



Issue 5
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Celebrating Learning during Lockdown

Upper Key Stage Two – Years 5 & 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final week of term, we just wanted to reiterate our thanks for all that you have been doing to support your children. There have been many challenges to overcome this term so thank you for your resilience.

The children are continuing to engage well with remote learning and we have been impressed with the quality of work they have produced. We find it most beneficial for the children when they engage in a learning dialogue with their teacher so please do encourage them to respond to any feedback given.

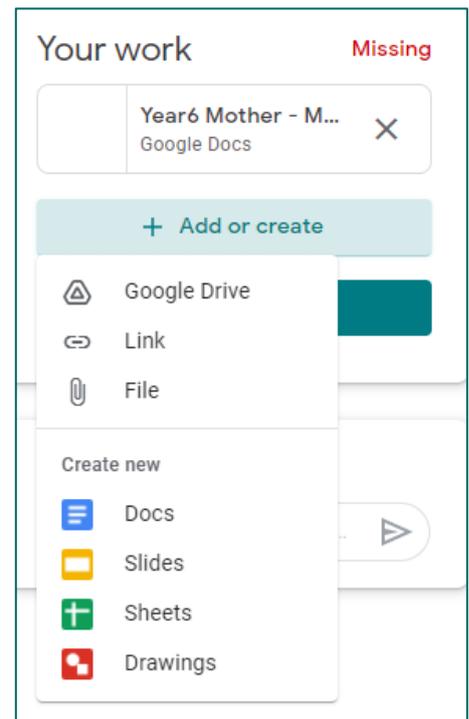
We have been so impressed with how the children have been organising themselves and remembering when to log in to calls and submitting work in a timely manner. The children are becoming confident, independent learners and it is great to see.

Google Classroom

We understand that sometimes documents can be difficult to edit on Google Classroom. Where possible, we upload tasks as PDFs or Google Slides. Google Slides can be edited onto straight away and then handed in.

Children can also click on the 'Add or create' button. There will be a drop-down selection and if they choose, 'Create new' docs or slides, they can write straight onto these. When they click 'Hand in', the documents will be sent directly to us.

Please do continue to contact us if this is a challenge for your child and we will try and help.



Learning covered this week in school and online

Year 5 Maths - This week, Year 5 have been recapping and building upon their knowledge of dividing using different models to demonstrate their understanding - using mental and written methods. The children began dividing 2-digits by 1-digit numbers and have progressed to working with larger amounts and remainders.

Year 6 Maths – This week the children have consolidated their understanding of fractions as decimals and used a range of methods to convert between two. They have also started looking at units of metric measure such as mm, cm, m and km.

Reading - In Reading lessons this week we started by looking at an extract from 'The Wizard of Oz', summarising the text and moving on to making predictions before we practised answering a range comprehension questions. Towards the end of the week, we started reading 'The 1,000 Year Old Boy'. We have explored the front cover and the blurb and practised using our inference skills to answer questions about Chapter One. We will continue reading the story next week.

Writing - This week we entered the world of wonderful wizards. Children have explored vocabulary in a model text, looked at skills that make good persuasive writing and designed their own school.



DT – This week the children have started to explore the concept of seasonality. They have learned about the differences between reared, caught and processed food sources. Some children have even had the chance to try some different seasonal fruit and vegetables.

PE – During PE this week, the children have practiced their throwing accuracy, using different one and two-handed throwing techniques to successfully propel an object into a space or target. They have also further developed their reactions, using their coordination, agility, speed and concentration to move quickly to various targets.

Spelling – In Spelling this week, Year 5 have been practicing adding ir- to words beginning with r. Year 6 have again been continuing to add 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 - In grammar this week, we have been looking closely at phrases and clauses. By understanding what they are and how they are used we can add more detail to our writing, improving reader engagement. By including a higher level of description in our writing it helps to paint a clear picture in the reader's mind so that they are fully immersed in our words.

Computing – In computing this week, we looked more closely at how we can keep ourselves and others safe whilst enjoying the internet and social media. We learned the how important it is to be aware of the content we share online and how we need to be careful who we meet and talk to whilst engaging in the wider internet community.



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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