



Issue 8  
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# Celebrating Learning during Lockdown

## Lower Key Stage Two – Years 3 & 4

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to be returning to some kind of normality on Monday 8 March and know that many of you are looking forward to the children coming back into school. We are thrilled to be able to welcome back the children and return to learning in the classroom together.

These last few months have been a huge challenge for everyone and we are sure you will be feeling a sense of relief that the children will be attending school. We are looking forward to welcoming all the children and working hard to get them on track with their learning; however, we are very conscious some children will be feeling anxious about their return but rest assured, we will be supporting their mental health and wellbeing on their return.

We would like to thank all of you for being amazing, as your collective efforts during lockdown have never ceased to amaze us. Your patience, understanding and selflessness have been inspiring throughout. You have all been incredible in supporting your children with their education.



### Arrival and Collection times for Years 3 and 4

**Arrival times for Year 3&4:**

8.50 to 9.00am

**Collection times for Year 3&4:**

3.10 to 3.15pm

### PE

Our PE days remain unchanged and children should bring their PE kit with them on their first day back.

**Year 3 – Monday and Wednesday**

**Year 4 – Thursday and Friday**

Please ensure that children have an appropriate PE kit along with a jumper and trainers.

**Please remember that classrooms will be well ventilated in line with our risk assessment. Children are encouraged to wear layers under their uniform and make sure they bring their school jumpers!**

## Learning covered this week in school and online

### Year 3

Welcome to our last newsletter for Year 3! We are so looking forward to seeing you all next week. You have all been superstars at home and we are really proud of you and your adults for all the hard work you have been doing to support your learning.

In Maths this week we have been learning about value, we have added money in both pennies and pounds and have converted money from pennies to pounds in order to understand that there are 100 pennies in a pound. We have learnt the value of each coin and have used this knowledge to successfully answer problems about spending and working out change.



In Writing this week, we have combined poetry with talking about our experiences and feelings throughout lockdown and have been able to discuss worries and joys about returning to school next week.

In Spellings we have been looking at the prefix 'anti' and know that it means the opposite or against. Over the past few weeks many of you have enjoyed catching Mrs Spiers out with four-in-a-row and have helped her to correct common spelling mistakes and errors that she has made. You have all been very kind and we have learnt that making mistakes is a good thing as we can learn lots when we correct things that we have got wrong.

Lots of you have enjoyed the Computing lessons during the last two weeks and have learnt new skills and are growing in confidence in using IT documents. Music lessons have also been great fun and we have learnt how to appraise music using musical vocabulary.

Please try not to be anxious about coming back to school, we can do this together using our Birds of Prey Motto : Positivity, Resilience, Expectations and Yet (using the power of yet). We will support you all as much as we can, so please don't worry and be excited to see all your friends and all your class adults again.

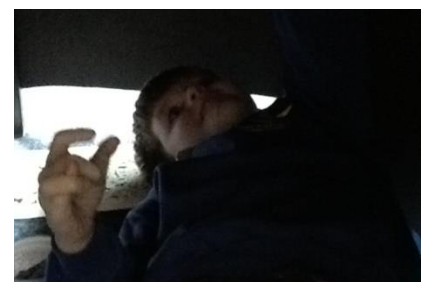
See you Monday! 😊

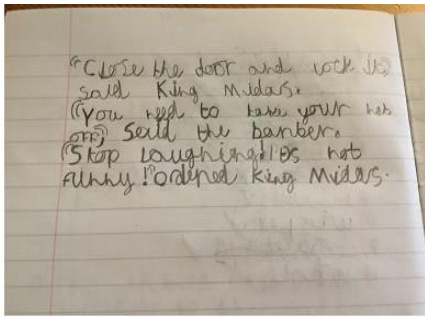
We hope you enjoy the photos and reminders of some of the excellent work from over the last few weeks:



