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Reminder: Home Learning

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Thank you for all the work that has been sent to date, it is really great to see so many of you accessing the Home Learning Packs. Brilliant job!!

This is a new email facility that we have established to support children working at home. You can use it to contact us or share work that your child has completed at home with their class teacher. Children can use it to message us themselves too if you are happy for that to happen. Safeguarding concerns and all other enquiries should be directed to our school email address (a3357@telford.gov.uk). Please ensure your child's full name and year group are in the subject box to make it easier to redirect messages. As you know, all of our teachers are busy teaching during the day, but we will try our upmost to reply to emails over the course of the school week. We will look forward to reading messages and seeing the work your child has been doing at home and provide some feedback. Many thanks for all the messages we have received thus far. I hope the children enjoy reading our replies. This facility will remain active throughout the Summer break.

Home Learning Packs

We have just published the last Home Learning Packs for this academic year. There is plenty to be getting on with until the end of term. Please take a look. If you need anything from school to help you, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you

School Reports

The school year has been severely curtailed by the pandemic, so we have been unable to teach all of the curriculum. For those children who returned to school, a 'Recovery Curriculum' has been offered consisting of Core Subjects, Physical Education, Religious Education, and Creativity. As a result of what has been monumental change to our standard offer, we are unable to provide accurate end-of-year assessment outcomes, spelling and reading ages or SATs test results. It is important however that you still understand where your child was estimated to be by the end of the year in each of the subject areas if they did not return to school. A more accurate, well-informed judgment has been made if your child returned to school in June. School Reports will be sent in July. Many thanks.

September Opening

We are working through the new Government guidelines for the new academic year. We will send information home as soon as we are able to do so. It has taken a great deal longer to be produced than anticipated. Thank you for your patience.

Important: Parentmail/Cashless System

Due to recent events the school will no longer be accepting any cash payments into the office or classrooms. In order to allow this to happen we have uploaded all of the uniform for sale onto Parentmail and in future all trips, breakfast club and afterschool clubs can also be paid for on here. Therefore any parents that have not yet signed up for a Parentmail account will need to do so. This is very simple to do please email a3357@telford.gov.uk with your consent to be added to the system along with the email address that you wish to use, we will do the rest. Any questions please feel free to contact school via the email address above or telephone between 9:30 and 11:30 each morning. Any payments for dinner money have to be paid through Telford and Wrekin council using their online payment system on the following link, https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20028/school_meals you will need an 8 digit reference number to set up your account which you can get by contacting the school office who will be happy to help.

Reminder: Year 6 Virtual Mass

Every year, our Year 6 children attend a celebratory Mass with other children from the Diocese of Shrewsbury. This will still go ahead on Friday 10th July at 10.30am and will be made available to watch online. All of Year 6 children will be watching it here so it would be wonderful if you could view at home too. I will send you the link as soon as it becomes available. Father Edmund will lead the Mass for which we are most grateful.

