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An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It felt difficult during January not to just let the month slip by, counting down the days, but now that we are in February and the snowdrops and daffodils are emerging it feels like a new optimism is returning through nature. It has been lovely to see so many children out and about and it reminds us just how lucky we are to be in Cornwall, where the tide rises and falls, the sun rises and sets and the rain clouds keep us on our toes. You are doing an amazing job of focusing on your family's wellbeing and supporting remote learning. Over the next two weeks teachers will be offering wellbeing phone calls, finding out how you are and checking to see if there is anything else we can be doing to support you. We are still unsure of the government plans for reopening schools but we are as keen to get the children back in as you are! We now have *Screen Free Fridays* in the mix to try and allviate the pressures of technology and get families talking, creating, learning, moving and having some zen time together. Keep going, we will feel the warmth of the sun on our faces again soon!

Wellbeing Phone Calls

We are aware that teachers have had plenty of contact with pupils about their learning but not as much with all parents this half term. We are offering wellbeing phone calls for families; checking that all is well and seeing if there is anything else we can do to support you over the coming weeks. Teachers are booking in 10 minute phone calls so if a follow up call is needed this will be offered. These can be booked on eschools or by calling the office on 01326 314636.

Whole School Assembly

Many thanks to everyone who joined our first whole school assembly. In order to keep Fridays screen free the assembly will be on **Thursdays at 3pm**. A link will be emailed on the day.

Childcare bookings

We do not want our groups in school to exceed 15 pupils and sometimes, when numbers are high, this takes some rearrangement of groupings. Please can we ask for any bookings for school provision to be made by the **Thursday of the week prior to booking** so the office can arrange the groups. Many thanks.

Virtual School Games

This week we are joining schools across the duchy in the *Lockdown 3.0 Virtual Cornwall School Games*. The children have challenges to complete throughout the week and results can be returned to class teachers so we can submit our whole school results. This week the task forms part of the *Screen Free Friday* challenge. As part of the games we are also completing a *Making Up the Miles* challenge; all competitors can gain points by travelling distances by running, walking, cycling, scooting, skating, blading or wheeling! Every point counts!

Free School Meals

We are still providing hampers for the foreseeable future. Families can collect hampers from school between 11am and 2pm on Mondays.

Learning Out and About and In School for Children in School

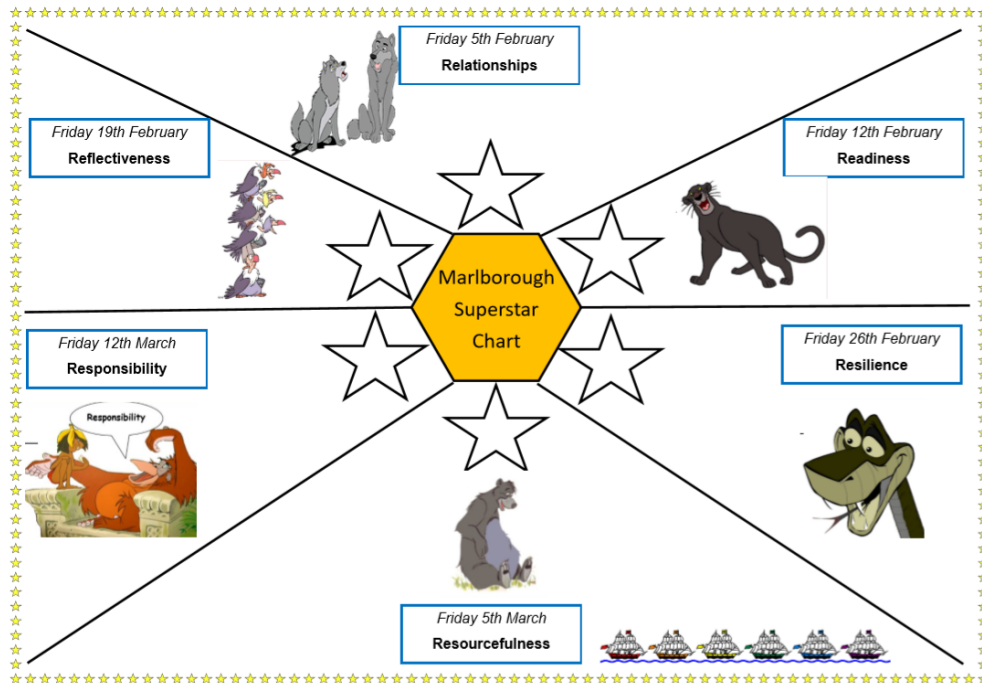
Next week the KS1 groups will also be supported by Louise Tremewan and therefore they will be spending time out and about on Monday and Tuesday; they will need wellies and very warm clothing.

