

FYNAMORE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you were able to have some lovely times during the sunny Easter holiday and that the first week back 'home learning' went well. We miss you all but do feel very lucky that we can keep in daily contact with the majority of our children through Seesaw.

I know you will be aware that there are many rumours and theories about when schools will be open again and for which children. We will make sure that we communicate anything we know about the next step plans but, at the moment, only know what is in the daily news.

We really appreciate how hard you are working to support your children to experience a learning routine during the week. As a parent also supporting home learning I empathise with how difficult it is to juggle work and school work! I also want to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to the teachers who are being so creative and working so hard to make sure they respond to the children's efforts. Meanwhile our amazing TAs, cleaners and office staff are working at school to support the children and Claire is busy ensuring everyone is well fed at lunchtime.

Please remember our message to you about home learning: We don't want to add pressure but we also want to ensure that the children have access to learning so they can keep up a routine and practise their skills. Please find attached some guidelines about using online learning at home. We have an online safety policy (on our website) but wanted to share additional information now the children are working in a different way. Teachers are contacting families who need more help so please do let your teacher know, through Seesaw, if you would appreciate some support.

Thank you to everyone who completed the Seesaw Survey before Easter. We reviewed everything you said and have used the feedback to make improvements. Mr Light will be feeding back to you next week.

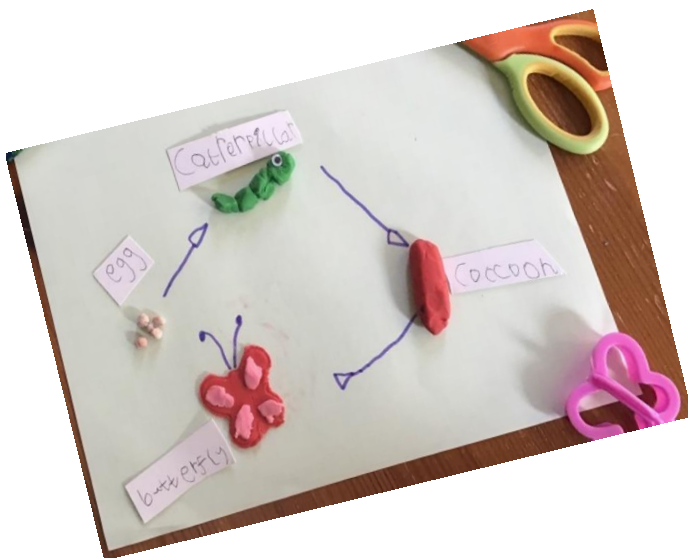
All the classes now have blogs set up on Seesaw which is a wonderful way to see (and comment positively) on what everyone has been doing. We thought you might like to read about some of the teachers' highlights from this and last week.

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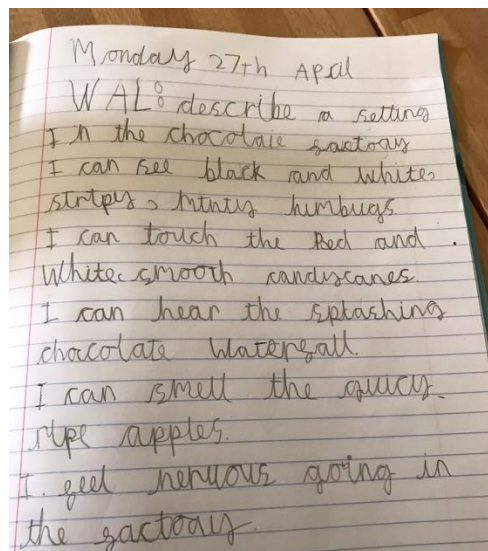
Children in **Reception** have come back to Seesaw and been getting hands on learning about their new topic. This half term they are learning about animals with a different theme each week. Last week's mini theme was all about minibeasts and bugs - using the story of the Hungry Caterpillar to help get the children started. Some amazing learning has been shared from home with many children creating repeating pattern caterpillars, symmetrical butterflies or even symmetrical Duplo patterns - using everyday resources at home. There were also paper caterpillars for caterpillar races and mini beast rock paintings! The children continued working on a little bit of phonics as well each day. There is another mini animal theme this week with a different group of animals as the focus.



Miss Beard said: '**Year 1** have written the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' this week and they are fantastic! It makes me very proud to see their work and how much progress they have made since the beginning of the year. If we were at school you'd have a very full office of children receiving wristbands'

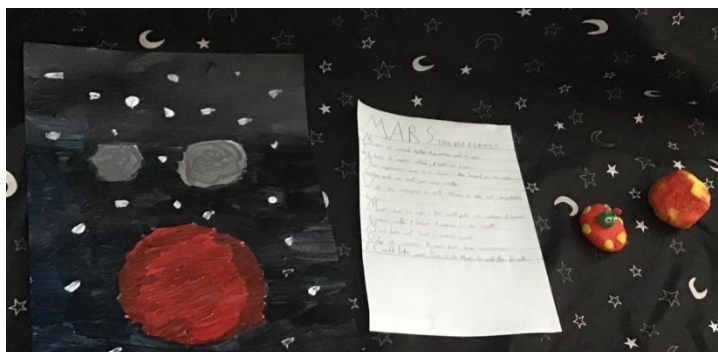
Mrs Winchcombe said: '**Year 3 and 4** have produced some amazing telescopes and planet fact files this week'

Some fantastic writing going on in **Year 2** and children getting creative with fractions! Well done to Joshua and Kai!



Great Western Hospital, in Swindon, thanked **Pine Class** for their fabulous cards and gave them a 'shout out' on Facebook! I also received a special letter from the CEO at Royal United Hospital to tell me how appreciative the staff were there to get special cards from our clever Y2 children. Well done! I felt really proud of you all.

Year 4 have been getting creative with their Space Projects! Well done to Alfie and Harry for these amazing pieces of work!



There are lots of examples of amazing **Year 6** work in response to the Harry Potter English task this week. Well done Callum for this amazing illustration!



We hope you all enjoyed Captain America's special Monday dance moves©. Keep watching in case Captain America returns!

Thinking of you all,

Sarah Weber