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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who sent in photos – the new parent-and-children lockdown video is on the website [here](#). Fantastic work everyone and another big thank you to Ms Johnstone for putting it together.

### Proud!

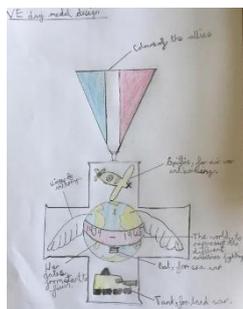
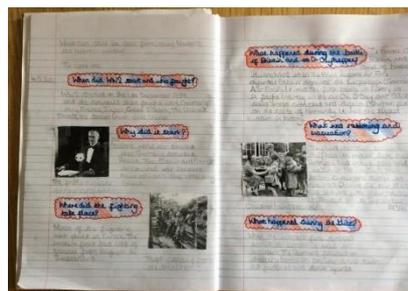
Well it's clear that the work on VE day has sparked the inspiration of lots of you this week! I've been sent so many great pieces of work this week which has made choosing three from each class to share *really* difficult. If you didn't make it this week, it doesn't mean I didn't like your work, it's just that I had so many to choose from. However I have loaded them [here](#) instead!



Leah in Porpoises was proud of the work she did researching the flags of the Empire which she said she found very interesting Thank you to Poppie and Eva H who also sent me their work.



I was also sent many pieces of research on Winston Churchill and WW2. Callie was proud of hers because she had to think hard about her presentation. I enjoyed reading Alfie's, Poppie's Trent's and Macy's too.



Sophia was proud of her design for a VE day medal. Lots of thought went into the different elements. Thank you to Jamie and Harry Lucas and Rudy for sharing their WW2 pictures and to Ella for sharing the 'Mock Brains' she made using a WW2 recipe...





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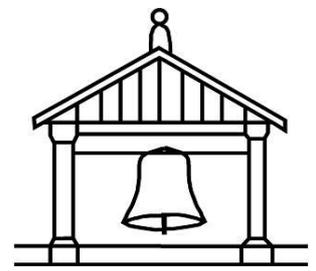
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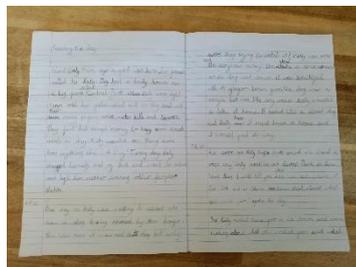
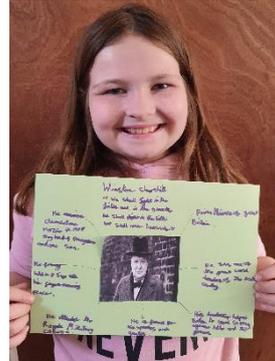
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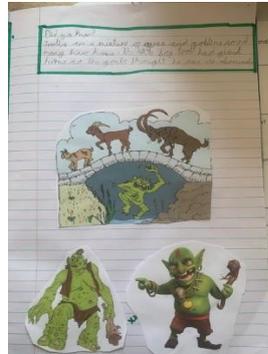
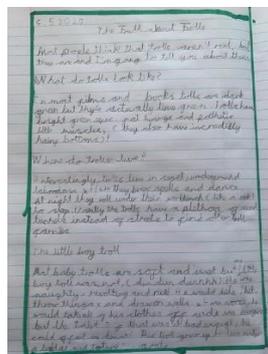
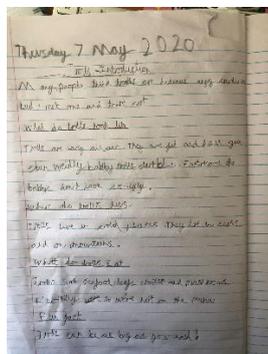
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In Sharks, Lacey Mae was proud of her work on Winston Churchill because she did the fact finding and printed the picture all by herself. Luke Warren and Haidee were proud of their upcycling. Luke turned his tracksuit bottoms into some shorts, a peg bag *and* tool belt!



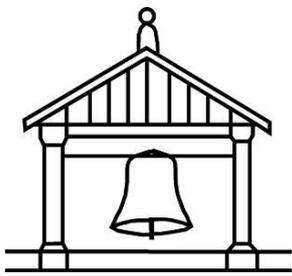
Elliza is proud of the story she is writing this week because it's probably going to be the longest story she's ever written. She thinks her spelling has improved and she liked her story idea.

In Seahorses, George and Will were very proud of their writing about trolls. Ella was proud of her problem solving and using a glue gun and craft knife safely when building her troll bridge.



In Dolphins, Noah was proud of his spitfire and Cooper (with a little help from big brother Winston) made WW2 scones.





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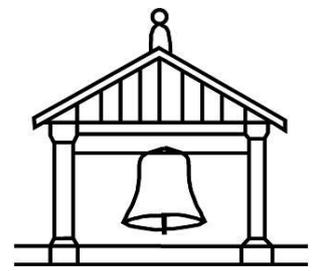
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Last, but very definitely not least, in Starfish, Harri was proud of her maths And Amelya was proud of her life cycle of a butterfly art!



What fantastic work from you all! We know it's hard, but despite everything, you are all doing a fantastic job. Even if you don't feel that you are! Mrs Denning shared some emotional well-being resources that she has found useful. I've loaded them on the lockdown page of our website [here](#). And there are more resources [here](#):

Keep emailing me with contributions for Proud next week at [nbrooke@durweston.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:nbrooke@durweston.dorset.sch.uk). Remember I need to know why your proud of your work!

## Returning to school

At the moment, I have no information about when or how we will be returning to school, although there is supposed to be an announcement on Sunday. Clearly there are many, many issues to consider. In truth, I do not believe it is possible to maintain any kind of physical distancing in a primary school. We don't have the space and even if we did, I believe it would just be too weird and possibly traumatic for the children to try to keep them apart. As someone on Facebook pointed out, we can't even stop the children catching nits at school. All we could realistically do would be to make sure everyone washed their hands on entering the school and frequently during the day, as we did before lockdown. It may be that we may open for smaller numbers of children but even then, they are inevitably going to be coming into contact with each other during the day – look how narrow our corridors are! On that basis, I would be interested to find out how many of you would want to send your children back to school if we were asked to open in June? Please could you email me on [nbrooke@durweston.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:nbrooke@durweston.dorset.sch.uk)?

## Next week

If you need new books, just let me know. I'm in school next Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning so books can be collected from the bus shelter on any of those days. It's National Numeracy day on Wednesday, so teachers will be setting a whole day of maths tasks (I wonder if there might be some for parents?)





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And that's about it! The sun is shining so I think it's time for my daily exercise. And apparently, there's a VE day party on our street later. This year, the lyrics to 'We'll meet again' will have a special resonance –

*We'll meet again  
Don't know where  
Don't know when  
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day  
Keep smiling through  
Just like you always do  
'Till the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away*



*Have a great week; try to keep smiling,  
Nicola Brooke*