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Screen Free Fridays

Your child's class teacher will be sending out a **Marlborough Superstar Chart** and the learning activities for this week's *Screen Free Friday*. The activities are the same for the whole school to enable siblings to work together. We have planned for 6 weeks of Screen Free Fridays as we have 6 Rs in our character curriculum; relationships, readiness, resilience, resourcefulness, responsibility and reflectiveness. If children return to school within six weeks we will continue with the Friday challenges in school. This week the focus is on **Relationships**, with children reflecting on their uniqueness within their family and developing their skills as friends. At the end of Friday they can colour in the Relationships star if parents are happy with their effort! Please let us know how these new sessions work for you as a family.



Covid Cases, Symptoms and Testing

Do not send your child to school if they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19, someone in your household is displaying symptoms, someone in your household is awaiting a test result or someone in your household has tested positive.

If your child has been in school as part of our childcare provision you must inform the office if your child shows symptoms of Covid-19, is being tested, is awaiting a test result and the outcome of the test. Please continue to inform the office if someone in your household has a positive Covid test result, even if your child has not been in school.

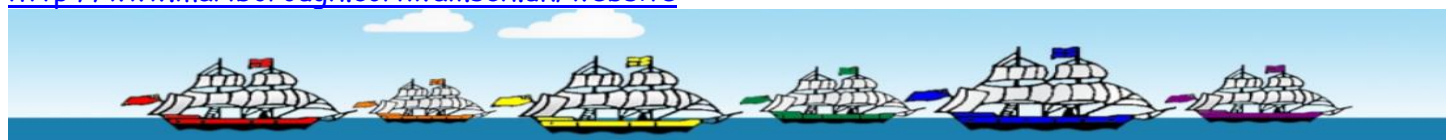
Lateral Flow Testing for Adults in School

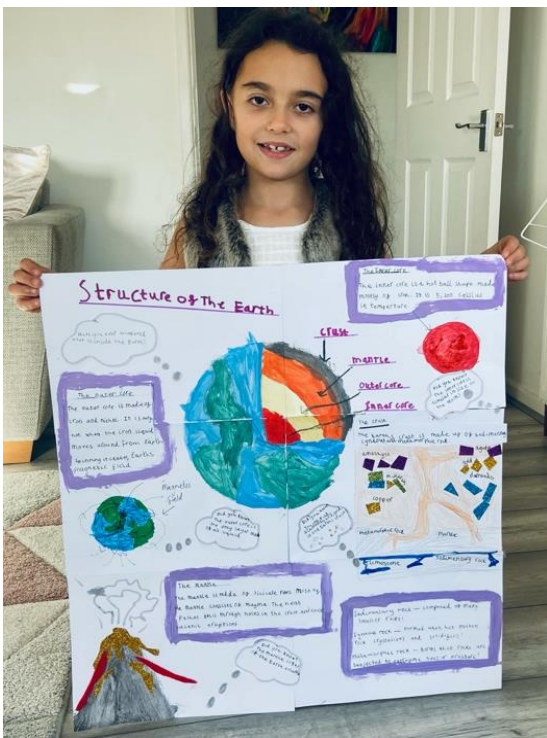
Some school staff are taking part in Lateral Flow Testing, meaning that twice a week they are checking to see if they have Covid 19 but are asymptomatic. This could have implications with our school bubbles; if a member of staff who tests positive has been in contact with children 48 hours previously then the whole bubble would need isolate for 10 days. The member of staff would follow the LFT with a full covid test (PCR) in case of a false positive result. If the PCR test came back negative the bubble would be allowed to come out of isolation.

