

Attendance, Attention and Achievement

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome and an unusually warm and sunny start to the new Spring term. Last half term has been very successful, through the rich offer of remote learning we provided for our pupils. We would like to thank you all for your support, as parents/carers, for making this possible.

We are looking forward to seeing all pupils return to school on Monday 8th March 2021, following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 22nd February.

At Essex, our first and most important principle for reopening is safety. We believe that we can reopen, for your child in a safe way, and that returning to school is vital for children's education and wellbeing. A detailed risk assessment has been completed to minimise the risk of transmission of infection. This risk assessment can be found on the school website: www.essex.newham.sch.uk from Wednesday 3rd March.

We are so looking forward to seeing all our children again. Please look out for a school ping with more information about the safe return to school.



World Book Day - Virtual Assembly

We are counting down the days to World Book Day. We will be hosting a **virtual World Book Day Assembly**. It will be a celebration of reading for pleasure and promoting new books, which you can get hold of by using your **£1 virtual book token**. There will be a class competition held to identify the masked readers and an interactive fun quiz to take part in. We would love you to get involved in the assembly by dressing up as your favourite character or wearing a mask/wig/hat to represent them. Please join in the fun by changing your zoom background to your favourite book. This will be a great opportunity for you to recommend a book to your friends across the school.

Throughout the week, you can find lots of ideas, activities and resources to celebrate in style at <https://www.worldbookday.com/events/>

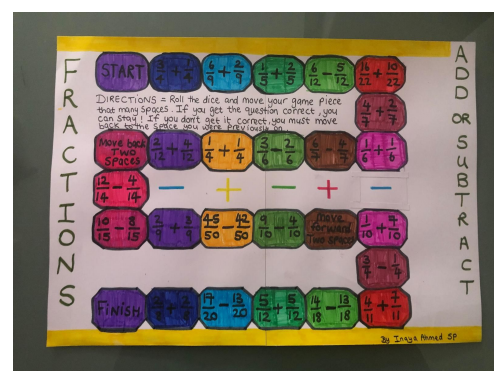
The assemblies will start promptly at the allocated times, so please join at least 5 minutes before the time and the host will let you into the meeting.

Time	Classes	Zoom Link
9:00am	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81391215929?pwd=cmFPQkx0SHJlQWUrbppVFpTdXBRdz09 Meeting ID: 813 9121 5929 Passcode: 711881
10:30am	Nursery, Reception Years 1 and 2	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88353822877?pwd=NUJvaEZPOTNqS2ZmS3dPK0ZxS1Jvdz09 Meeting ID: 883 5382 2877 Passcode: 765460

We look forward to welcoming you to our virtual World Book Day Assembly!

Maths Competition

Pupils across the school took part in a maths competition to create their very own maths game. The children used materials from their homes to create a game of their choice with the help of their family members/carers. These games included board games and card games. We had a wide variety of ingenious games from across the school. Some children also created a video showing their teachers how to play their game. We would like to say an enormous well done to all those children who participated in the competition and thank you to all the parents/carers who supported their children to take part in the competition. The teachers found it really difficult to pick one winner from each year group. We look forward to seeing more children take part in the next maths competition.



The winners are as follows:

Year	Full Name	Class
Nursery	Zakariya Akeel	NAam
Reception	Aiza Rashid Yusuf	RA
Year 1	Rajveer Kaur	1J
Year 2	Yusuf Rakhda	2A
Year 3	Anaya Islam	3H
Year 4	Sreeja Dhinakaran	4P
Year 5	Inaya Ahmed	5P
Year 6	Fayaz Mohamed Salim	6H



Remote Learning continues at Essex

EYFS

This week, children in the EYFS have been using the text 'Let's build a house' to explore different types of houses and materials. They have used this as inspiration to design their own houses. They also went on a material hunt in their own houses to find different materials and their uses.



