

HQJS

AT HOME

5 FEBRUARY 2021



FROM THE HEAD

Many thanks to all those parents who have taken part in our Remote Learning Survey. Whilst some parents are still to respond, and we have yet to analyse the results closely, at the time of writing the parents of 80% of our children report that remote learning is "going very well" or "generally going well". Such statistic is down to our shared endeavour, and a testament to the efforts of teachers, parents and children too. Perhaps we would all do well this weekend to take a moment to reflect on all that is going well, and to ensure that our children appreciate how well they are responding to the many challenges of our situation.

Many thanks to those parents and children who have pursued this week's Headmaster's Challenge, and submitted pictures too. Parents will be pleased to know that the task will remain open over the weekend and during the course of next week, so there is plenty of time to complete this task! Next week's task, on a different theme, is for pupils, parents and staff, runs throughout half term and is the focus of Monday's assembly. Parents and staff may like to watch the assembly!

Chris Wright

I wish you all a happy weekend.

REMOTE LEARNING PROVISION

Please be aware of the following:

- to help parents and children, we are now including a 'Resource warnings for next week' heading on the daily overview for each Monday, which we are sending out each Friday evening.

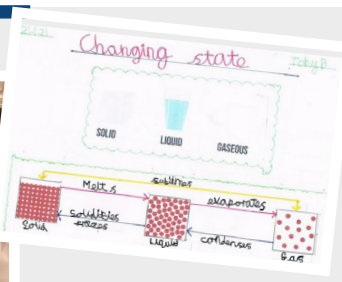
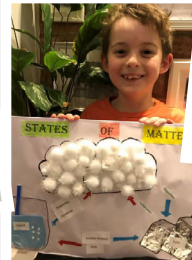
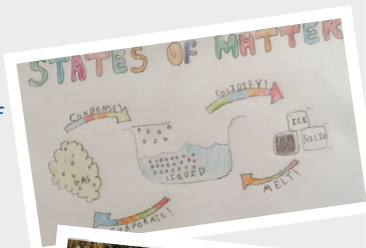
- to prevent children (or parents!) having to type in Zoom meeting numbers and passwords every time they join a meeting, the direct links for each teacher's Zoom room are now contained within each day's daily overview.

- our FAQ page for parents ([HERE](#)) now includes answers to 'How do I send a large file?' and 'Some of my tasks are missing!', as well as the answers to many other questions. Please do let Mr Wright know of any questions you would like addressed.

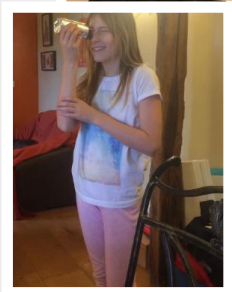
IN OUR LESSONS THIS WEEK...

SCIENCE

Year 4 have been looking at states of matter and have created some excellent posters!

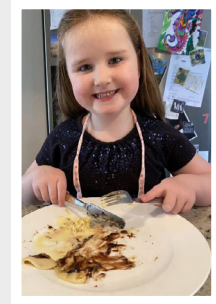
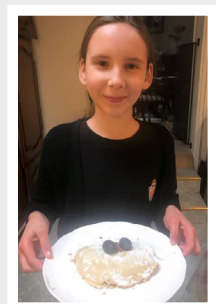


Year 6 have been studying light and how we see. As part of their topic, they made pin hole viewers to observe their surroundings.



FRENCH

Earlier this week, some of the children celebrated the French version of Pancake Day, 'La Chandeleur' (Candlemas). This year it happens to be two weeks earlier than Shrove Tuesday, but it is always on 2nd February, and 40 days after Christmas Eve. It celebrates the end of the Christmas period.



PLAY IN CLASS WEEK

Children in Years 3 - 6 who play an instrument will be able to perform to their class during Music lessons next week. So please do have your instruments and music ready!

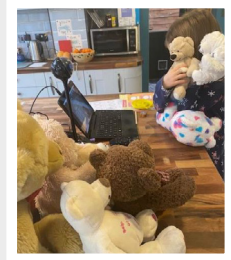
If you are going to be in school, please bring your instrument in on the day you usually have a class Music lesson. If your instrument is the piano then a piano will be available but please bring in your music. We can't wait to hear you all.