Jamie's Cave Painting

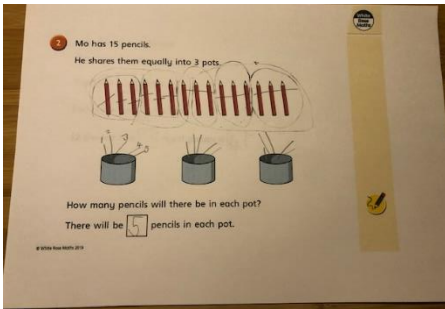
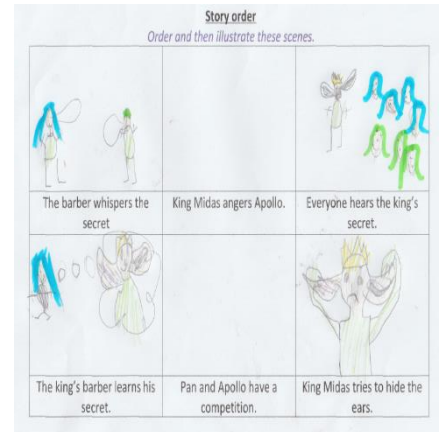
Harry's Cave Painting Experience



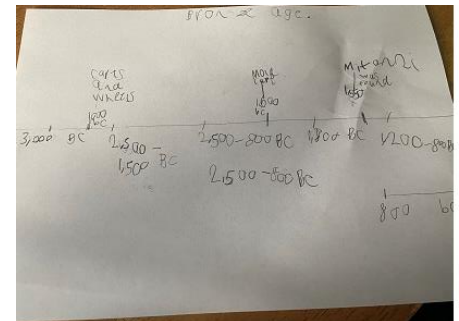


Skyla using inverted commas in her writing

Maddie's King Midas writing sequencing



Freddie's division work



Lincoln's Iron Age Timeline

### Year 4

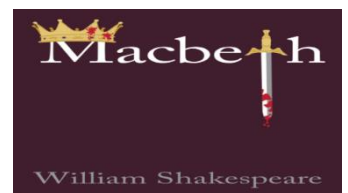
As we (hopefully) say goodbye to remote learning, we would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for all of your hard work in helping us continue with your child's education. We know that it hasn't always been smooth sailing - especially with internet and ICT issues, but we are incredibly grateful for your perseverance in helping the children access the learning in a different way. We are excited to have the children back in the classroom on Monday, and continuing to build relationships and ensuring they are successful in their school journeys from here on out!

Have a restful weekend!



In Maths this week, the children have been recapping their knowledge of fractions. They have investigated unit and non-unit fractions as well as what equivalent fractions are.

During Writing, the children have moved into the innovate phase of play script writing, focussing on the Shakespeare play Macbeth. They have enjoyed taking it in turns to act out the characters and describe the setting and characters within the play.



During topic afternoons, the children have continued their learning of the Ancient Greeks, focussing on the Gods and the Battle of Marathon. The children made fact files to describe the Gods using their own research.



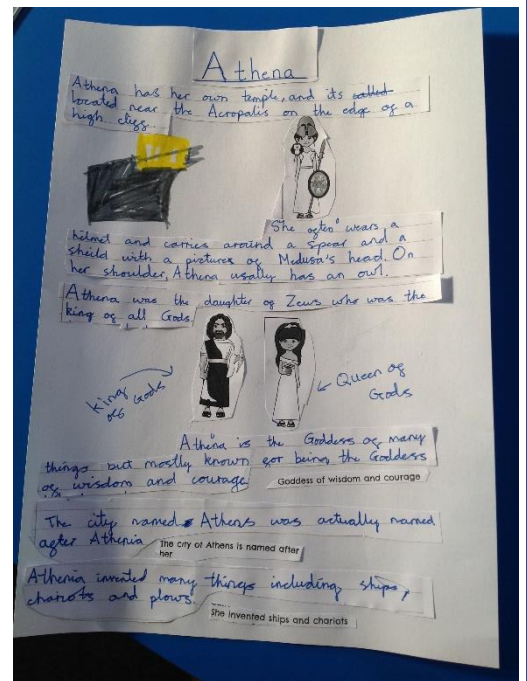
The children have continued their afternoon sessions on E-Safety and identified strategies of how to keep themselves safe online or in gaming platforms.

In Grammar the children worked on alliteration. They were able to use their own names to make them alliterative, and then make short poems using two-word alliterative sentences, we ended the week writing tongue twisters.

We'd love to share with you some pictures from this week:



Laura's amazing 3D temple



Ynette's excellent work on Athena



Terrific Tennis on the playground



Thank you for all your support during lockdown; you have been superheroes throughout trying to juggle work demands, home schooling and all the further complications of living in a pandemic. The school has been very lucky to have such an amazing school community.

Kind regards

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