Online Learning Resources

Name	Link	Description/notes	P: Primary S: Seconda ry A: All	Subjects
Amazon Audible	https://stories.audible.com/start	Subscribe to access a variety of books for free.	P	Reading
My activity passport	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/more-active-passports	An editable activity checklist for children under 11, from Reception to Year 6. Full of fun activities for children who like to move around.	P	All
MyMaths	https://www.mymaths.co.uk/	An interactive platform for learning with homework tasks for each topic. Accessible with a username and password given from school.	All	Maths
Mystery Science	https://mysteryscience.com/	Free science lessons.	P	Science
NASA science	http://sciencenow.sciencemag.org/science/special/strangeplanets/the-life-habits-of-the-best-known-11-known-planets.html?utm_source=utm_medium=utm_campaign=utm_content=utm_term=utm_id=AR2widpsISeITId6oPffffBA3tAktnmpavz7lkjudD48971en8-gJkmac	NASA science news and resources. The earth and beyond/Space.	All	Physics
National Geographic kids	https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/	Activities and quizzes for primary grade particularly younger children.	P	Geography
National Trust	https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lets-go/50-things-to-do-in-your-back-garden	50 things to do in your back garden during lock-down.	P	Nature
Nature Detectives	https://www.rspb.org.uk/nature-detectives/woodlands/run-a-project/what-can-i-grow/	Activities that can be carried out my families in their garden or local park.	P	Nature
Newround Nrich	http://www.mrburns.education/ https://richmaths.org/	Keeping children up to date with the world around them.	P	PSHE
Oak Academy	https://www.thinkacademy.co.uk/primary/subjects/subjects/	Support and resources for both teachers and parents and carers.	All	Maths
Openlearn	https://www.open.edu/openlearn/	Full range of classroom activities and support materials for all year groups.	All	All
British Council	https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find	Resources for English language learning	P, S and Adults	Useful for EAL pupils
British Library	https://www.bl.uk/	Additional reading material for GCSE English Literature	S	English reading
Cbeebies Radio	http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio	Listening activities for young children.	P	Listening Skills
Chemical Orthodoxy	https://chemicalorthodoxy.wordpress.com/2019/03/13/all-the-slop-you-need/	All the resources are published absolutely free of charge and useful for teachers and students.	S	Chemistry
Cosmic Kids Yoga	https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga	Story telling through Yoga moves	P	Fitness and Health
Crest Awards	https://www.crestawards.org	Science awards you can complete from home.	S	Science
DK Find Out	https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IDwAR2widpsISeITId6oPffffBA3tAktnmpavz7lkjudD48971en8-gJkmac	Videos, quizzes and fun facts.	P	History, Geography, Science
Dr Frost Maths	https://www.drfrostmaths.com/resources-browse.php	Maths for KS2/3/4 Extension Work	P/S	Maths
Dulingo	https://www.duolingo.com/	Learn languages for free. Web or app.	S	MFL
EAL Lock-down activities	https://www.collaborativelearning.org/	All subjects with a focus on oracy.	P	Literacy/EAL
EAL Resources	https://eajournal.org/2020/03/20/resources-for-eal-learners-during-school-closures/	Wealth of resources and links to books, worksheets, general resources for teachers and parents.	A	EAL learners
English Heritage	https://www.englishheritage.org.uk/learning/ancient-histories/	Learning area, Podcasts.	S	History
EZY education	https://www.ezyeducation.co.uk/	Useful tool for students to check their own knowledge and revision	S	Science
Futurelearn	https://www.futurelearn.com	Free to access 100s of courses (own account from 14+ but younger learners can use a parent account).	All	Range of courses

We will publish these links on our Website under 'Home Learning Packs'

Challenge	lwAR33OSB4Em9oHU9Ywo_DMfTx7U3aq4xtW7CLRzCA0qgEbbF3udx1yKoaY	applying it to everyday questions and situations.					
Red Ted Art	https://www.redtedart.com/	Easy arts and crafts for younger children	Pre-school crafts	Art			
Robin Hood Projects	https://www.robinhoodmat.co.uk/learning-projects/	<i>If you are a parent whose child goes to a school NOT in Robin Hood MAT then feel free to access the resources but please check with your own child's school about support and guidance from teachers.</i>	P	Learning Projects for all primary age range.			
Royal Society of Chemistry	http://www.rsc.org/learn-chemistry/	Resources to support Chemistry learning.	P, S and Higher Education	Chemistry			
SEND resources	https://www.priorwwoodsmiddleburgh.sch.uk/curriculum/resources	From here you can download simple programs, which you are free to adapt and use in your school, college or home.	All	On-line learning to support pupils with SEND			
Sensory Stories	https://sensorytospodcast.com/	Here you will find links to Pete Wells' special sensory stories and associated resources, my special stories podcast, tips for classroom delivery and more!	P	Suitable for pupils with SEND.			
Science Fix	https://sciencefix.co.uk/2019/08/make-paper-circuits-without-any-wires/?fbclid=lwAR2pgCTapUlyvC5id7uHTauu7h2TghQMLuEMXo8Upn3HSuAe1xzhYaCQ	Paper Circuits with no wires	All	Science STEM			
Rockstar s				An engaging way to practice times tables daily.			
The Artful Parent	https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/			High quality art activities for free.	P	Art	
The Body Coach	https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1			Daily live workouts at 9am.	All	Fitness and Health	
The Imagination Tree	https://theimaginationtree.com			Literacy and Numeracy through creative arts and activities.	Baby, toddler, pre-scholar	Art	
The Kids should see this	https://thekidshouldseethis.com			Wide range of educational videos for curious minds of all ages.	All	All	
Tinkercard	https://www.tinkercard.com			Creative making activities.	All	Art 3d design, electronics, and coding.	
Top Marks	www.topmarks.co.uk			Interactive platform which covers all Maths topics for each age range.	All	Maths	
Twinkl	https://www.twinkl.co.uk			Printouts, they are offering a month of free access to parents in the event of school closures. Many resources, templates and writing frames available e.g. postcard, instructional writing Create an account and enter code UKTWINKLHELPS	All	All	
The Maths Factor	www.themathsfactor.com			Currently free to subscribe and access. Wide range of resources including games centre, revision club, times table challenges etc.	P	Maths	
We are Teachers	https://www.weareteachers.com/stem-experiments-office-supplies/?fbclid=IwAR16qjh3wvX3pZ8q4p-ef8w5L4rLcvy8NbPUPE-C3DuK1z93dJlQBvapM			10 STEM experiments you can do with ordinary office supplies.	All	Science STEM	

