



St John's Newsletter

Friday 12th March 2021

An update from Mr Rubin...

I was so pleased to be able to welcome everyone back to school this week. There was a nervous excitement at the start of the day, a bit like the first day of a new academic year. The children quickly settled back and were pleased to see their friends. After a while, it was like they had never been away!

There is a lot of discussion around lost learning and children being 'behind'. Our view is that children need time to get back into the swing of their learning. Whilst your children have been away, many have been engaging in the work set by our staff on Purple Mash as well as towards the end, live Google Classroom lessons. Now they are back in school, we want to make sure that children have the opportunity to work on their physical and mental health too. I have attached some pictures of the children during a typical day. They show you what a fun, varied and challenging time our pupils have in school. I would imagine that there will be some tired children at home time today as they complete their first week.

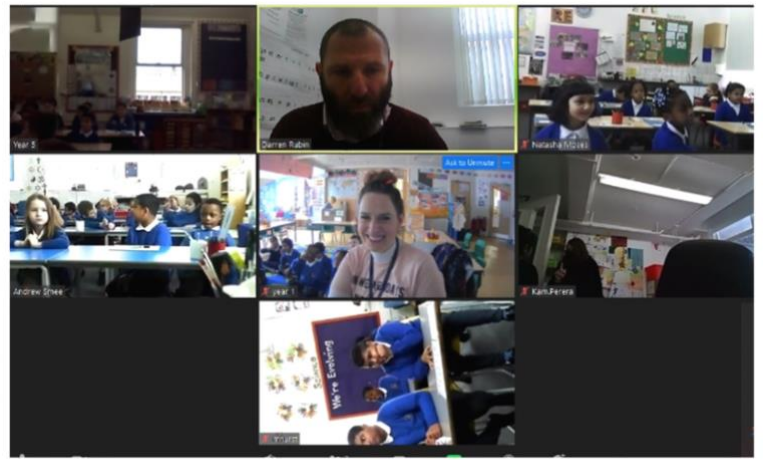
Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and be kind to one another.



Class 2 Update – Ms Moses

Year 2 were our first class to head outside for a 'mini-trip' to visit the allotment just behind our Early Years/ Year 1 building. They had a lovely time investigating habitats and recording their information. We are so fortunate to have such a lovely resource so close to school.





Back to School!

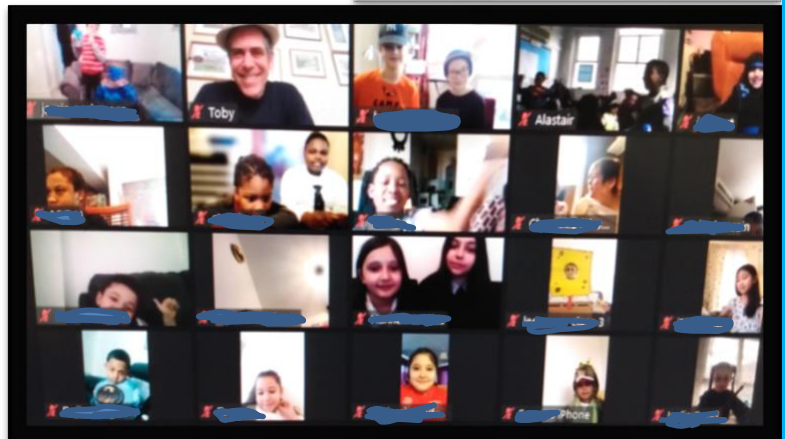
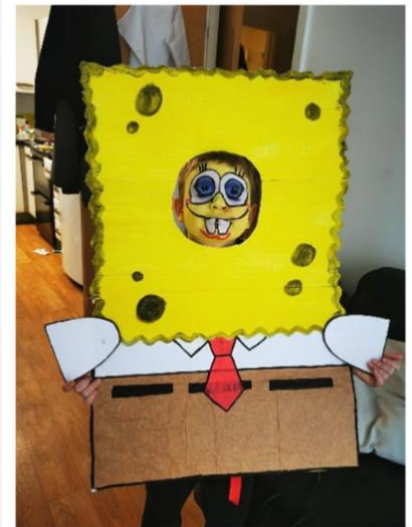
Here is just a small collection of photos that give you an idea of what fun, creative and educational activities the children experience in a day. From Collective Worship via Zoom at the start of the day, role play and phonics, working with Beebop and Artis, physical exercise and creative writing. It is lovely to welcome our children back.





World Book Day

A big thank you to Ms Dixson and Ms Walker who organised activities and our virtual assembly for World Book Day. When I first came to the school I was taken by the efforts that you put into these events. The costumes that you organised for your children were incredible so thank you for taking the time to do this. It was so lovely to have the school come together to mark this.



HAPPY



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day

Our children marked International Women's Day by discussing and reflecting on the incredible achievements of women around the world. We are very grateful to Mrs Brownbill and Ms Kayla who have put up a beautiful display on the inspirational Kamala Harris, the first female Vice President in US history.

Language of the Month – Spanish

When I went to school many moons ago, the only language that I heard was English. We are so fortunate that in our school community we have over fifteen different languages that are spoken. This month, our language of the month is Spanish.

Did you know that over 400 million people in the world can speak Spanish and that there are 21 countries that have Spanish as their official language? This month, children will be learning a few key phrases and sometimes answering the register in Spanish. Thank you Ms. Pink for organising this.



Value of the Term Forgiveness

I talk a lot about Kindness but Forgiveness is such an important value. This term we will be focusing on this value. The hearts that you can see in the display will soon be filled with examples written from our children about when they have shown acts of Forgiveness. Thanks you Ms Bahi for organising this.



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