Mariners 2020 Finances

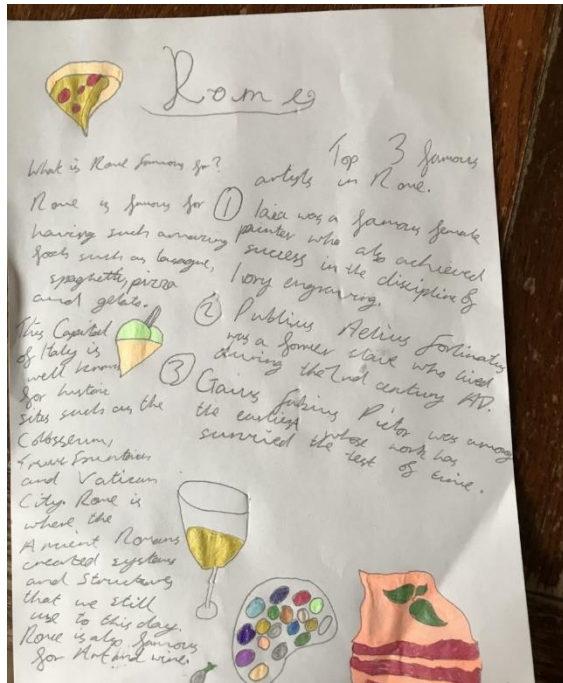
This has been a difficult year for fund raising for the Mariners as most of our usual fund-raising activities were cancelled due to Covid-19. The Mariners did however manage to raise £1277.27 with the Christmas raffle, Dance Party and decorations. Many thanks to those who bought tickets, danced and decorated! Funds last year were used to buy whole class sets of recorders and aprons for our Reception class. The current budget stands at £3273.29. This is intended to be used to develop the school playing field, creating an all year round learning space.

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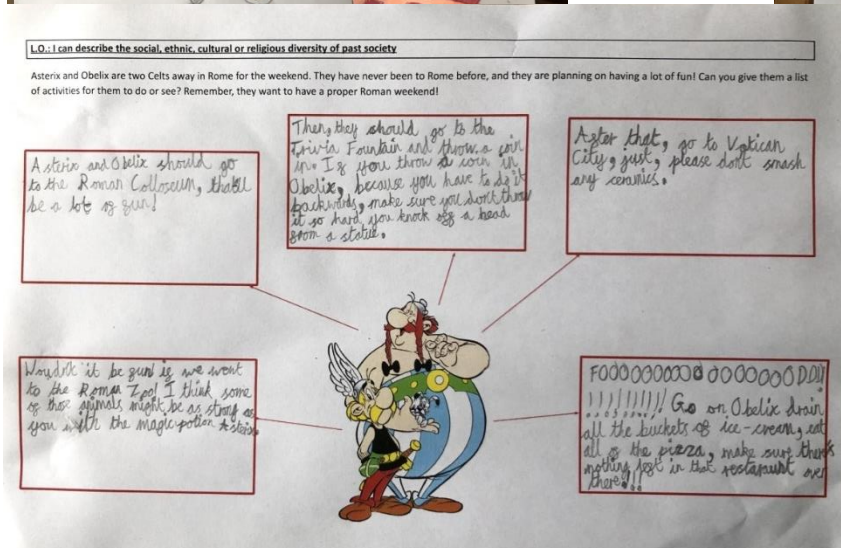
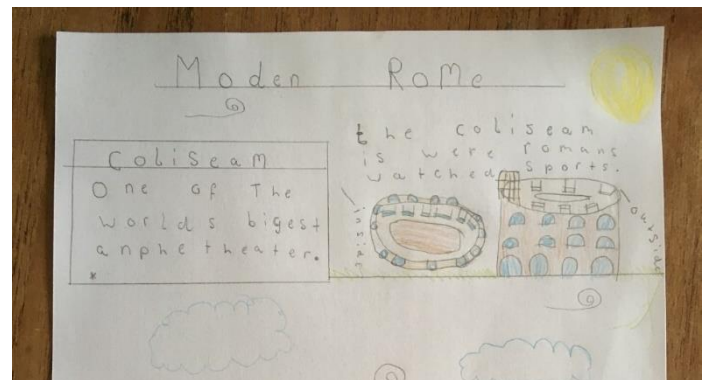
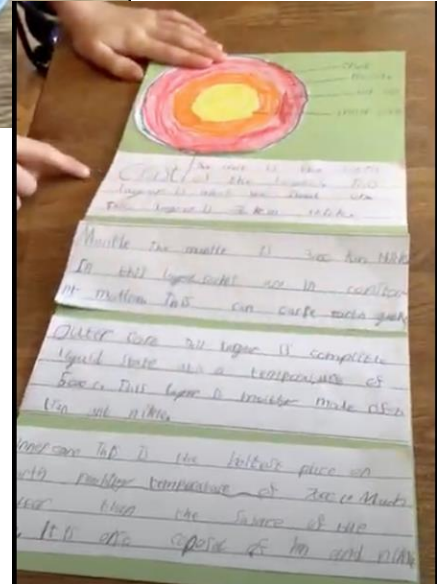


