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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your efforts in the first week of home schooling! We have received lots of positive feedback regarding the morning zoom as an opportunity to energise children for the day ahead by hearing what is in store for the day and seeing their peers. You may have noticed a difference in the learning that is being expected of the children during this second school closure. This has largely been dictated by the government who want children to be learning content as closely matched as possible to what they would have been learning in the classroom, reducing the flexibility of activities somewhat. The idea being that when we return to school, we can slide back into class learning which should in turn reduce any gaps within home learning experiences. The expectation is that children are learning for 3 to 4 hours a day. Therefore, if your child has a particular project that they would like to complete or areas of interest that they would like to explore we hope that this still gives them time in the day to pursue these interests. We are always encouraging a love of learning and development of independence within learning.

Although the government are expecting us to provide a full timetable for our children during remote learning you need to do what works for your family. Juggling it all is incredibly stressful and we need to ensure you are looking after your own mental and physical health. Our teachers are able to support you and your child in a variety of ways so please communicate with us if there are aspects you are finding difficult.

Feedback for Remote Learning

Teachers are giving feedback to the children's work being submitted during working hours. There are some examples of wonderful home learning at the end of this newsletter. As always, our children rise to the challenges set them along the way! Teachers are deliberately not giving children ideas to improve a piece of work at the moment in order to get them into the swing of submitting their work and the teacher responding to the outcome. Once we are all feeling confident then teachers may have a 'next steps', "how about trying...", 'can you improve...' element to their feedback.

Safeguarding

Whilst pupils are working from home we are still here to support their wellbeing and safety. Teachers keep a register during the morning's live meeting therefore if you are unable to attend please email your child's teacher. If children are not at the morning live meeting then this will be followed up with a phone call, where the teacher will ask to talk to your child to see that they understand the learning for the day. For safeguarding reasons it is important that teachers make contact with children regularly. If you have any safeguarding issues, please continue to contact school as all outside agencies are still able to be called on for support.

Restricted Attendance During the National Lockdown.

Last week we had roughly 20% of the school population working at school, which feels like a safer environment for our community. Groups are working in nearly all classrooms, meaning that we have been able to plan for capping groups at 15 children. If, over the course of the lockdown, our numbers increase we will have to review this arrangement. Thank you to our community for doing all they can to keep children at home. In order for us to organise groups we need to have school place bookings in to the office by the Thursday of the previous week. If you already know your work patterns then places can be booked up until February half term.

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Lunches in School

We are making a slight change to previous arrangements in that all children who are in school from Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 will have a school dinner. Previously we had said they could bring in a packed lunch but with such small numbers it is easier to give them all the same service. Children in Classes 3 to 6 can choose from a school dinner or packed lunch if they are in school. Bookings can be made on ParentPay.

Home Learning Packs

If you are unable to access work sheets the office will be able to print out any papers that need to be written on. If you contact the office they can have the papers ready for collection. We will not be printing resources that can be viewed on screen.

Free School Meals

Following the government guidance we will continue to provide hampers for Pupil Premium pupils eligible for Free School Meals. Families can collect hampers from school between 11am and 2pm on Mondays. Many thanks to Ruth, Kay and Debbie in the kitchen for making such lovely, healthy food hampers for our pupils.

Learning Out and About and In School for Children in School

For children attending school we will continue to have PE sessions and Outdoor Learning sessions. The EYFS and KS1 group will have PE with Vicky Pryor on Tuesday afternoons and the KS2 group will have PE with Plymouth Argyle on Thursday afternoons.

Next week the KS2 group will also be supported by Louise Tremewan and therefore they will be spending time on the school field on Monday and Tuesday; they will need wellies and very warm clothing.

Breakfast Club Changes

Breakfast Club is currently being offered for free for those children coming in to school. Ryan manages the Breakfast Club, providing breakfast and activities. Breakfast Club starts at 7.30am. Please book your child's place for Breakfast Club a week in advance.

