



23rd October 2020

Our Value of the Month:

Curiosity

a strong desire to know or learn something



Our Learning this Week

Nursery

Wow what a busy week you have all had at home. You have all done such an amazing job with your home learning this week and enjoyed so many of the activities we have done together on class dojo. We have been working on our listening skills in phonics and playing lots of guessing games. In maths we recapped on the number 5 and found lots of objects to help us count up to 5. Some of you even had a go at writing your numbers from 1-5. We then started looking at different shapes and so many of you found lots of toys and objects in your home that had different shapes on them. I hope you enjoy lots of shape hunts over half term too. I have been so impressed with all the autumnal artwork this week too...well done nursery!



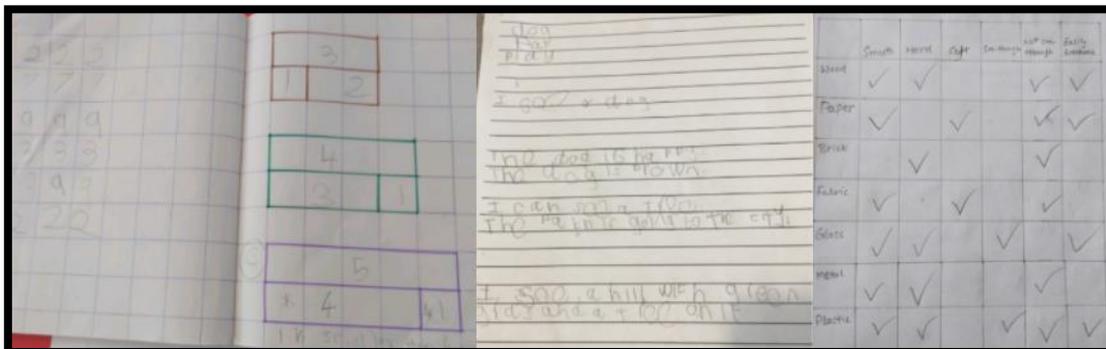
Reception

We have all been really busy at home completing our home learning. In phonics, we have been reviewing our sounds and practising forming our letters correctly. In maths, we have been reviewing the numbers 1 - 5. At the end of every session, we have been finding the correct amount of items from around the house and also practising forming our numbers. We have also been completing a variety of topic activities including Autumnal walks, yoga, cooking biscuit and pumpkin artwork.



Year 1

Year 1 have worked very hard this week and I am so impressed with the resilience that you have shown this week towards your learning. I have really enjoyed looking at the work you have produced and how well it has been presented. This week I know you have all enjoyed phonics lessons with Mr Page and have been sounding put words in phonics and English lessons. In Science we have looked at materials and their properties then compared them using a table. In maths we have been partitioning numbers using the bar model which you are all becoming very confident with!



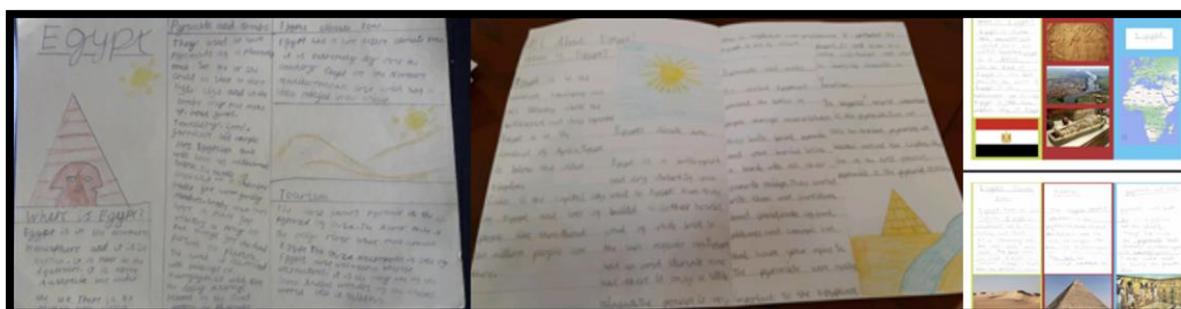
Year 2

Year 2 have been working very hard at home this week on their home learning. In English, we have been working on writing a forest setting description and the children have produced some fantastic pieces of writing. We have worked to include expanded noun phrases, simple sentences and interesting sentence openers. In maths, we have been working on adding more than 2 numbers together efficiently by working out ways to find ten. We have had a weather and climate focus in our curriculum lessons this week, and the children have worked hard to understand climate change. The children have produced some brilliant weather charts.