Science Museum Group	https://learning-resources.science museum.org.uk/sources/	Range of resources from Key Stage 1 to KSS. History and Science mainly but search also subject by subject search.	All	History Science
Science Videos	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCArNRObSCVQPLS8vftXXy9Ow7fcldi-wAR23z5wnDELhZUNuOBURgezPqfQmbiMNmuztmg54MV3hSjQo_u93noq4A	Videos to support the sciences at GCSE level.	S	Science
Scratch	https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/	Creative computer programming	All	Computing
Seneca	https://www.senecalearning.com	For those revising at GCSE or A level. Lots of free revision content. Paid access to higher level material.	S	GCSE/A-level
STEM	https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning	To support parents and carers with home learning during the Covid pandemic, subject experts have put together a selection of activities and materials, all of which are completely free for everyone to access.	All	Science Technology Engineering Maths
STEM Activities for kids	https://stemactivitiesforkids.com/	Resources and ideas for teachers to run a virtual STEM club.	All	STEM
Teach your Monster to read	https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com	Children help a little 'Monster' through Phonics activities to get to the spaceship	P	Phonics
Teachit science	https://www.teachitscience.co.uk/transition?fbclid=lwAR1sAMh_BQdKQ4sGY6MuwfItHfz2jRCrLM02XUdBr5_AOWaAcnuJdw1	Transition resources for Year 6 moving up into Y7.	P/S	Science
Ted Ed	https://ed.ted.com	A range of engaging educational videos	S	All
Times Tables	https://trockstars.com/	Free Full Access for all schools for 60 days.	P	Mental Maths

