

Celebrating Learning during Lockdown

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Key Stage One – Years 1 & 2

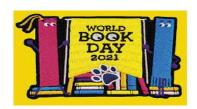
Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have all had a fantastic break from school work and managed to do some enjoyable and relaxing things over the half term week. It has been lovely to hear all about what the children have been up to over half term.

We are aware of the enormous pressure that this lockdown has brought to many of our families. No one should underestimate the effects of juggling work demands, home schooling and all the further complications of living in a pandemic. We would like to thank parents and carers for the fantastic job that you are doing in supporting and

teaching your children. Please remember to look after yourselves as parents and carers. Obviously, the wellbeing of our children is uppermost in our minds but the adults need to give themselves time as well. I would encourage all of us to stop each day and do something that will restore our energy and resilience. You have been superheroes throughout lockdown and we feel very lucky to have such an amazing school community.





World Book Day - Thursday 4 March

On Thursday 4 March, it is World Book Day. During the day there will be fun and engaging reading themed tasks for the children to have a go at. More details will be provided next week for World Book Day via Google Classroom.

We would love to hear how World Book Day is being celebrated at home so please do encourage your children to send us any details of what they have been reading or doing to enjoy the day.

Screen Free Day - Friday 5 March

On Friday 5 March we will be having a screen free day where there will be no live lessons for any classes. Teachers will be setting work on Thursday that will cover two days of learning for the children. This will enable staff to be in school preparing the classrooms ready for us to fully reopen to all children on Monday 8 March.



We are all very excited to be welcoming the children back and look forward to seeing them all!

Design Technology next week

Next week, in DT, we will be looking at moving pictures. You might have a book with moving pictures. We will be looking at how the pictures move using lever, sliding and wheel mechanisms. We will then be planning and making a diorama of an animal habitat with moving animals! This diorama could be a desert, ocean, rainforest or Arctic habitat. You will need a cardboard box and some card ready. Please have a think about which habitat you would like to create and start collecting a few things ready for you to make it with. Split pins will be needed to make some of the moving animals. Here are a few pictures to get you started with your ideas:



PE afternoons

PE afternoons are on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon each week for both Year 1 and Year 2. The PE activities for your year group can be found on the school website under the Pupil Learning Zone.

Behaviour for Learning expectations

We continue to be impressed with the positive attitude to learning, the children's resilience and the GREAT Behaviour for learning we have seen across the phase both in school and at home. You are all amazing! Below is a reminder of the expectations for all children.

Remote Behaviour for Learning expectations:

- You will all remain muted unless you are asked to unmute to answer a question or your teacher unmutes you.
- Everyone is listening and tracking the teacher while they are talking.
- Be prepared with paper and pencil.

Learning covered this week in school and online

English - This week the children have been learning about explanation texts. They have drawn and written captions to order the life cycle of a frog before writing an explanation of the life cycle of a frog.

Year 1 Maths - The children have been learning about length. They are learning the correct vocabulary associated with length and height and measuring using non-standard measures.

Year 2 Maths - The children have been learning about counting money in notes and coins, making the same amount and comparing amounts of money.

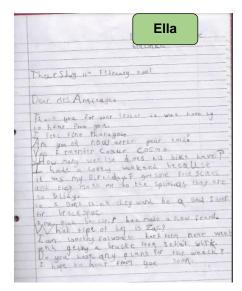
Year 1 Science - The children have been learning about identifying and naming different animals and to categorise animals into 5 groups; mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians and fish.

Year 2 Science - The children have been learning about how animals are born, how they grow, how they change and about the basic needs of all animals for survival. They have ordered and described the life cycle of a frog. They have compared the differences between things that are living, dead and have never been alive.

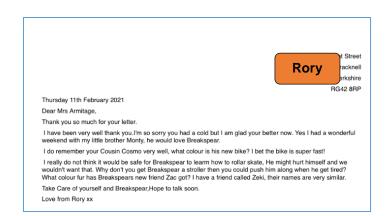
Geography - The children have been learning to name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.

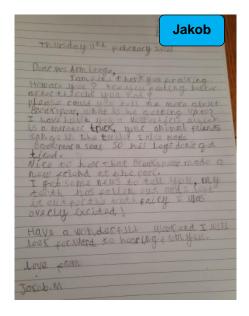
The work has been amazing this week and we would like to share some with you to celebrate how well everyone is doing.

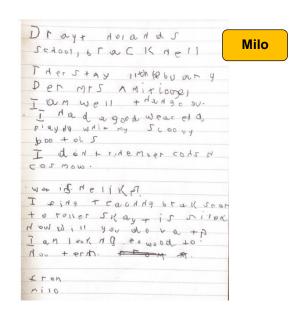
First a mention to Year One and Two for their excellent behaviour for learning online and in school. We are very proud of them!



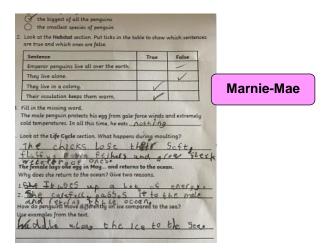
In English, the children wrote some great letters replying to Mrs Armitage.







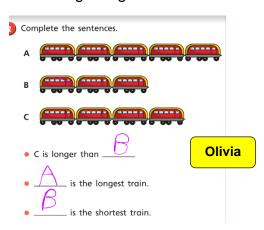
Marnie-Mae has been working hard on her reading comprehensions, well done.



