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Hello

We hope you all had a lovely half term holiday and made the most of the glorious weather we had last week.

We are missing you all lots and it has been great to see the wonderful work, fun and photos that you have been sending in to staff (see below).

Due to the demand for key worker places we are unable to open school to any other year groups at this time.

I know that many of our children will be disappointed that they are unable to return to school with their friends at this time and we understand the challenges that many of you are facing, trying to juggle work while having young children at home.

We will review our capacity on a weekly basis and will be responding to national and local scientific advice while assessing practicalities of staffing and space.

Year 4:

We know many of our Year 4 parents and children feel it is important to have some contact in school before the transition to middle school. Although the government did not name this year group in their plans, we aim as a school to work with parents and try to ensure we have some time with our oldest children before they leave us. Although this is something we cannot accommodate at this time, we will keep this under review in the coming weeks. We will liaise closely with GEMS regarding transition.

New Nursery and Reception

We are also disappointed that we will not be able to hold our welcome evenings for new Nursery and Reception parents. Staff are busy putting together transition materials to be sent out to these children and their parents and we will be in touch in due course.



Oak Academy has been a fantastic resource with lessons and ideas for continuing our children's education. Have you clicked on the Activity Clubs link? Amongst the clubs there is a link to Biteback 2030 which takes you to Cook with Jack videos. These may give you some fresh ideas for cooking healthy meals and Jack talks you through the recipes step by step so that children can help out too. Additional recipes can be found on his YouTube page which also has the Biteback 2030 logo on.

Mrs Wells

Family Support

We have a number of books in school to support families who have suffered a loss and a selection of books to support children with worries and anxiety. If you'd like to borrow one of these, please get in touch.



If you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit, with no Working Tax Credit (income below £16,190), Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, Income Based Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit or fall under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 you may be entitled to qualify for free school meals.

Just call 0845 6006400 to apply immediately over the phone. Alternatively you can log on to

www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals

We would encourage anyone who is unsure whether they qualify to apply anyway.



We know that coronavirus has put extra pressure on families, so Action for Children are offering online parenting support. From where to go for help to how to keep your children entertained at home - explore our advice and find useful resources here: <https://www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/covid-19-advice-support>

Have a question about parenting? Our online coaches are available for free, confidential 1-1 live chat. We're here to listen and support you. Visit <https://talk.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

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"A Rather Long Haul"

Monday 15th June 7-30pm

You are invited to join a virtual workshop organised by Contact this is for Parents of children with Special Needs and or Disabilities in Newcastle. The focus of the workshop will be Home Schooling and its challenges. It is unlikely that children and young people will be returning to full time as we know it school or college for some time yet and so the challenges for some home schooling will continue.

The Workshop will be presented by Bringing us Together with Katie Clarke and Karen Hickton and so is guaranteed to be informative, inspiring and fun.

If you would like to attend please email Catherine.ratcliffe@Cafamily.org.uk who will send you the details of how to join the workshop.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception

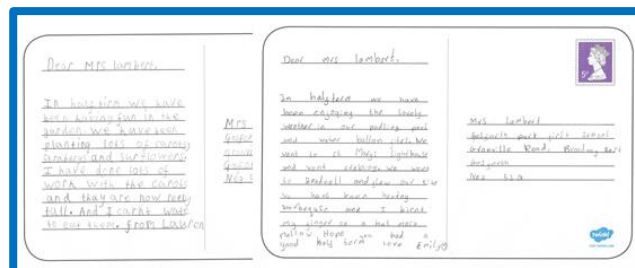
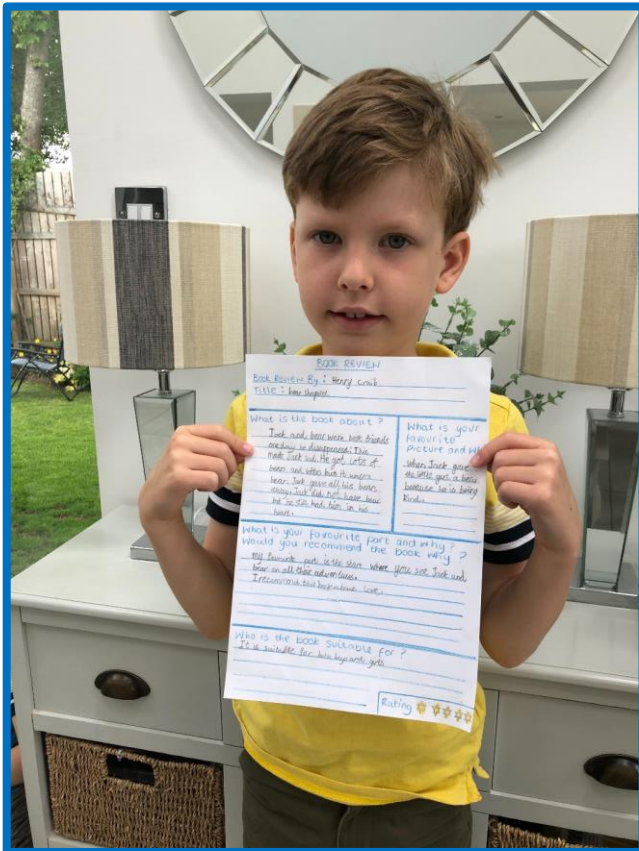


Well done to Phoebe Elwood from Miss Walsh's class in Reception. Phoebe has been working very hard on a range of topics including identifying 3D shapes, ordering numbers and phonics, exercising with Joe Wicks and learning to ride her bike! Here she is with her work on halving in the sunshine. Well done Phoebe!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Y1 and 2

I really enjoyed reading Henry's book review of 'Bear Shaped'. His favourite part is when Jack give the little girl a bear because he is being kind. Henry says, "I would recommend this book about love." Me too Henry and what fantastic presentation!

