrs Travers, Mrs Plant, Mrs Keely and Ms Edwards were delighted with how the children responded demonstrating 'expected' behaviour to stay safe.



We are extremely grateful to parents and carers for working with us and for your hard work and perseverance setting up work stations at home during the lockdown period. The children have been supported through the transference of the TEACCH framework across both home and school settings, which has enabled consistency for provision throughout this time.



As part of childrens' communication and interaction needs we teach the concept of 'social thinking'. We are using this programme to teach 'expected and unexpected' behaviour as part of learning about our 'new normal'. This week Mrs Pembery has created another great story: 'Expected and Unexpected: A Pirate Story' which teaches this concept. You can watch it with your child through this link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5t_xC1nDh0Y

Some of the great learning happening at home this week ...



Hannah completed some fabulous art work for her BTEC award this week. She even persuaded her dog and her brother to try some art in the style of Jackson Pollock!

Alfie visited some stables. He even wore a mask for the first time to go out!



Cameron has been helping out in the garden by painting the shed as well as making homemade pizza.

Harry completed a post 16 career questionnaire on his laptop.



Ellie has also been busy completing her art course work ready to submit.

Matthew has been working with Ms Walker and is developing a love of cooking. Here he is reading a cookery book to develop his ideas.



Squirrels have been exploring life in the Stone Age using this game. Ollie's score of 755 beat Ms Webster's by 325 points!

Ollie also made a Bronze Age marbled cake, thinking about how tin and copper were mixed together to make bronze but instead using chocolate and vanilla cake mix!



Chidubem has been learning about the story of 'The very hungry caterpillar'. He completed his writing and colouring all by himself!

What have our staff been up to this week ?

Looking after the birds seems to be a theme this week



Mr Edwards has been very creative by making nesting boxes for the birds out of old boots!

While Ms Walker has been making fat balls to feed to the birds in her garden.



Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

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