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12th June 2020 **NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents,

No wider opening of schools

This was the big news for us this week. We had hoped we might able to arrange some time in school for all of the classes before the end of the summer term. I have spent most of this week trying to find scenarios that would make this possible. But I can't. Not under the current guidelines. We just don't have the staff to manage the number of 'bubbles' whilst also maintaining the provision for the year groups we already have, and the Key worker and vulnerable children's group. I am sorry. Nothing would please me more than to be able to welcome you all back to school.

Having said that, we are hoping to offer some transition for everyone in the last week of the term. As long as there hasn't been a second spike, we are thinking we might be able to break the existing bubbles and create new ones based around classes for next year. The office will be sending letters next week letting you know what class your child will be in next year and giving more information about our plans. However, this is all very provisional and will depend on the progress of the virus and whatever new guidance we receive.

The changes that we have already made have meant that all our staff are working harder than ever. Teachers are now planning for and covering classes in school, as well as keeping in contact with the children not at school and teaching their own children. In order to make this more manageable, as from next week, we will not be sending home learning on Fridays. If you would like to continue

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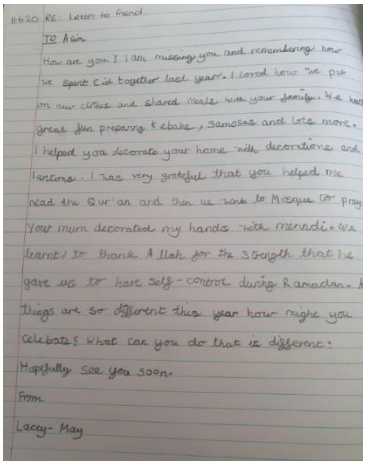
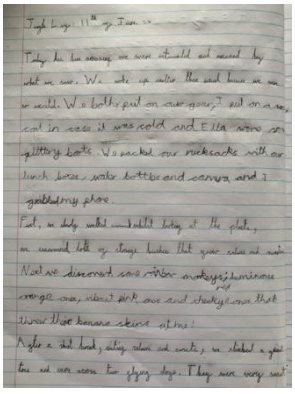
learning, have a look at Oak Academy or Twinkl ; if not, make the most of a slightly longer weekend – you choose!

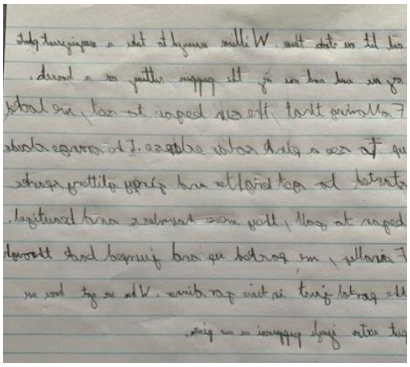
Proud

Wilf in Seahorses sent me this sunflower he made, complete with added insect life.



I also really like Lacey May's letter. I had asked Sharks to write a letter to an imaginary Muslim friend remembering how they had spent Eid together last year. Just as I had asked, Lacey May included lots of information about Eid. Super work.





And finally, Ella and William B's joint jungle log writing, of which they are very proud. Ella was mentioned by Mrs Plummer for great maths this week, as well as Annabel. Well done everyone.

Class photos

Mr Ashley Wood has retired! And I'd only just realised that wasn't his real name…. However, we would still like to put together class photos for this year if we can. If you could send in a digital photo of your child in their school uniform, Caroline and Jack Dickson have very kindly offered to put them together for Seahorses and Porpoises. Is there other parents who could do this for the other classes?

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Sports Day

It will be rather harder to recreate a Sports day this year, so I thought I'd share this video instead. https://youtu.be/uzeVJM_cnmw. Those were the days.

Have a great weekend

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More information https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/design-a-duck/

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Week 7 Schoolreaders Storytime
Schoolreaders Storytime – 'Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson A hairy mammoth takes a cheeky little baby on a thrilling ride through a moonlit landscape populated by a sabre-toothed tiger, a leaping hare, a laughing hyena and even, just maybe, by a big brown bear . . . But where are they going? And what has it to do with the baby's scribblings on the cave wall? Reading Age 6+
Schoolreaders Storytime – 'The Misadventure of Frederick' by Ben Manley In a mansion surrounded by lakes and forests, Frederick is bored. He leads a very sheltered life: and when Emily invites him to play outside he has no choice but to refuse – what if he hurts himself? Much better to stay safely indoors. But Emily is not one to take no for an answer… Optional activity Reading Age 7+
Schoolreaders Storytime – Stories from 'The Book of Hopes' edited by Katherine Rundell The Book of Hopes is an extraordinary collection of short stories, poems and pictures to comfort, inspire and entertain children in lockdown with contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators. This week's reading includes both a short story and a poem: 'The Monk and the Armadillo' by Onjali Q. Rauf 'Care of Exotic Pets. Number 1. The Axolotl at Bedtime' by Catherine Johnson Reading Age 8+
Week 6
Schoolreaders Storytime – 'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler The smallest fish can tell the tallest tales ... "Sorry I'm late, Miss. I set off really early but on the way to school I was captured by a squid. I wriggled and I struggled till a turtle came and rescued me." "Oh, no, he didn't." "OH, YES, HE DID." Tiddler is a little fish with a BIG imagination! What ever will he come up with next? Optional activity Reading Age 6+
Schoolreaders Storytime – 'Hubert Horatio – A Very Fishy Tale' by Lauren Child Part 1 'Hubert Horatio - A Very Fishy Tale' Part 2 Told in two parts: Hubert Horatio is quite possibly the most responsible and clever child you will ever meet. This is the very fishy tale of how an ordinary day became the death-defying rescue of Hubert Horatio. And who did the rescuing? Why Hubert, of course… Reading Age 7+
Schoolreaders Storytime – 'The Last Noo Noo' by Jill Murphy A brilliantly funny book about a monster attached to his dummy! Marlon's granny thinks that he's much too old for a dummy. "It's a noo-noo," Marlon informs her. And he has no intention of giving it up. Not even when his mum throws it in the bin. Not even when the other monsters call him a big baby. Nothing and no one can make Marlon give up his noo-noo until *Marlon* decides that the time is right... Optional activity Reading Age 6+