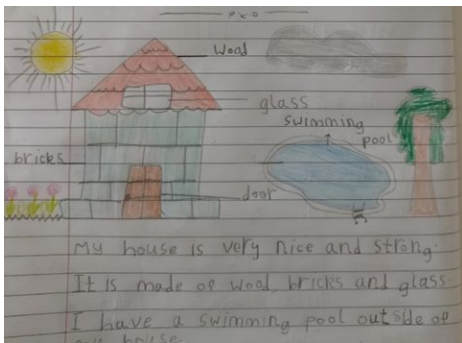
Ayyub (RT)



Jacob (RA)



Tharun (RA)



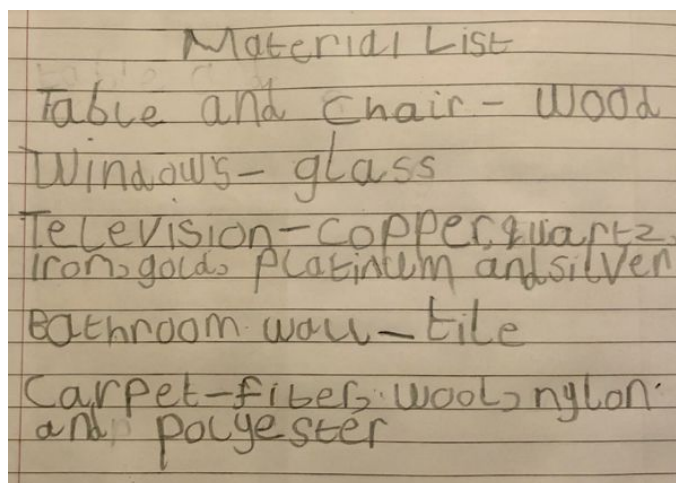
Meerab (RT)



Hajrah (RS)



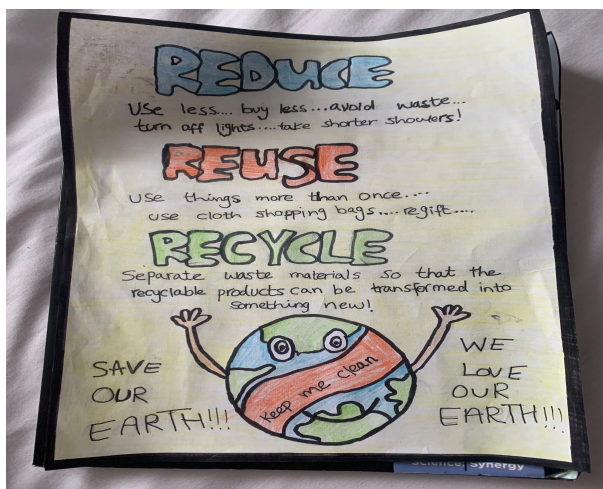
Aiza (RA)



Eisa Islam (RM)

KS1

In KS1, the children have continued to display resilience and tenacity. Children have continued to complete their work and they have begun to also complete the challenges, set by their teachers, to improve their work. In year 1, the children have learnt a range of skills which consist of understanding the features of a non-chronological text, the history of toys and finding different strategies to solve addition or subtraction word problems. The children have demonstrated their understanding by explaining their work in detail. In year 2, pupils have continued to build on their prior knowledge. They are beginning to understand the purpose of non-chronological reports, the importance of recycling and have looked into the features of 2D shapes. Here are some of the pieces of work children have produced.



RECYCLING

It is important to recycle because animals could eat your rubbish and become sick. Recycling helps reduce the rubbish in the landfills.

You can recycle by getting a recycling bin and putting the right rubbish in the recycling bin.

You can recycle glass, cardboard, paper, plastic and metals.



What is the name of your toy?	Teddy
What is your toy made from?	cotton fabric
Why is it a popular toy?	I like to hug it and I like to play with it.
Describe your toy using adjectives.	colourful , beautiful,cute.
Draw or upload a picture of your toy from the internet.	