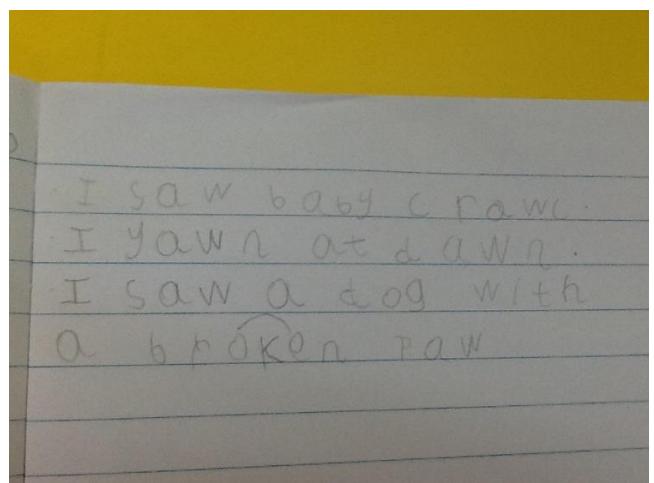
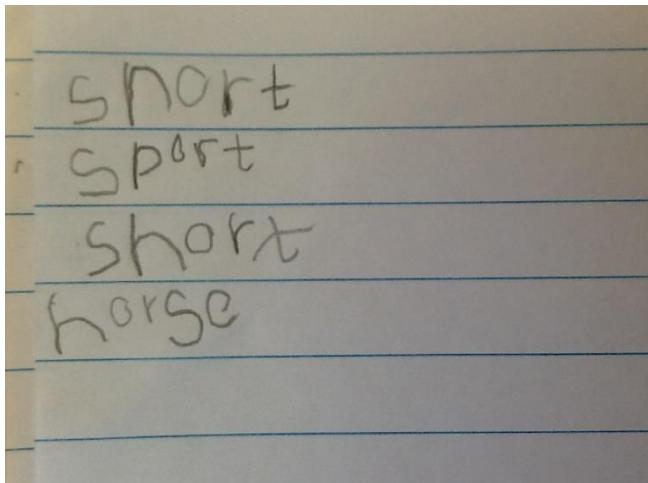
		well be of interest to young people.		
Oxford Owl for Home	https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/	Lots of free resources from primary school children	P	Reading
Parliament	https://learning.parliament.uk/resources/	Free resources for all ages that introduce pupils to British democracy, Citizenship and History resources.	A	British Values, democracy PSHE
Paw Print Badges	https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk	Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional.	P	All.
Physics and maths tutor	https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/	Revision, past papers. Getting ready for University.	S	Sciences.
Positive Physics	https://www.positivephysics.org/?fbclid=lwAR2jBv2n92FBM3tXXyfka_nQaW0o8lxWtWdD6z-584tOfdhpzIh93jo	Free for teachers. Free to students throughout July 2020. Physics problems to challenge and engage.	S	Physics.
Reflections in science	https://reflectionsinsciencewordpress.com/2019/08/23/all-the-biology-you-need/	Biology revision booklets. Free to download.	S	Biology
Premier League Stars	https://primarystars.com/	Fun English and Maths resources using the inspiration of the Premier League	P	English, Maths PSHE
Primary Resources	http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/	Resources available for each subject and year group with resources for pupils with Special Educational Needs and for EAL learners.	P	All including useful resources for EAL pupils.
Primary science resource packages	https://www.stem.org.uk/primary-science	Resources are organised into topic area and year group and include many opportunities for working scientifically.	P	Science STEM
Real Science	https://www.real-sciencechallenge.com/post53/?fbclid	Science movies help teach the scientific method by	S	Science

Final POD News

Pod R - Mrs Rushton

We have had another brilliant week in Pod R.

In phonics, we have been practising our Set 2 digraphs and trigraphs. We also learned the new Set 3 sounds 'o-e', 'u-e', 'oi' and 'aw'. We wrote words and sentences using these sounds.



In maths, we have been learning about halving. We used counters to work out half of a given number.



Another fun week of PE!



We have had lots of fun outside again this week. We have particularly enjoyed playing 'Guess the animal' and putting on shows for our friends.



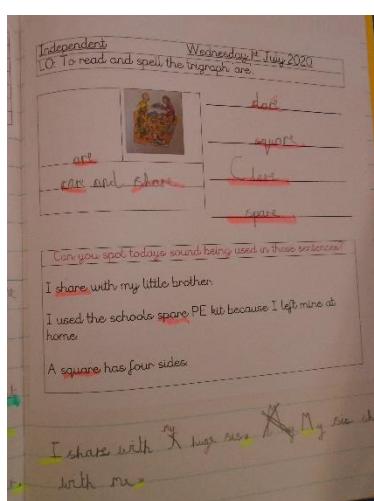
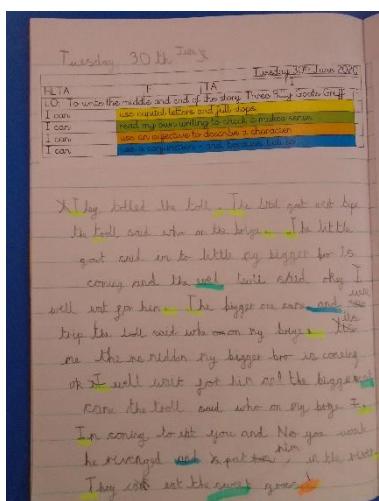


Hello from Pod 1!

Another fantastic week in Pod 1! We are really enjoying our time together and our field time at the end of the day. The children have been working on their gymnastics skills and Aleksander has been keeping us updated with the time using his watch. Anthony and Brooke couldn't stop themselves from joining in with the Y6 PE lesson from a distance, showing us their dance routine!