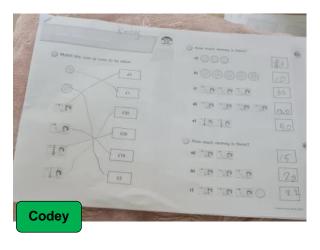
You have all worked hard on your Maths this week, well done! Here are a few examples.

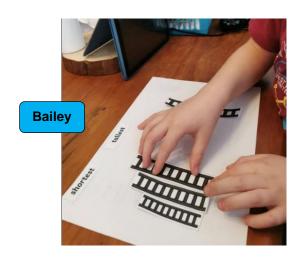
Year 1 Maths - Length - language: shorter, longer, shortest, tallest

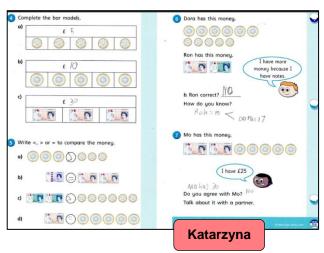
Measuring using non-standard measures

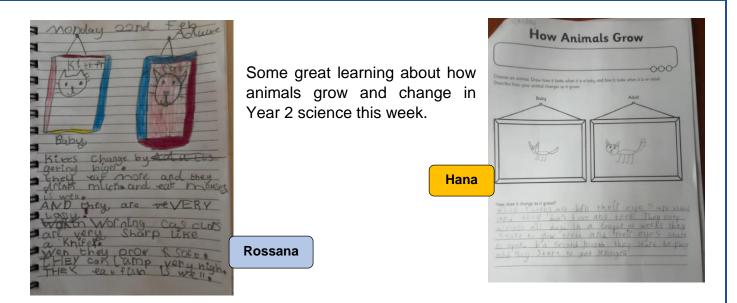


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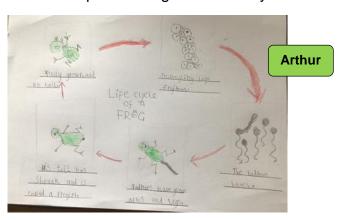


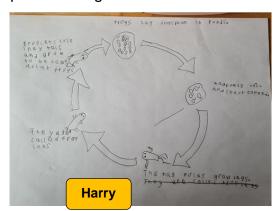


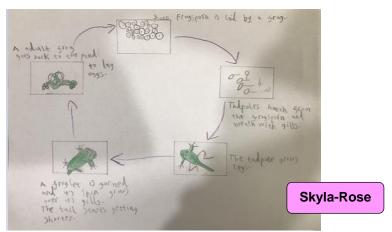


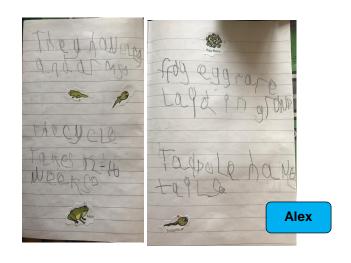


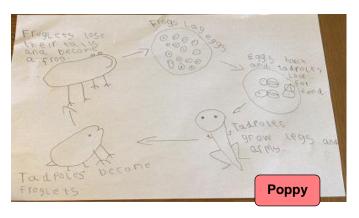
Some super drawings of the life cycle of a frog with captions in English.

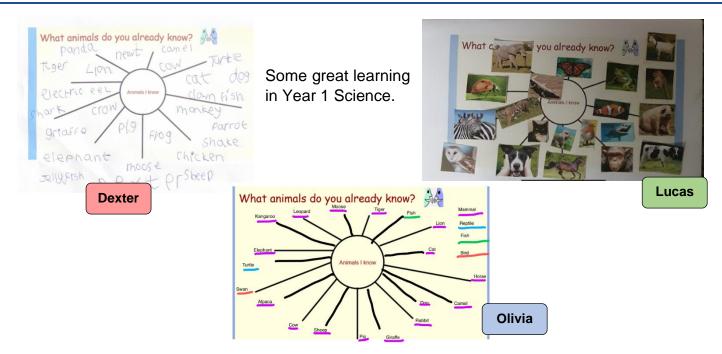




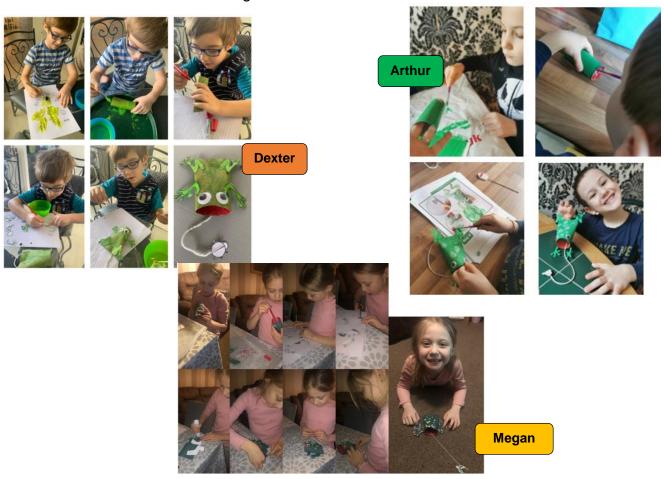








Take a look at the fantastic frogs from the extra work set.



Thank you for your continuing support and please remember school is always here to help you.

Kind regards

Miss Estcourt KS1 Phase Leader