

# HCJS

## AT HOME

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I hope that you and your children have had a successful week, and that your children have enjoyed their tasks on Firefly and their Zoom sessions too. Sam W's postcard below will tell you something of the atmosphere in my own house! Do make a point each day of spending some time with your children looking through their teachers' feedback on Firefly. I'm sure that your children will enjoy reading their teachers' positive comments and encouragement, and of course they will likely have some corrections to do and some points to take on board.

Whilst we are hoping for some clarity from the government next week, you will be interested to know that planning for a possible return to school has been on our minds this week. Whilst we have no more certainty or detail here at school than you have at home, we have been looking at the experience of Danish schools and thinking through whether we might manage a return to school under similar restrictions.

As you will know, next Friday is a bank holiday and the school is closed. I am keen that the staff and children take the opportunity to have three days away from tasks, Firefly and Zoom, if not away from screens altogether! Please do keep an eye on next week's daily overview emails as there may be some changes in our timetables next week to accommodate the three day weekend.

*Chris Wright*

I've been in lockdown for 38 days now and my dad has unfortunately been there too.

I mean he's been setting me extra tasks like chores:  
 "feed the birds"  
 "clean out the chickens"  
 "mop the kitchen floor"

But I've not mentioned the worst one: "wash my feet!"

By Sam W

In our Monday assembly, we enjoyed hearing about the important work of the Hereford Food Bank and all they are doing to support the community at this difficult time. Well done to all of you who have risen to Mr Wright's challenge to cook meals from your favourite restaurants!



Emilio A made The Beefy Boys' 'pizza boy'...

It was a Wagamama's katsu for Jamie P...



Amelia N has been baking...



While George and Florence B made pizzas & brownies!

## IN OUR LESSONS THIS WEEK...

**Y2 MATHS:** WE HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING CAPACITY



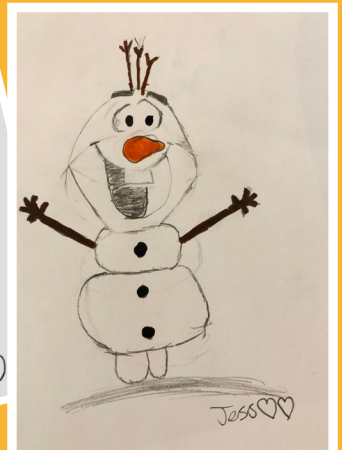
**6J FORM TIME:** WE HAVE WRITTEN POSTCARDS FROM A DESERT ISLAND

Two weeks ago, I got stranded on a desert island with Steve Backshall, who despite all his TV shows about the wild, is completely and utterly useless because apparently, he gets told everything about the animals and the environment that they live in before he films with them.

When we went for a swim in the sea Steve shouted, "Shark! Shark! Help I'm being eaten alive." But it turns out that was only my pet goldfish that I had brought with me.

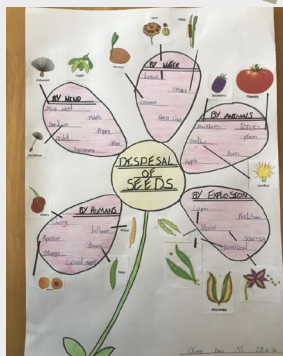
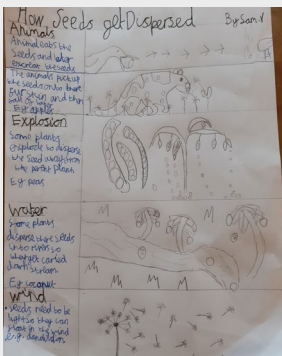
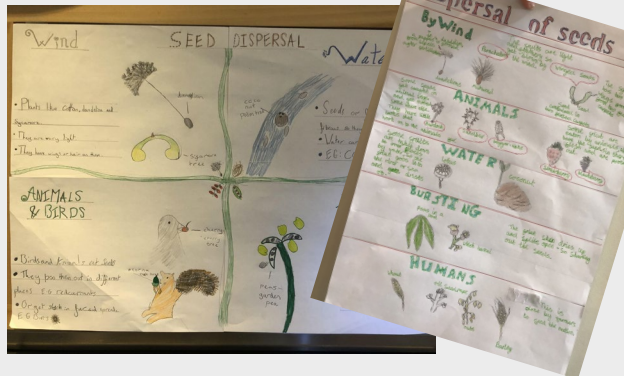
By Huw P

