



SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER

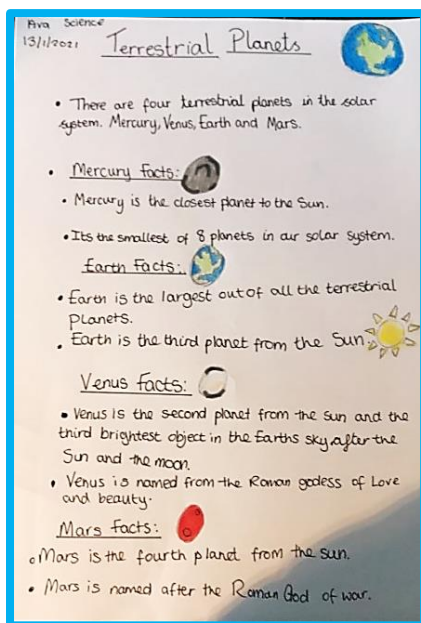
FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

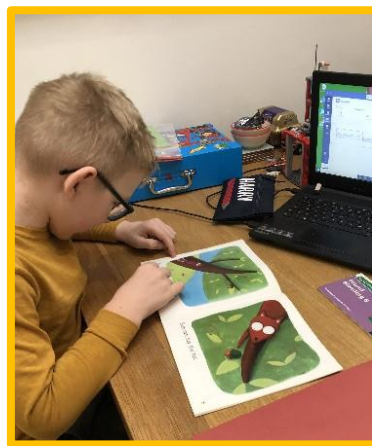
This week has been an extremely productive one and I am so impressed with the effort that has been put into establishing the home learning. Despite a few technical issues, you have helped your children to be part of the live teaching sessions and I am aware that this has been quite a challenge for some. Whilst enabling the children in school to join in with these live lessons, I have seen the interactions on the screen. The flexibility of our teachers and the way that they have adapted to a very different style is so good to observe as is the manner in which the children have responded. They are focussing, joining in and trying very hard. You should be proud.

I have also spotted quite a few parents who have appeared on the screen as they have stepped in to help their child to make the tech work and navigate the Teams pages. Knowing that many of you are trying to get your own work done, I can only say thank you and I hope that in particular for the older children, they will increase in independence as this half term progresses.

Home Learning



The ClassDojo communication system seems to be working very well and the teachers and I can see that work is being uploaded as well as pictures of reading and some of the creative ways your child is learning at home. Thank you.



We would really value daily uploading of the English and Maths work in particular as this enables the teachers to see how well the children are doing, and be in a strong position to build on that learning when they return to school. It also enables them to adapt their plans for the live lessons so that children get the best chance to make good progress.

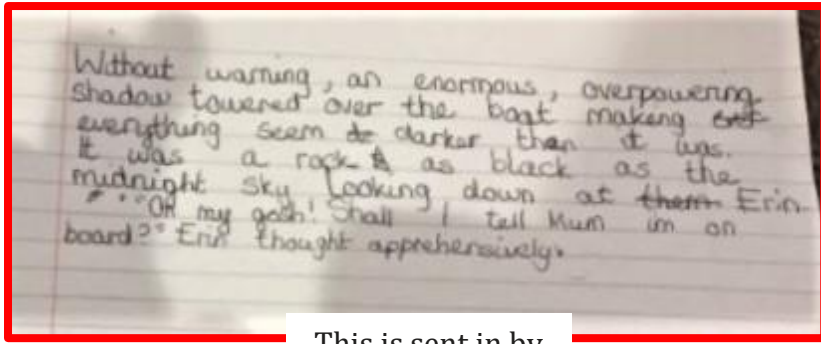
We are aware that some of you found the Jane Considine English lessons a challenge to start with, however I have seen the lessons evolve over the week and even in school, some of the staff took a day or two to get used to them. I

know that many of you have persevered and are now finding that you and your child can engage well with them and have produced some excellent writing using so much rich and well thought out language. I have seen many superb examples in school and uploaded from home onto Class Dojo.



If you are able to continue with this, please do so as there are a great number of benefits, such as children from the same household working together, the children learning in a way that is very similar as to how we teach English writing in school and receiving teaching of a very high quality whilst still being immersed in the language and grammar for writing.

If however this is still not working for you and your child in Sapphire and Emerald classes, please look out for the alternatives in the planning for next week that your teacher has timetabled.

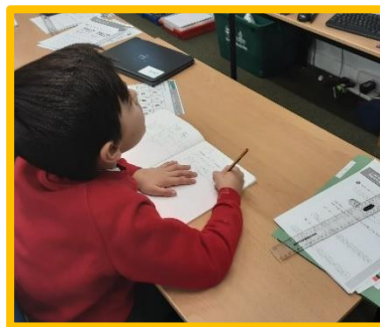


This is sent in by one of our year 5 writers.



Keyworker Groups

The keyworker groups in school are working well and getting on with whoever is in their group, staying focused and producing some very good work.



Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you online and in school on **Monday 18th January 2021.**
Jeremy Fisher

Stars of the Week

Nursery

- ✚ Caitlyn - for developing her confidence and great participation in home learning.
- ✚ Luna - for phonics work in school.



Reception

- ✚ Shakti - for showing great enthusiasm with everything she does.

Year 1

- ✚ Georgia - for her brilliant science experiment and for her effort with all of her home learning so far.

Year 2

- ✚ Lexie - for amazing participation in lessons in the key worker bubble.

Year 3

- ✚ Oscar - for persevering even when he was finding it tricky.

Year 4

- ✚ Alfie - for putting in 110% effort into all of his lessons.

Year 5

- ✚ Teddy - for only working hard across the timetable all week, but presenting her work with great care.

Year 6

- ✚ Reggie - for a consistently high standard of home learning and a positive attitude to home learning.

Dinner Menu for the Keyworker Group

We will be providing free hot dinners to all children attending. Please see the menu for the week beginning **Monday 18th January 2021**.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausages with Gravy	Jacket Potato Cheese & Beans	Roast Pork	Quorn Hot Dog	Pizza

PE Days

PE lessons will be taking place from next week in school for children who are attending. Could children come to school in their PE uniforms on the following days please.

Diamond Class – Thursday

Emerald Class – Thursday

Sapphire Class – Friday

Ruby Class – Friday

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Date: Thursday 28th January 2021

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