We have continued to take part in a range of games and activities linked to phonics. This week, the children have really enjoyed listening to and writing different stories. We especially enjoyed 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear?' and 'The 3 Billy Goats Gruff'. Kyla did a fantastic impression of the Troll. The children have been working on skills that have been taught throughout the year such as using capital letters and full stops in a sentence and using an exclamation mark. Maciej also wanted to show me his understanding of suffixes 'er' and 'est'.



This week in mathematics, we have been working on time. The children have used clocks to help them find o'clock and half past. Throughout the day we have been changing our personal clocks to match key times such as dinner time 12 o'clock.

Lots of love, Pod 1.

POD 2!

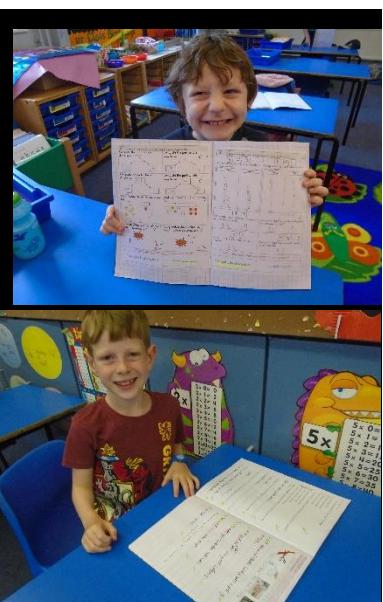
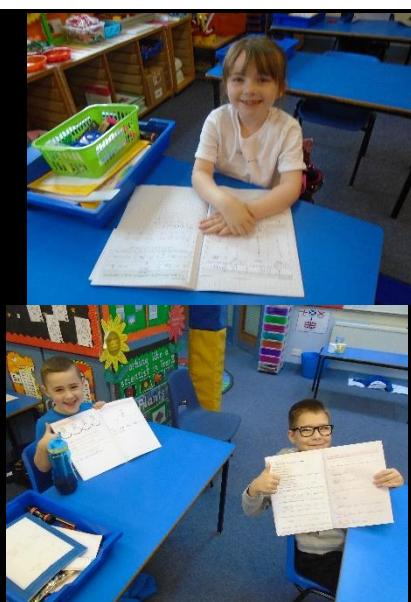
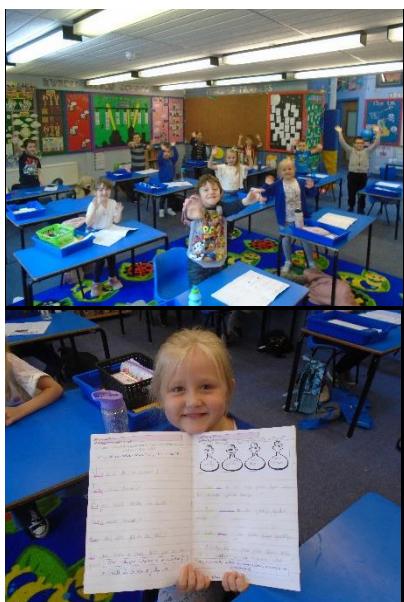
Pod 2 are working extremely hard with a beaming smile on all of their faces! They are asking lots of great questions and they are contributing with discussions and during activities. They have all been really positive and enthusiastic. This week we have helped to create an invisibility potion, we have designed our own Holy Trinity and we have been making predictions based on pictures from the text. Here is some of our brilliant work!

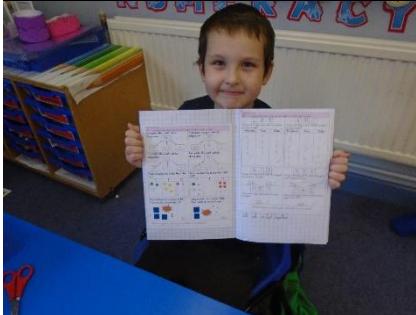
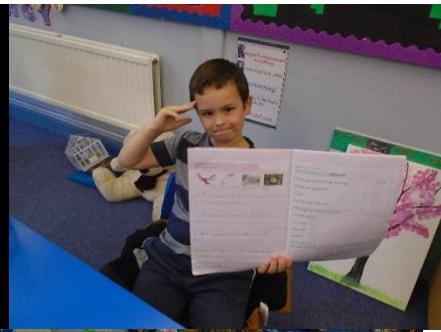
Challenge for you!