**4B FORM TIME:** WE HAVE BEEN DRAWING DISNEY CHARACTERS





**Y5 SCIENCE: WE HAVE MADE POSTERS TO DESCRIBE SEED DISPERSAL**



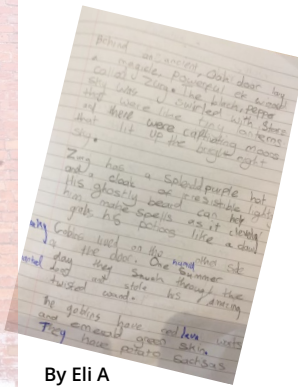
**Y5 & 6 ENGLISH: WE HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY PICTURES**

Through the old creaky door there was a tree the size of a giant stretching up into the stormy sky. This tree was not like any other tree, not like the trees you might find in your garden. In this tree there were many hollows and in these hollows there were many villages of bugs the size of red juicy grapes.

Our story begins in the 7th hollow, called Saint Sevens, with a young bug called Tim but for no particular reason everybody called him Eggy.

The next thing he knew he was lying in a crumpled heap amongst soft green grass that totally covered his small body. He cautiously unfurled and began to look around. He couldn't see anything all he could hear was the roar and the roar was getting closer. The ground was shaking and he knew he had to move, he had to do something. He knew it was not a good sound.

An excerpt from a piece by George M



By Eli A



The old lady and three children waited at the depot to evacuate France. One of the children was sitting there with a photo of his father with a tear running down his freckled face. The other was dressed up as a navy officer because his dad was devoted to sailing. The girl was sleeping with a troubling mind.

A little cart rolled up to them. They jumped on and then it started to roll with the power of the wind. This cart was very small, and the children glared all around them as the crisp and harsh air pranced onto the water and created waves as hard as iron, smashing against the track linking Dover with Calais.

An excerpt from a piece by Neirin O

**PRE-PREP MUSIC: WE HAVE BEEN ON ADVENTURES WITH THE 'CARDBOARD BOX SONG'**



Juliette W has enjoyed wearing her summer school uniform while learning at home. Here she is watching Monday's assembly...



**LINKS TO THIS WEEK'S VIDEOS...**

- ▶ The week started with [Mr Wright's remote assembly](#) for everybody...and ended with our Friday [assembly for Years 3 to 6](#) including a visit from Hereford Samaritan's Director
- ▶ We received a [video message](#) from Junior School parents, Dr White and Dr O'Leary, direct from Hereford County Hospital intensive care unit
- ▶ Don't forget, you can find Miss Toolan's 'song for the week', Mrs Gummerson's cooking demos and our new sudoku club [here](#).

**MERIT CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO:** Freya W (2), Maisie G, Henry C, Robyn H, Florence B, Lucille L, Hector J, Beatrix M-J, Hunter M (3), Charlie F, Sophie L-P, Devon C, Phoebe B, Aidan P, Avitej S, Tom J, Henry C, Sophia O, Tallulah P, Florence M, Alex S (2), Callum O, George M, George W-C, Teddy M-J, Sophie D, Sam V, Oliver D, Hannah W, Eli A, Aoife D, Edward M, Freddie I, Henry J, Monty B-G and Huw P.

**WE HAVE THOUGHT OF OTHERS BY DONATING TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS**



Donation by Toby and Edward M

**LEARNING AT HOME UPDATES**

**FIREFLY FURTHER RESOURCES:**

Please remember that under [Further Resources](#) on Firefly, you will find lots to keep your children busy, including:

- Sudoku club
- Cookery club
- Miss Toolan's 'song of the week'
- Reading resources

Mrs Gummerson's online cookery club will feature a new recipe each week. Please get in touch with Mrs Gummerson with any requests and do please send her pictures of your creations too!

**ZOOM REQUEST:** It would be helpful for our teachers if the names which the children are using within Zoom are recognisable. This will mean that staff can admit them into the meeting with greater confidence!

**CORONAVIRUS - A BOOK FOR CHILDREN:**

You may like to read this free booklet about coronavirus with your children. It has been illustrated by Axel Scheffler and published by Nosy Crow. It can be accessed [here](#).