Mrs Nurton's Maternity Leave

Hannah Nurton starts her maternity leave at the end of this week. Good luck and enjoy every minute Hannah and Lewis; exciting times are ahead!

Silly Santa Sponsored Walk

Not only did we have a wonderfully festive day out for our Silly Santa Sponsored Walk but together you have managed to raise a whopping **£4959** for Cornwall Hospice Care! Thank you all so much!

Well done to Miruna, Molly B, Simone, Raven, Rosy, James S, Olivia S, Aria, Teddy B, Toby R (Y6), Elowyn, Senara, Jake T and Harley for raising over £100 each.

If you still have sponsorship money at home due to Covid restrictions this can be handed into the office once restrictions have lifted.

Keeping Active

Our website has an added page dedicated to ideas to keep children active at home; from yoga to dance to Joe Wicks. We have added links to a range of activities.

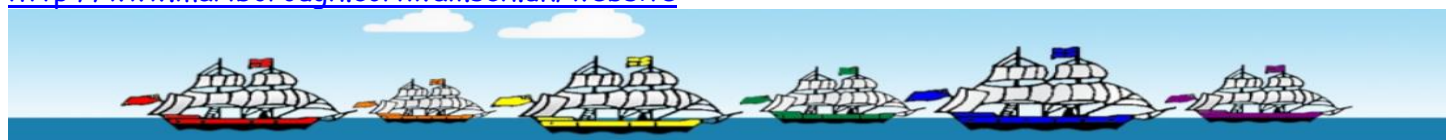
https://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/keeping_active_at_home/533898

Online Safety

Our website has a dedicated page with information on e-safety; this includes ways to set parental controls and information on how to identify cyberbullying and online grooming.

There is also a quick link button to Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) law enforcement reporting; if anything you or your child comes across online is worrying then this is a way of reporting it straight to the police. https://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/safeguarding_1/523101

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Reading in School

Sadly, at this time we cannot invite visitors in to listen to children read or to share stories with classes. However, we are determined to make sure that reading is in every nook and cranny of the school! How you can help... We are building up a collection of QR codes which children can scan on a school iPad and listen to stories around the school. If you would like to take part then please follow the guide below. How to guide:

- Go to the website – www.vocaroo.com
- Record your story/chapter. It would be lovely if you were happy to introduce yourself and perhaps your connection to the school/what you do.
- Click the QR code tab – this will then generate the QR code. At this point you can scan the QR code if you have an app on your phone to check the quality of the recording. If you are happy with it then save this and email it to office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk with the title and author of the book. We will organise them into year group appropriate pages of QR codes to be printed and displayed in classrooms and around the school.