Can you create your own potion? This can be as magical as you like. Remember to include your features of instructional writing; numbers, time conjunctions, imperative verbs and adverbs.

"In P.E we have had lots of fun playing foot cricket." said

Damian would like to thank everybody for their help and he has loved all the extra maths.





POD 3

Hello everyone!

Pod 3 have had an amazing week and have been working hard.

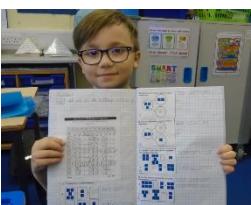


exceptionally

In writing we have identified the features of a non-fiction text and have begun to put the information that we gathered from our research into our fact files Stone Age. We have continued to practise our spelling and grammar. Next week we are looking forward to writing our own fantasy stories!



about the skills too!



During our maths sessions we have continued to practise our times tables in a 5 minute frenzy and we're pleased to see that our scores are rising each time. We have also been concentrating on adding and subtracting multiples of 100. There's been an amazing effort by everyone in maths this week – well done!



We've really enjoyed our continued the theme of 'Being people, Dominic Savio and were generous individuals dedicating their lives to Jesus beliefs inspired them and how that could relate to our own lives.

discussions in RE this week. We've a Christian' and have learnt about two Gemma Galgani, who became Saints. They who spent their lives helping others and and we thought about what values and

Our PE sessions have been lots of fun! We have continued to improve our skills in Jamaican Cricket and target practise. We have added the 'Cha Cha Slide' and the 'Macarena' to our dance list too!



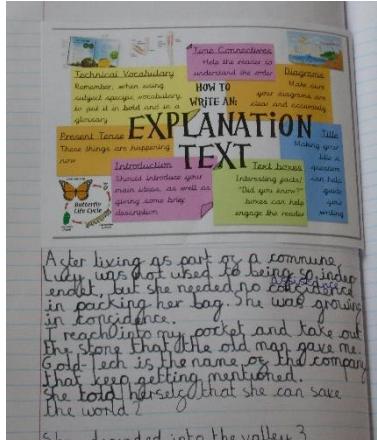
Have a fabulous weekend!!

Pod 5

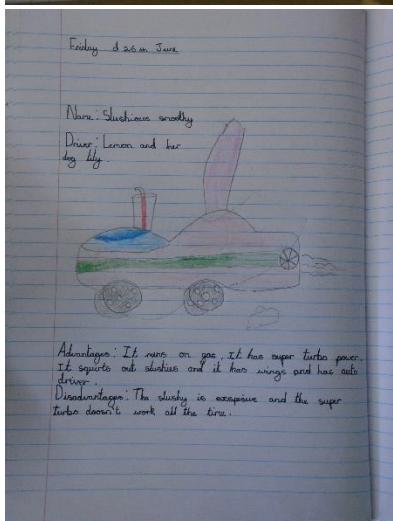
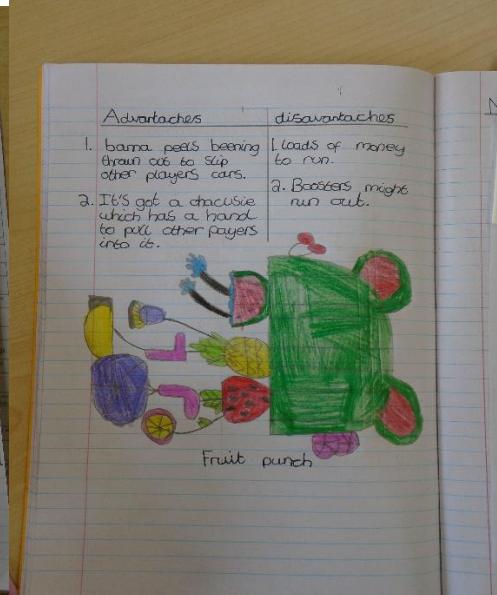
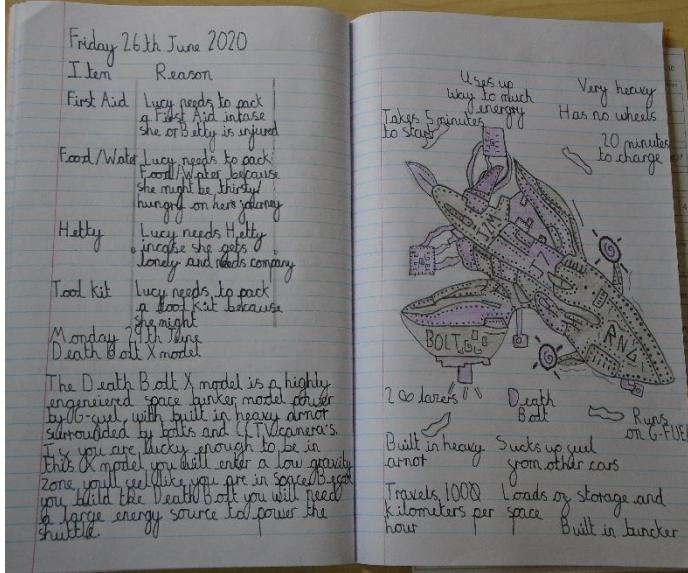
Hi Everyone,