What is the name of your toy?	Hot wheels
What is your toy made from?	Hot wheels made with metal and plastic.
Why is it a popular toy?	Yes, it is a popular toy
Describe your toy using adjectives.	It is a light green car, with black tyres and silver metal car. It is small but when it
Draw or upload a picture of your toy from the internet.	

Work completed by year 1 and 2 children

Year 3

Year 3 pupils have travelled back in time to the Stone Age, creating some wonderful representations of cave paintings



Anaya 3H



'I used watercolours and coloured pencils to create a cave painting', Aroush 3A

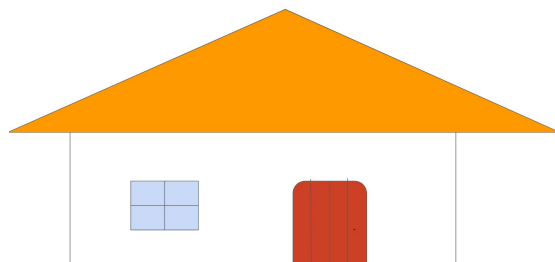


Yahya 3H

Year 4



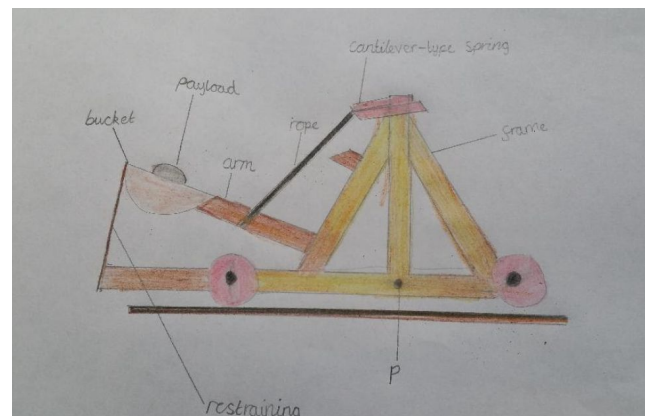
Pupils in year 4 spent the last week working on mental health activities. Aiza made a 3D penguin with paint, a tube and paper and enjoyed it very well. She described the feeling during this mindfulness session as 'laying down inside the clouds'. In French, pupils have been creating pictures with 2D shapes and describing them with a sentence.



J'ai d'abord utilisé un carré. Ensuite j'ai utilisé un triangle haut. J'ai utilisé un carré pour la fenêtre.

