

'Flourishing together'



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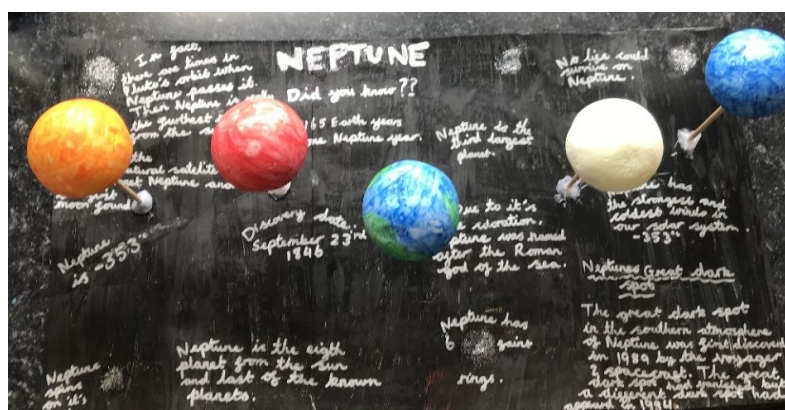
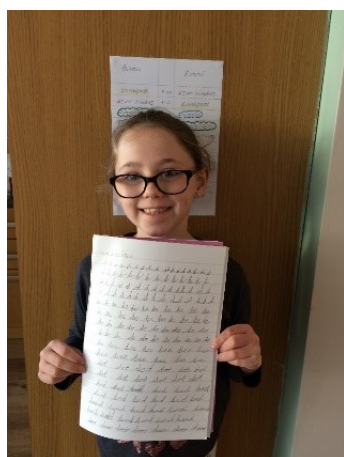
Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that today is the end of the first half of the summer term and wanted to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you, to our parents and carers for the amount of support and positive messages that are sent through to school via email, our Facebook page and class emails.

As a school we are continuing to offer childcare for key workers and for those who need extra support at this time and as such our school will be open for half term (although closed on Monday for the bank holiday) I feel extremely proud of the role our staff have played in supporting these children and their families during what has been and is a very difficult time.

As it is half term next week the teachers will not be setting any home learning for the children. This leads me very nicely on to say, how proud we are of all our children for the resilience, the determination and the courage that they are showing each and every day at home. We have been blown away by some of the wonderful learning, tasks and activities and fun the children have been getting up to. There are so many examples of this fantastic learning coming through we thought we would share a few examples with you. It makes a teachers day seeing how the children in their class are continue to flourish at home even when times are hard. We all have our good and bad days, our wobbles and our wow moments but that it what makes us human. It is okay to feel okay, it is okay to feel blue and it is okay to feel happy.







31st March 2020

Should primary aged children be allowed social media?

As you already know, social media is a big part of life and it helps us communicate as to where we are, but social media could lead to some nasty events. Social media helps people stay in contact via the internet. These are some examples of social media, Tick tick, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, WhatsApp and many more.

Many people believe that children should have social media to help them communicate with their friends / family. They may think that they are not getting enough time with the people they love, and social media can help restore time with family/friends. They might have friends and family who may live abroad.

Children may feel left out if they don't have social media as friends could have it, it could cause peer pressure. It is part of life to understand the world of technology. Children should be able to have the responsibility they need to learn.

On the other hand, social media can be dangerous as children could be sent unsuitable pictures, someone could screenshot their pictures or messages or even bully them! That could cause a disruption in the household and be upsetting for everybody who may live there.

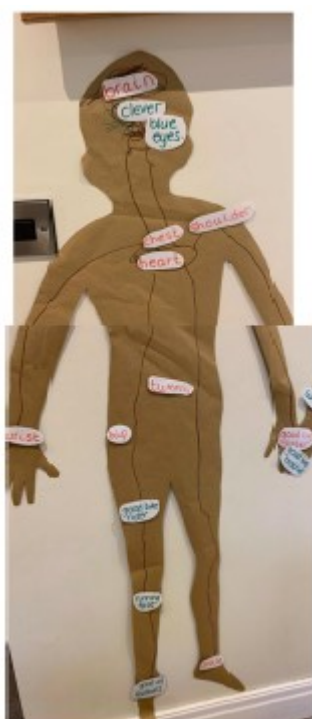
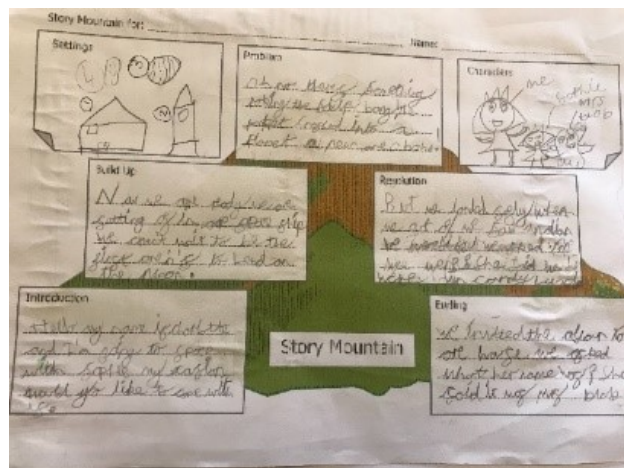
People could pretend to be someone they are not, an example would be if a child was playing a game [for instance Roblox] and they came up to a player and said "Hello, I am Izzy, do you want to be friends?" and the other player replied "yes, I am Robert I am 12 years old", Robert could actually be a 50-year-old man named Peter. Peter could be trying to get the poor child's personal information.

Over all, I think that the children should have access to social media because they need the responsibility, but have some restrictions so it does not harm them. I think that the parents/guardian should make sure that the app is appropriate for the child's age. If it is not, the app must not be downloaded. You can also put a password on the download system so your child does not download the app without telling the adult supervising.



Lisa's News.
The moon and back!

Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and 'Buzz' Aldrin went in a rocket. It set off on July 16th 1969 from Cape Kennedy, Florida, USA. They got to the moon on July 20th. Neil Armstrong was the first one to walk on the moon. They put a flag in the moon. Then they went back to Earth. They landed in the sea on 24th July 1969. 600 million people watched and they shouted hooray, hooray, hooray.



I have attached a link to below to a government paper advising parents and carers on how to support the home learning of primary school children. This link has been sent previously and I do hope you found it useful, however there has been an update to this guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>



After half term, we will continue to set home learning, beginning with an enrichment week. We hope that by setting enrichment tasks regularly during the rest of the summer term will inspire and motivate your child/children to continue their love of learning. We know that as the weeks go by it may be becoming more difficult to engage in home learning and have 'success without the stress' We hope that these different enrichment weeks will support you and your child/children and encourage continued enthusiasm for learning.

As you are all aware, there is continuing debate about the wider opening of schools and the return of some year groups; Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We have received ongoing information and guidance in these last few days unfortunately there has not been sufficient guidance for us to confirm dates for the wider reopening of school. Therefore we will only be open on June 1st for childcare of key workers. I am very hopeful that over the course of next week we will receive final guidance and will work together, senior leaders and governors, to complete our comprehensive risk assessments, protocols and plans. We will then be in a position to communicate reopening dates.

I appreciate that this is a very worrying time for you as parents/carers and children but please be rest assured that the governors and leadership team are doing all we can to ensure that when children do return, they can do so as safely as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support and patience. Stay safe and well and have a wonderful half term.



With very best wishes,

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