YEAR 2

2D have been studying the book 'Meerkat Mail' and have created some welcome home banners for the main character, Sunny. This half term, 2D have gone 'Meerkat Mad' during their project with bountiful amounts of written work being produced. Well done 2D!

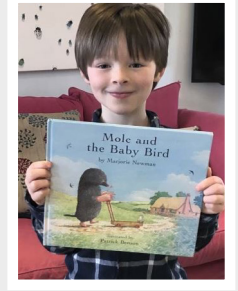


Willow (below), taking part in her Maths lesson -with friends!



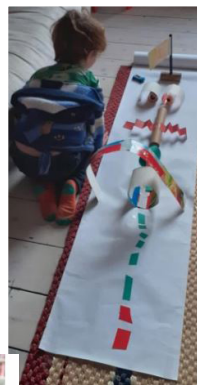
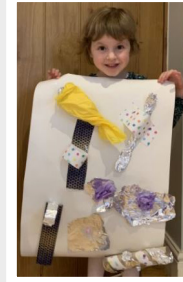
YEAR 1

Year 1 have been getting excited about the reading challenge and wrote book reviews to tell everyone about their favourite books.



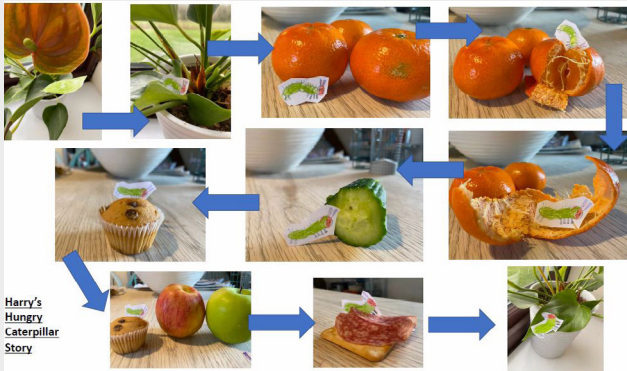
RECEPTION

In Maths, the children have been measuring. They have enjoyed practising their measuring skills by getting creative using various items of different lengths from around the home.



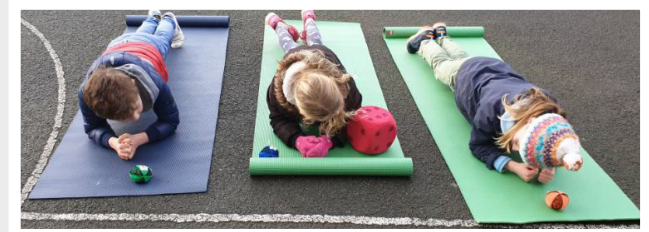
ART AND DESIGN

Year 1 children have enjoyed creating posters showing the 'Hungry Caterpillar' journey. They had to show the treats it might eat and how it turned into a beautiful butterfly.



PE

This week in PE, we have been continuing to do a range of exercises during lessons. Even the key worker children at school have been able to participate. Pictured are Henry, Soli and Sophie from 3D outside in the playground doing the plank while the rest of the class are joining in on Zoom!



We have also been learning how to develop some racquet control using a hardback book or frying pan and a sock, scrunched up piece of paper etc to replicate a ball / shuttlecock. We have also enjoyed learning how to serve.

NURSERY (IN SCHOOL!)

Last week, we learnt all about 'Big Machines'. The children made footprint and egg box machines of their choice.

This week, we are learning about 'mini-beasts'. The children have enjoyed exploring the investigation lab and making beautiful symmetrical butterflies.



LAND'S END TO JOHN O'GROATS CHALLENGE

With a week left in the challenge, the total distance covered by pupils is an amazing 2730 miles! The current standings for both the House competition and the class award can be found below. Please could any remaining distances be submitted to Mr Turpin by 3.30pm on Wednesday 10th February as the competition ends next week!

House Competition

- 1st Britten - 973 miles
- 2nd - Woodall - 734 miles
- 3rd - Oakeley - 618 miles
- 4th - Matthews - 405 miles

Class Competition

- 1st - 4W - 541 miles
- 2nd - 6G - 378 miles
- 3rd - 5B - 346 miles
- 4th - 3M - 240 miles
- 5th - 5L - 233 miles



CROSS CURRICULAR FOOTBALL CARD

With the weather playing havoc with fixtures, only six games survived. It was a tougher card this week, with lots of the 31 entrants getting 2 or 3. Only James Nolan and Oliver Daw managed to get 4 correct but everyone was outdone by Jemima Letts who managed to get all 6 correct at odds of 215/1! In the overall standings, it remains very close at the top with Jessica Jennings, Florence Moseley and Oliver Lort-Phillips all with 24. This week's card is out now!