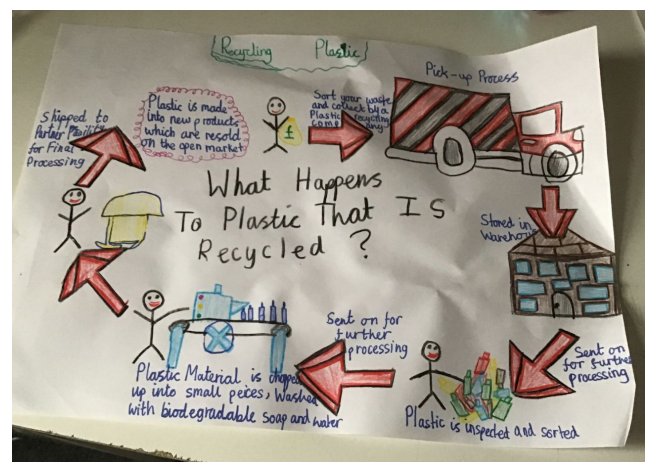
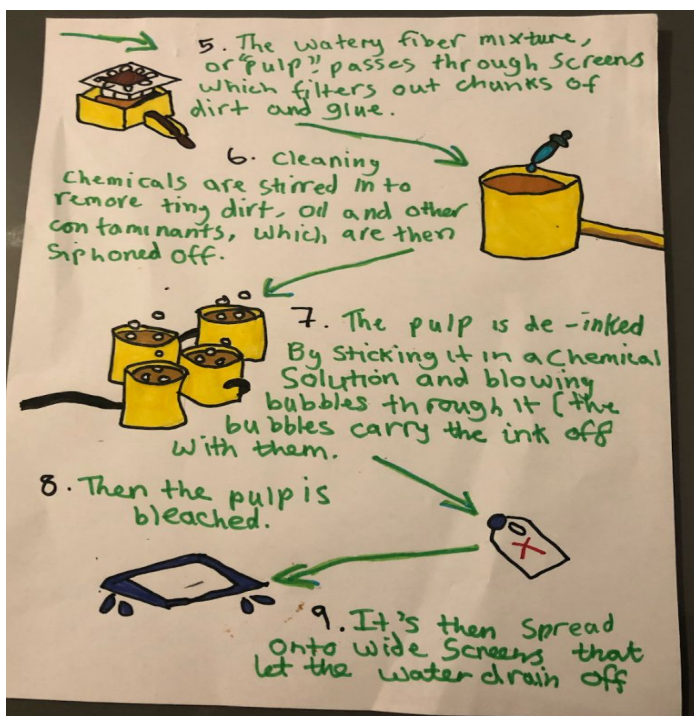
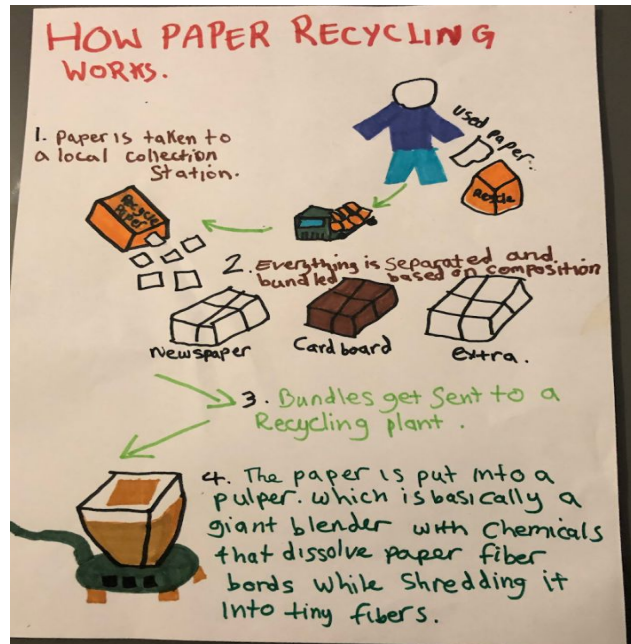
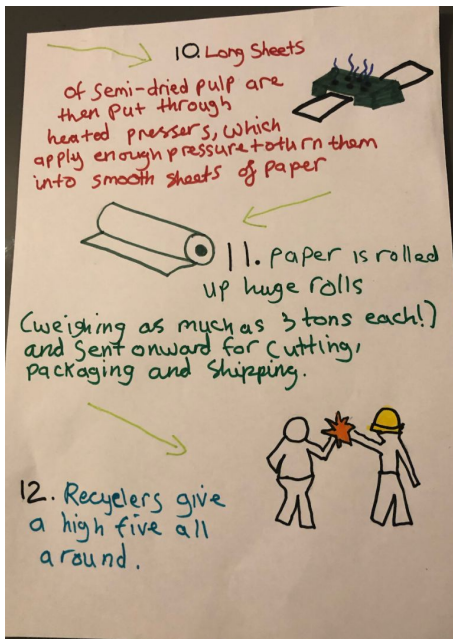
Nilaa (4P)

The children have also been researching catapults that the Romans used. This is to prepare them for making their own catapults during the term.



Year 5

This week, the year 5 children were welcomed back to remote learning. Teachers had the opportunity to look through the amazing holiday homework children have done and could not decide between their favourites! Therefore, the year 5 team would like to thank ALL children who handed in holiday homework. Here are some great examples!