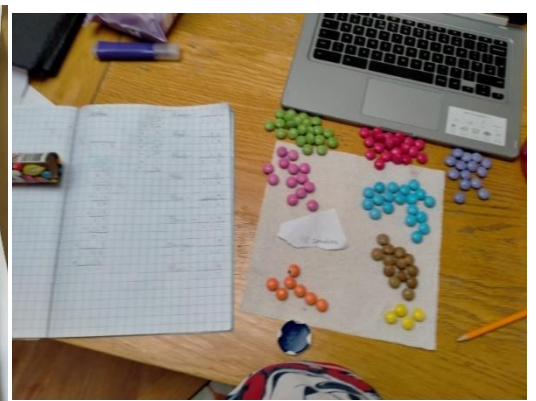


Class 3 have been creating explanation texts about the structure of the Earth.



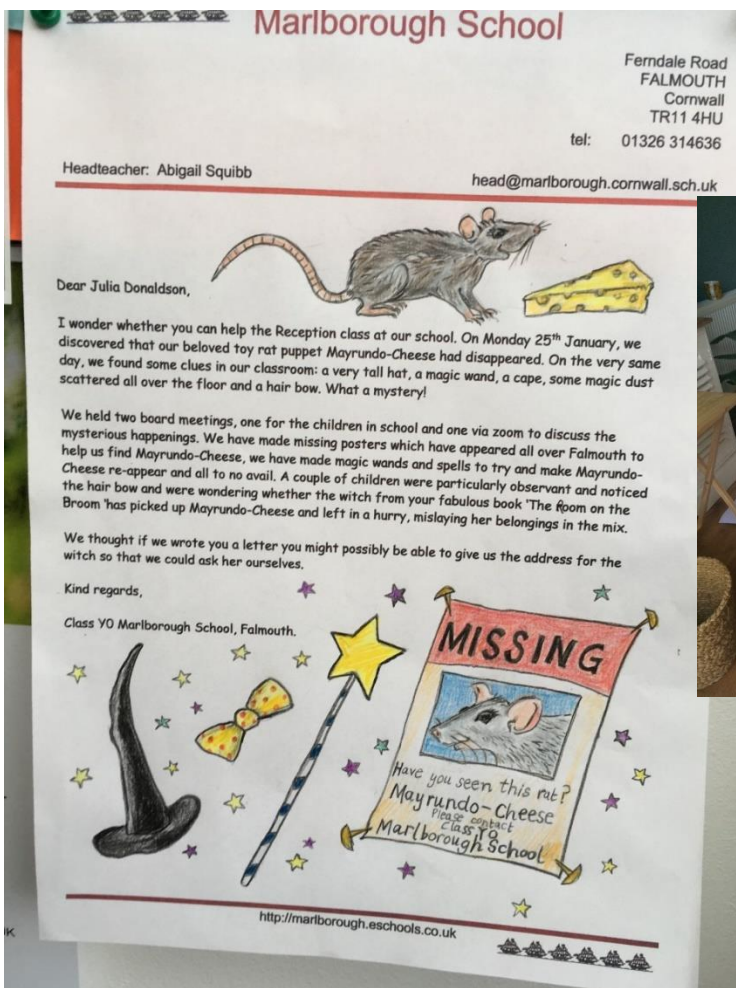
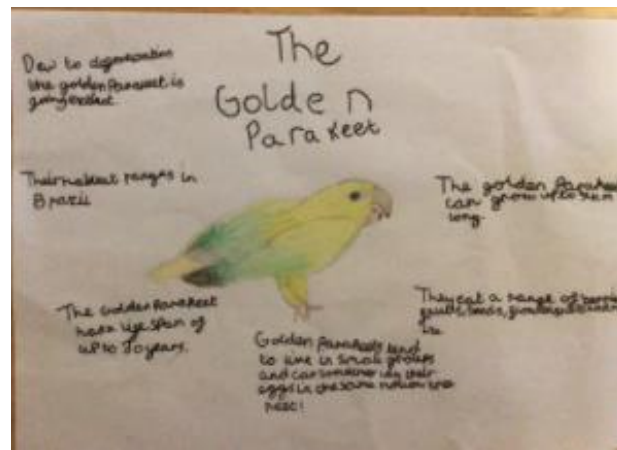
Class 4 have been learning about Rome and designing a program/poster of activities to do when visiting Rome.





Class 5 have started a new maths learning unit looking at fractions.

Class 6 have been applying persuasive language to encourage people to care for wildlife.



Reception class have written a letter to Julia Donaldson asking for her help with the Mystery of Mayrundo Cheese. They have also been making magic wands and taking part in the Virtual School Games challenges.