CALLING ALL RUGBY FANS!

If any pupils / parents wish to join a 6 Nations Rugby predictor competition, please follow the link [HERE](#).

You can also access the competition by downloading the Superbru App and searching for the pool with code: pourslav

FUN FESTIVAL FEEDBACK

What a treat we have had this week in terms of virtual author visits. On Tuesday, Year 3 met with Joseph Coelho who introduced them to Zombierella, a young lady with some dodgy fake sisters with dubious hygiene issues! Feedback from the children was universally positive - Henry (3D) learnt that 'it takes a really long time to write a book,' and Ava-Rose (3M) found out that 'poetry is a good way to talk about your feelings.' Year 4 also had a great time getting to know their author Rachel Rooney, who provided the children with a fun filled session where she brought to life some of her poems and also some picture books. One of her picture books talked about how a big worry can become small, if you learn to think positively, breathe and take exercise. She also taught Year 4 to keep reading, to not worry about mistakes, to get ideas down first and worry about presentation last, and to keep writing from the heart. What a treat for our Year 4's!

If you missed the live action, you could follow the link [HERE](#) to access the replays of these sessions. Next week we will meet even more writers, and recordings of their presentations will also be available within a couple of hours of each live event finishing. You can find the timetable [HERE](#). We hope you enjoy the second week of the festival as much as Year 3 and 4 and their teachers have enjoyed the first.

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

The week started with Mr Wright's remote assembly for Reception - Year 6. You can watch the assembly [HERE](#).

DID YOU TAKE PART IN THE BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH?

Freya (5B) and Finlay (3M) really enjoyed taking part in the birdwatch last weekend, and even decided to make the bird food from scratch!



HCJS READING CHALLENGE

We are all delighted with the enthusiasm and energy for books that have overtaken many of our pupils this week. What a competitive group they are! It is clear that lots of reading minutes are being earned and lots of potential House points are being gathered! Keep on reading and recording your times. Every little helps, and it is never too late to start. You can find more information along with the relevant recording forms for KS1 [HERE](#) and KS2 [HERE](#).

RE

As part of our work in Year 4 on Hinduism, Mr Wilkinson asked the children what 'Good Karma' acts they are doing at home. Here are some of the things the children wrote:

- * I help my mum cook lunch
- * I am polite to my family and help out when I can.
- * I am helping my mum by sitting and listening to my live lessons and completing the tasks that are sent that day.
- * At home I am cuddling my mummy a lot which makes her happy.
- * I help my family by making loads of big, wet, sticky spongey, chocolate cakes!
- * I do plenty of exercise. I sometimes for go for a bike ride or I do some sport in the garden.
- * I am trying to be on time in lessons; not to get angry with my Mum and I'm trying to stay focused on my schoolwork.
- * At the end of the day, we pray.

MERITS THIS WEEK

Tallulah Powell (x2), Monty Bayles-Gungabissoon, Florence Moseley (x2), Hunter Martin (x2), Henry Cobb, Poppy Dorise, Seth Allmark, Teddy Morgan-Jones, Toby Hartley, Milly Morgan-Jones, Aidan Priday, Hannah Whitaker, Natalie Legge, Alex Stevens, Solilia Peppercorn, James Nolan, Ethan Aye-Maung, Rupert Pattison, Annie Macklin, William Morgan, Jessica Wolverson, George Matli, Fearn Middleton, Callum Orme, Jamie Pope, Hector Jefferson, Beatrice Kinch, Oliver Lort-Phillips, Finn Goodwin, Molly Goodwin (x2), Richie Wang, Nina Gleadhill, Esha Chalasani, Luisa Martins, Auzzie Lowe, Beatrix Morgan-Jones, Aiden O'Connor, Harry Buchanan, Summer Breeze and Max Baillie.

REMEMBER! YOU CAN SEE OUR UPDATED 'LEARNING AT HOME' PLANS AND PARENTS' FAQs ON FIREFLY