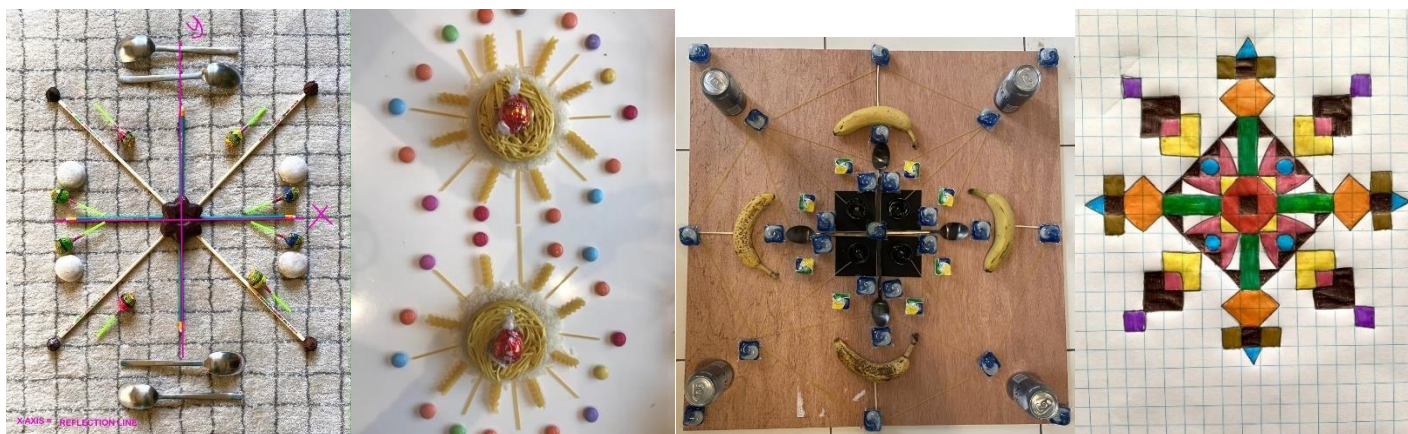
Covid Cases, Symptoms and Testing

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.

Thanks!

Many thanks to everyone in our school community for adapting to the new lockdown with such resilience. Below are examples of home learning that has taken place this week but if your home learning does not look this snazzy, don't worry! Your wonderful children were able to come back to school in September after the first lockdown and readjust easily, and they will do the same once we are all back together again.



Class 6 have been making patterns involving reflection and symmetry.

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Ice Cube experiment

ice cube 1. no insulation
ice cube 2. cling film
ice cube 3. tin foil
ice cube 4. paper bowl

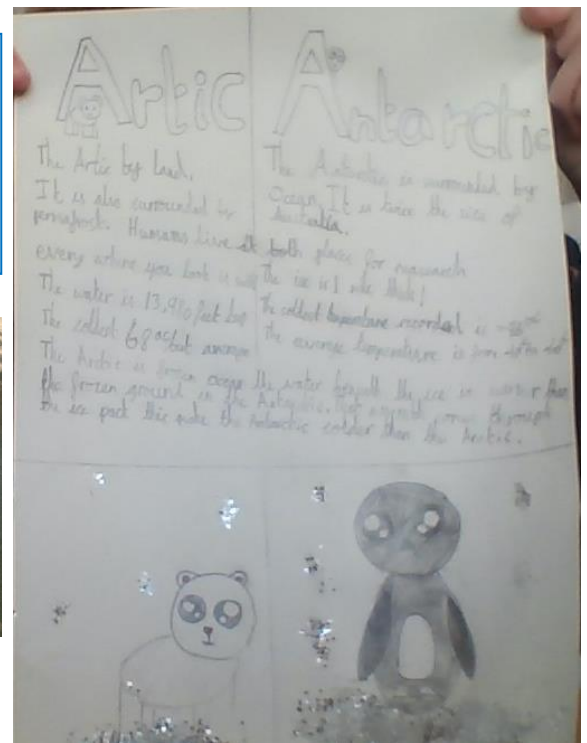
We left the ice cubes for 10 mins

My expected results are the ice cube no 1 will melt first then ice cube no 4 then no 2

The Best was Paper

1st Paper
2nd clingfilm
3rd tin foil
4th No insulation

Class 5 have been learning about polar explorers; comparing the arctic and antartic landscapes and experimenting with ice cubes and insulation.



