

# Celebrating Learning during Lockdown

## Upper Key Stage Two – Years 5 & 6

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your continued support in getting the children to engage with their online learning. We are pleased to see how many children are joining in with our online sessions and submitting work. The children have impressed us with all that they are



managing to do and we would like to thank you for supporting them with this. We appreciate balancing home life, work and schooling can be a challenge.

Next week, we will be looking at seasonality in DT and there will be some activities involving food and tasting. A separate letter with details of this has been sent along with this newsletter.

### Learning covered this week in school and online

**Year 5 Maths** - This week, Year 5 have been continuing to develop their multiplication knowledge by multiplying 2, 3 and 4-digit numbers by 2-digits, using different methods, particularly long column method. They have also begun to recap dividing 2-digit by 1-digit numbers.



**Year 6 Maths** - This week, Year 6 have been working with decimals, recapping how to multiply, divide and solve problems using division.



**Science** - The children have been building on their knowledge of the circulatory system by exploring how our bodies react to exercise. The children recorded their pulses at different intervals - before, during and after exercising - to explore how they increased and decreased to pump blood to the hard-working muscles which need it.

**PE** – This week, the children have practiced climbing horizontally, using flexibility, balance and coordination to climb across a space. They have also practiced their coordination with ball skills, using racquets to control and strike a ball in a controlled space.

**Spelling** – Year 5 have been practicing the c sound spelt -que and g spelt -gue.

Year 6 have again been adding different suffixes to root words. All the children have been exploring the sounds within the different words and identifying their meanings through applying them in different sentences.



**Grammar** - The children have been learning about formality in their writing and how to control the level of formality which they are using. They have used the subjunctive form to write like the Queen, used active or passive voice to vary the level of formality and used question tags to signal informality in speech, isn't that nice?

**Computing** – The children have studied why we should not share our private information online watching a video from the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) and considering how we would react to the issues it brought up. As well as this, children were given the chance to make a snowball fight game where they needed to program gravity to cause a thrown snowball to fall.



**Reading** - This week we have been exploring vocabulary in a short story and using synonyms to replace words ensuring that the text still makes sense. Children have also had the opportunity to continue developing their retrieval and inference skills through comprehension tasks.

**Writing** - This week, we were on the final week of our three-week cycle writing newspaper reports about the four animals escaping from Central Park Zoo. The children have continued to apply the formal writing skills that they learned over the last two weeks and started to produce some excellent writing using quotes from witnesses.



Thank you for your continuing support and please remember we are happy to help in any way to make this process as smooth as possible.

Kind regards

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