Also this week, children have been learning about explanation texts and the important features that need to be included, when writing their own explanation text. Year 5's had the opportunity to research and explore the importance of recycling in order for them to create their very own explanation text!

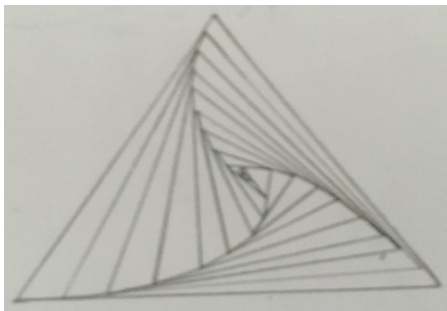
Year 6

Year 6 have had an incredible week back and have thrown themselves into virtual learning, once again. All staff in Year 6 would like to applaud the children on their fantastic work ethic and attitude; they have shown the utmost resilience. Here are some examples of work done that was set for holiday homework!

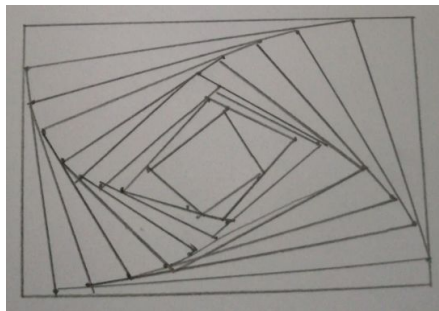


Adrita (6R) did this for her survival project

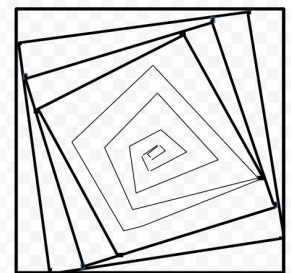
Children also created art designs based on 'curves of pursuit' here is a selection of what they produced digitally and with pencil and paper.



Abdullah 6H



Tanisha 6I



Sheer Ali 6R



Shakespeare Competition - Reminder

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust is holding a creative competition for Shakespeare Week (15 - 21 March 2021). Children can take part in the exciting competition to explore their identities and make a creative response to the famous Shakespeare quote from *Hamlet* - "**This above all, to thine own self be true...**".

This can be through creating a poem, a piece of writing, a poster, picture, piece of art or even a short video.

This was set as homework for the February half term holiday. There will be prizes available for each key stage.

Children must ask for parental permission and help from parents to submit their entries. Children can share their work through Google Classroom and can submit entries via email to shakespeareweek@shakespeare.org.uk. The deadline for entries is **31st March 2021**.

To finish, a poem from Yahya Uddin (4P)

I am

I am as fast as the light and I try to take steps high
I wonder if the world is flat or round or is it just a miniature
orb in the vacuum of sound.
I hear the birds tweeting beautifully with grace and delight
I see the future in the palm of my hand
I want everyone to live in peace not in desperation and fear

I am as fast as the light and I try to take steps high
I pretend the world is at the tip of my fingers
I feel so confused with so many questions unanswered
I touch everything with caution but happiness
I worry something bad will happen that makes me worry with no
defense

I am as fast as the light and I try to take steps high
I understand a tragic situation can happen
I say if it will happen it happens
I dream about everything I like but when darkness flutters in my
brain nightmares arise
I try very hard at my hobbies and school
I hope something I want will appear until then
I am as fast as the light and I try to take steps high

Lockdown Rules

We would like to encourage all families to continue to follow all the lockdown rules and public health guidance to help maintain the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Remember:

- Don't meet indoors with anybody outside your household or support bubble
- Keep your distance and wear a face covering when out in public
- Wash hands regularly
- Reduce the number of journeys you take, to work from home where possible
- Self-isolate and seek a test if you experience any Covid-19 symptoms



We wish you a safe and enjoyable weekend. Remember to: "Wash Hands, Cover Face, Make Space!"

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