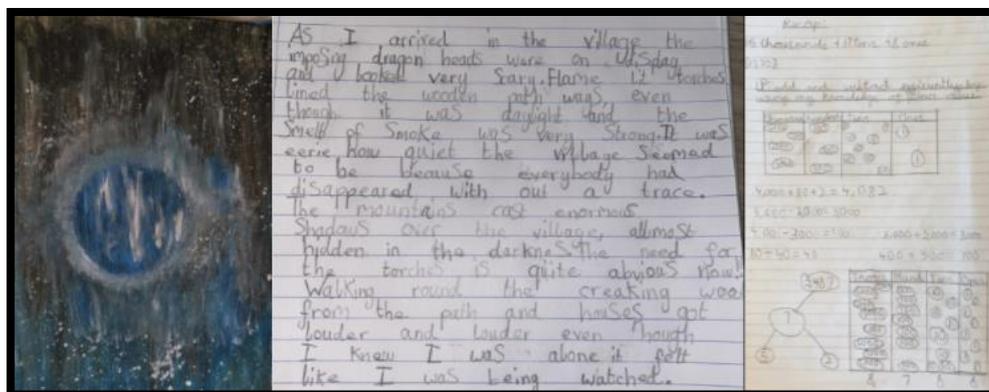
Year 3

In Year 3 we have had a busy week of home learning. This week we have reached the end of our learning journey in English and we have written and edited our non-chronological reports about Egypt. In Maths we have been trying hard to solidify our understanding of complements to 100 through problem solving, where we have used multiple representations to prove our thinking. In our topic lessons this week Year 3 have enjoyed learning Spanish greetings and learning about symbols that are special to Christians. We finished off the week with some thoughtful learning about climate change and have all thought of five ways that we are going to help.



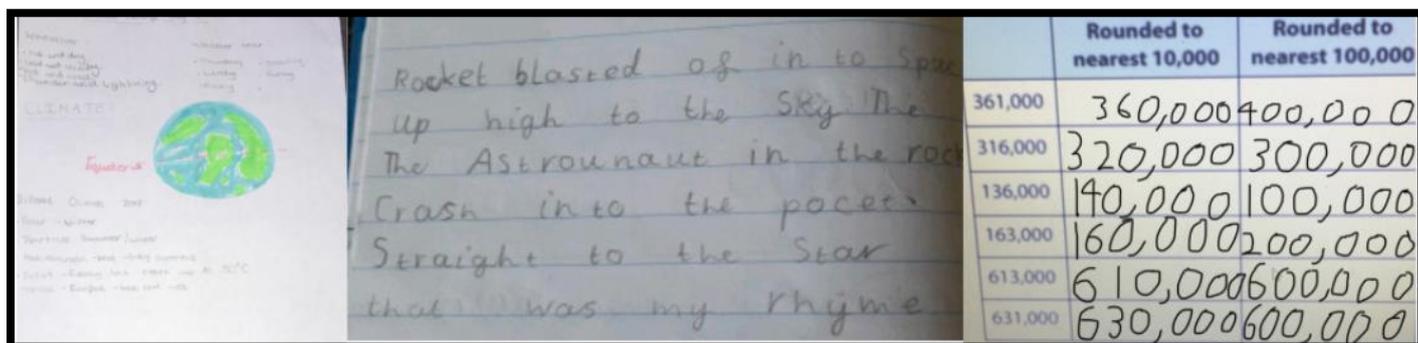
Year 4

This week we have been practising our descriptive writing when exploring an eerie Viking village. We have also created a poster to promote good physical well-being. In Maths, we were introduced to another style of representation: the Gattegno chart, which helped us to decompose 4-digit numbers. We have also learnt the difference between weather and climate during the special learning associated with the topic of Climate Change.



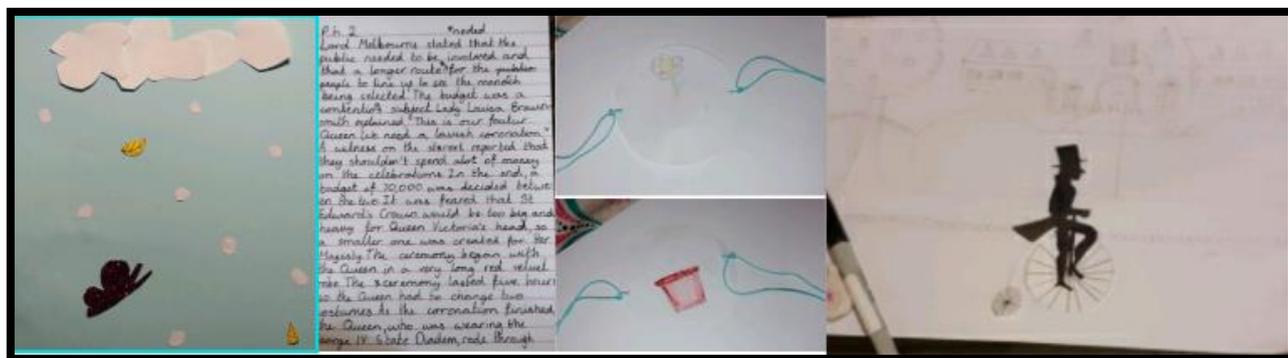
Year 5

I have been so impressed with the engagement and effort of the Year 5 class this week. They have produced some fantastic work while we have been doing our virtual learning this week. We have been rounding to the nearest 10,000 and 100,000 in maths and even when it was tricky, Year 5 showed determination to complete the work and understand. I have been amazed by the brilliant poetry they have been creating in different styles this week. The outcome for our English is to write a poem for the Nursery children to enjoy and we look forward to reading our creations to them next term. The curiosity shown across the year group with our foundation lessons has been fantastic. Support from parents this week has been amazing too so I would like to thank you all for supporting the learning and helping your children to work to the best of their ability.