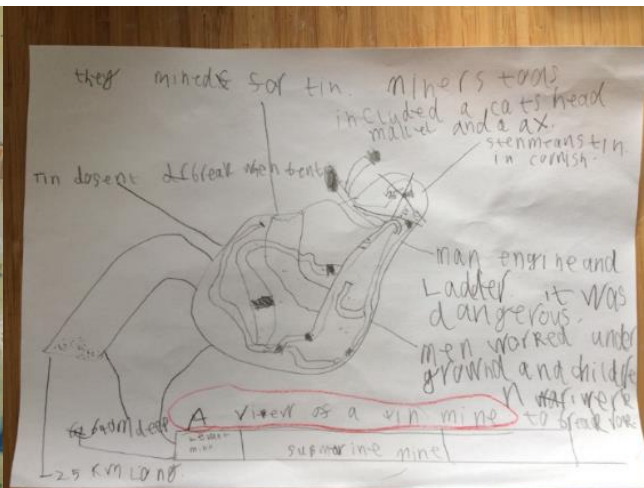
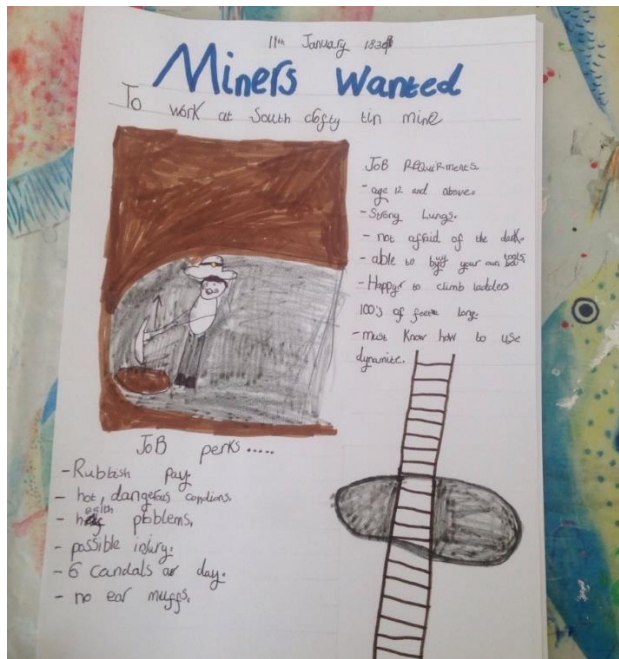
Class 4 have been learning how to use different media to create Roman inspired mosaics.



Class 3 have been learning how to make healthy snacks.

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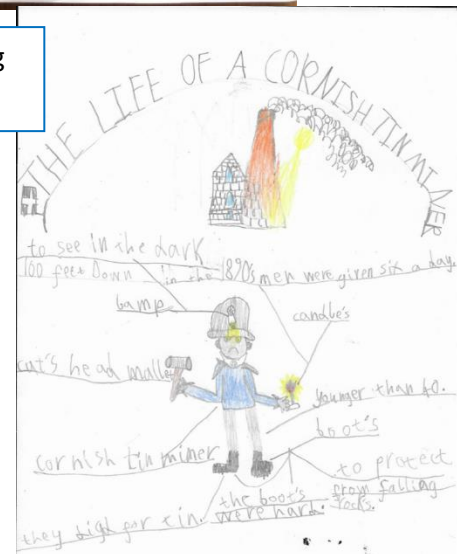




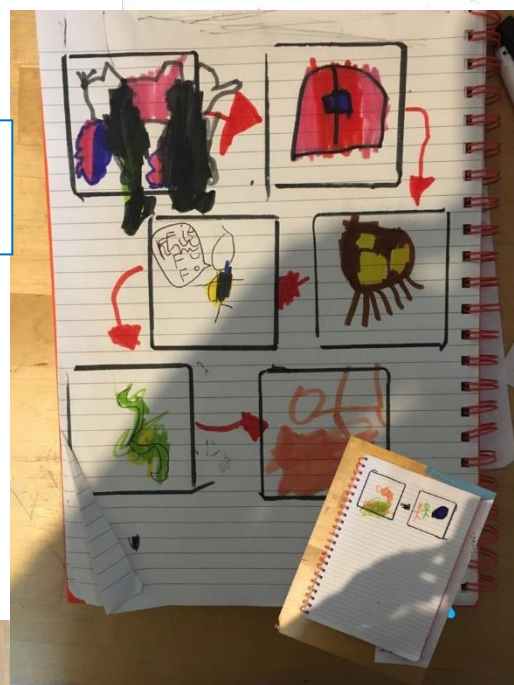
Class 2 have been learning about the life of a miner.



Class 1 have been learning the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and creating story maps. They have been thinking of wacky ways to move too!



Reception class have been experimenting with Jack Frost inspired artwork and retelling adventures using journey sticks.



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