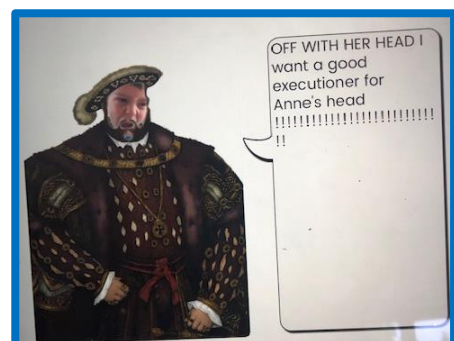


Lauren and Emily each sent me a great postcard. They have been having lots of fun in the garden. I would love to grow my own fruit and vegetables, I'm sure their carrots and strawberries taste lovely. Beadnell is one of my favourite places to visit, flying kites sounds lots of fun!

Leon has been super busy, working on his handwriting, learning about homophones and finding out about Africa. He has also been having a great time with his sister, playing in their paddling pool. I love this kinetic sand cafe you set up as a way to learn about fractions and money! Well done you two!



Matthew has been busy completing his Beavers digital maker badge. He had to research a topic using 3 different internet sites and then prepare a presentation on the computer using words and pictures. Love the picture of Henry VIII – he looks familiar Matthew!



Leo has been writing another fantastic story – here is an extract - I really enjoyed reading it and I think you are a budding author Leo! PS I might try sending you some school work from the sky!

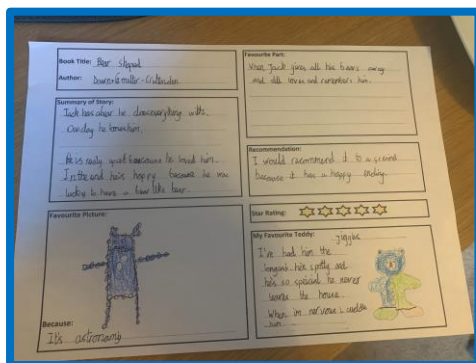
Back at the desert where James and Henry were, they saw one of the unusual animals, it was the Camop.

James and Henry were shocked because it talked, and it said “Hello, I am a Camop my name is Jack, do you want to be friends?”

The boys both said yes in shock at the talking animal.

The next day James and Henry had breakfast and did some sport. The most unusual thing was they got sent some school work from the sky the same way the breakfast arrived.

I loved reading Harry's book review of 'Bear Shaped'. Harry gave the book five stars and liked the part when Jack gave all of his bears away. He would recommend it to a friend because it has a happy ending. I also enjoyed reading your brilliant non-fiction book about Matthew Flinders, an English navigator and cartographer. What great presentation and fascinating facts!



Lily and Ivy have had lots of fun in the sun! It looks like you've both had a brilliant time enjoying the lovely weather we've had. Those ice creams look delicious!



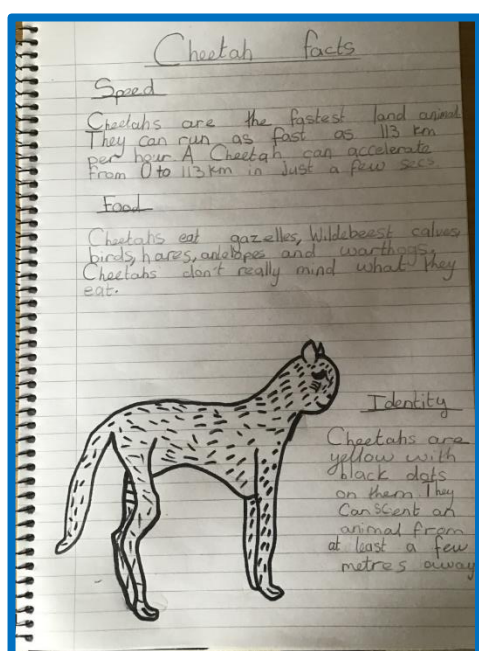
I am extremely proud of Beth, not only has she ordered all of her books by alphabetical order, she has also produced a fantastic book about her favourite toy, her panda Poly. I was blown away by her presentation and loved all of the photos. It's definitely a piece of work to treasure!

STARS OF THE WEEK

KS2

We are all very impressed with Asmina's brilliant non-chronological report about Cheetahs. She has organised her facts under subheadings and illustrated her work with a lovely drawing.

Asmina has also been awarded her pen licence for her beautiful, joined handwriting. Congratulations!



Our new 'Bubble' Classes have been working hard this week, following the same White Rose Maths and Oak Academy English lessons as the children at home. The weather hasn't been so great this week but they've done a great job at staying in their own sections of the playground and in being Hygiene Heroes, washing their hands regularly.



Mathletics

Our Mathletes of the week this week are James Phillips and Jessica Waters. Well done! Our class of the week is **Yellow Class**. Well done!



Jazleen Alam and Isabel Gent have completed the most number of games – very impressive!



Blake Fahy and Leo Tomlinson still have the fastest studio speed. Well done to Asmina Doshi and Claire McClintock for your studio speed times, you are both getting really fast!



Top Class Green Class (for the first time – yay!) and Yellow class in second place.

Our Reading buddies this week are – Hadi from Yellow and Anna from Green. Hadi has earned his Book Boss badge and Anna has read 30 books so far this year and answered loads of quizzes – Well done!

Mrs Lambert