Year 6

Year 6 have been working hard this week on their home learning. In Writing, they have worked on the passive, direct speech and reported speech. They have drafted, edited and presented their newspaper report about Queen Victoria's coronation. In Maths, they have revised different written methods involving fractions and short division. In Reading, they have developed their knowledge and understanding of vocabulary; they have worked out the meaning of unknown words based on the context. In Curriculum, they have explored the history of animation by making thaumatropes, flip books and stop-motion animations. They have also learned about weather, climate and climate change. They have produced a wonderful piece of artwork linked to the different climates.



If you have not already done so, please sign up to ParentPay. From Monday 2nd November, all lunches **must** be booked online. Even if you do not pay for your child's lunch, you will still need to book via ParentPay. You will only be asked for payment if you do not qualify for free school meals or are in years 3 – 6. You will be required to bring in a packed lunch if you haven't booked a lunch and your child doesn't have one with them. This is to help with kitchen planning and reduce waste and associated costs. **Thursday** is the last date you can book a meal for your child for the following week.

School Dinners – The Return of the Hot Lunch: As the weather is turning colder, we have been keen to get back to providing the children with a hot lunch. I am pleased to say that we are now in a position to offer a hot school dinner as of Monday 9th November. A new simplified menu will be available soon and children will continue to eat in their classroom bubbles. In order to have a school meal, you must have booked and selected your child's lunch option on ParentPay by 5pm on a Thursday ready for the following week – for example if you wish for your child to have a hot lunch during the week of the 9th November, you must have selected this on ParentPay by Thursday 5th November at the latest. You can book/select the meals as many weeks in advance as you like, or you can do this on a week-by-week basis. You can provide your child with their own packed lunch if preferred.

Breakfast Club: From Monday 9th November, we will be offering a short breakfast club provision for parents from 8:00-8:30am with cereal, toast and fruit on offer. Places will need to be booked and paid for a week in advance. In order to cover all costs related to staffing, food and cleaning materials we will now be charging £2 per day per child. More details, including how to book on ParentPay will be circulated to all parents after half term.

What to do if your child is unwell: If your child is unwell, please phone the office at your earliest convenience to let us know the reason for their absence. We have recently received some updated guidance from the government around the management of coronavirus symptoms which we will be following. Your child, and the rest of the household, must self-isolate immediately and arrange to have a test should your child display any one of the following symptoms:

- a new, continuous cough;
- a high temperature; or
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell.

If we observe any of these symptoms in school, we will call you to collect all of your children and take them home. You must then follow the government's '[Stay at Home Guidance](#)'. You will need to organise a swab for the child displaying symptoms. The **swab must be done within 5 days of onset of symptoms**. If this is not possible, the child will need to complete **10 days of isolation**, and all **household members will need to complete 14 days isolation**. The household will only need to be swabbed if the develop symptoms themselves, of which they will need to isolate for a further 10 days.

Even if the child is feeling better but unable to have a test, they will need to **still complete their 10 days** of isolation.

They do not need to self-isolate if their **swab is negative** and:

- everyone you live with who has symptoms tests negative
- everyone in your support bubble who has symptoms tests negative
- you were not told to self-isolate for 14 days by NHS Test and Trace – if you were, see what to do if you've been told you've been in contact with someone who has coronavirus
- you feel well – if you feel unwell, stay at home until you're feeling better

Contacting us: The office is now manned 5 days a week between the hours of 8.30am-4.30pm but will be closed to parents unless by prior appointment. The best way to communicate with the office is through the info@hardwickschool.org email account or the telephone 01295 285355.

Dates for your Diary:

2 nd November	Return to school
3 rd November	Flu vaccinations R – Yr 6 (for those who have given consent)
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
18 th December	End of Autumn Term 2

A final THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all the staff, children and families who have worked so hard in tackling online learning. It has been incredible to see how quickly the children have risen to the challenges and it has been an absolute privilege to be able to see all the brilliant learning being submitted via ClassDojo. A particular thank you to all the families who have taken the time to write to the school to thank the staff for what they have been doing – it's messages like these that really keep us all going during the challenging times.

I hope you all have a restful, happy and healthy half term. I look forward to welcoming you all back to school as of Monday 2nd November.

Best wishes,



Graeme Page and the school team