We hope you are all keeping well!

We have been extremely busy again this week, creating our own explanation texts. We designed our own vehicles and wrote about how they worked, what were the positive points and what their disadvantages were.



She descended into the valley 3



In PE this week we have continued to keep fit by practicing our dancing.



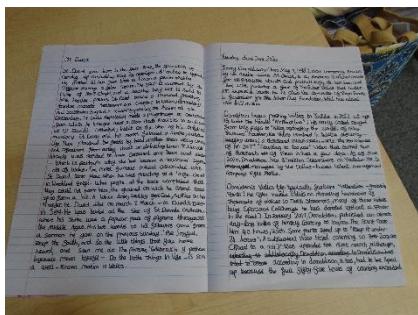
And in maths this week we have been working on angles. Using a protractor to draw and measure angles accurately.



I would love to see any work you've been doing at home, so please send it to the school email. Take care, lots of love. Miss Williams xxxx

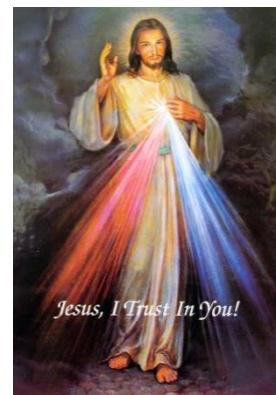
Hello from Pod 6

This week we have been exploring different saints. We started looking at our Saint (St Mary of Assumption) we also explored the patron saints of Great Britain: St George, St David, and St Patrick. We researched how and why they became canonised days that we celebrate them on, identifying why they are important to looked at the work of other saints such as:



Anthony, John and Eustathius, Asteja chose to research as they to her Lithuanian and Russian

Zuzanna wanted to research (the Faustina, who was told by Jesus to picture painted of the Devine Mercy.

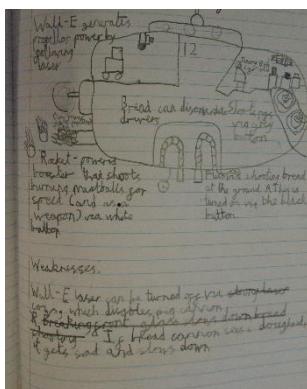


St Andrew and the us. We also who have a link heritage.

Polish) St have a

We also enjoyed researching saints of our own names, Timothy found out he had something more in common with St Timothy than just his name!

It was a tough and intense competition but there had to be a winner...



Wacky Races outcome:

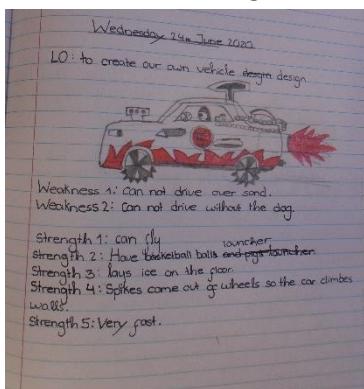
1st place = The Fiery Lady

2nd Place = The Breadflyer R76

3rd place = The P.L 2000

We have created a biography about our chosen YouTuber. We then had a debate discussing whether YouTubers should get paid as much as they do. We really are a pod of master debaters, Gracie-Mai and Fabian are bound to come head

to head in the court room in 15 years' time! We will be using all the valid (if not a little fiery) points of view to create a balanced argument.



P.E has been great as usual, social distancing sport!

Keep safe,

Miss Carver

