



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear St Paul's Families,



Even though we are now in the fourth week of remote learning, we are continuing to receive lots of messages of thanks and appreciation for the efforts of the teachers and learning mentors in making learning so accessible and enjoyable. We couldn't do it without your help and support and we know what a challenge it can be, especially when trying to complete your own work at the same time. Inevitably some days will be tougher than others but we know that everyone – pupils, parents, teachers, learning mentors and the rest of our school team – are trying their best and that is all anyone could ever ask.

We couldn't be prouder of the combined efforts of our school family for doing such a great job – thank you all.

Many classes now have 100% of pupils attending lessons, which is fantastic. We will continue to chase up any pupil we are not seeing online to ensure they are safe and well and so that we can provide support for families needing our help. If your child struggles with a piece of work or is unsure of what is required, they should use the hands up facility at the end of the lesson and their teacher will be happy to stay on the call until they feel confident enough to begin their independent work.

We know that many families are struggling with concerns around jobs, budgets and the health and the welfare of family members. We also know that some of our pupils are finding the constraints of being confined to the house again, away from school and friends, hard to cope with. Please do not hesitate to ask if you think we might be able to help.



Access to a computer or suitable device for home learning

If you do not have access to a device and/or to the internet, please ring us straight away on 0118 978 5219 as we can provide both for your child's learning.

Stationery

If you need resources such as paper, pencils, coloured pencils or items such as paper or number grids to support their learning at home, let us know. We will put a pack together, ready for collection.

Maths Books

Some parents have mentioned how helpful it would be to have books with squared paper to complete maths work and next week, there will be two boxes of maths books by the front door of school, one labelled Year 3&4 and the other, Year 5 & 6. Feel free to come and collect a book for your child but please do not take an extra one as this will leave another pupil without. The pedestrian gate will be open to avoid you having to ring the bell.

Food Bank

As an agent of the Wokingham Foodbank, we are able to make referrals for support with food and energy costs. All enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. Please call the office on 0118 978 5219 and ask to speak to Mrs Lander or Mrs Taylor.

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Remote Learning Code of Conduct

We have updated our Remote Learning Pupil Code of Conduct and it is now available [here](#). We consider it essential reading for all of our families as it clearly sets out the expectations of how our pupils will behave when participating in remote learning. We would be grateful if you could talk this through with your child over the weekend, ready for the teachers to recap on Monday.



Half Term (15th to 19th February)



Earlier this week, the DfE announced that schools will close over half term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers.

Message for Parents of Children Attending Keyworker School

During half term, where pupils or staff attending Keyworker School test positive for Covid-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please contact admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk straightaway so that we can identify close contacts and advise them to self-isolate, as the individual may have been infectious whilst on site. In this event, please email admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk on receiving a positive test result.

Children's Mental Health Week 2021

Next week, the children and staff will be exploring the different ways we can share our ideas, feelings and thoughts. There is wide range of resources and tips for parents available at childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk



Recycled Robots - Whole School Competition



Calling all pupils.....why not get creative with your recycling and enter a photo of your robot in our competition?

Entries should be emailed to competitionentries@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk, with your name and class in the subject line. The competition closes on Friday 19th February. Only one entry per child is allowed and all photos received will be uploaded to a dedicated Gallery page on the website for everyone to enjoy. There will be one winner per year group and a staff prize too! We are looking forward to seeing all of the entries!

February Birthdays

Happy birthday to all our pupils celebrating this month:

Ethan, Rufus, Emily Lacie Mai, Heidi, Micah, Taisia, Zoe, Rohan Jake, Willow, Thai, Robin, Thomas, Daniel, Eveie-Rose, Jed, Disha, Ethan, Leo, Yogan, Joni, Freddy, Isabel, Tiago,



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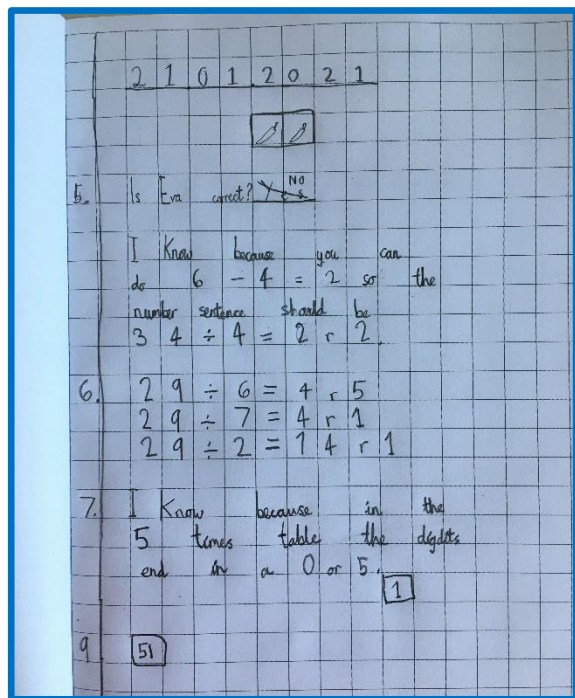
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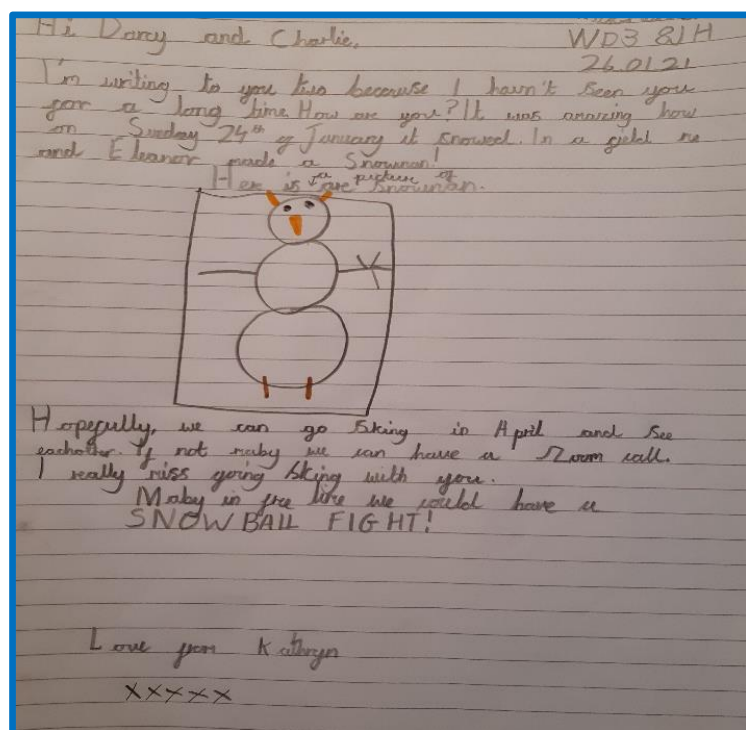
Wonderful work!

So many children are producing excellent work and should be tremendously proud of their efforts. Here are just a few examples that have been chosen by the class teachers.

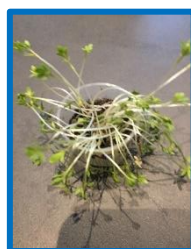
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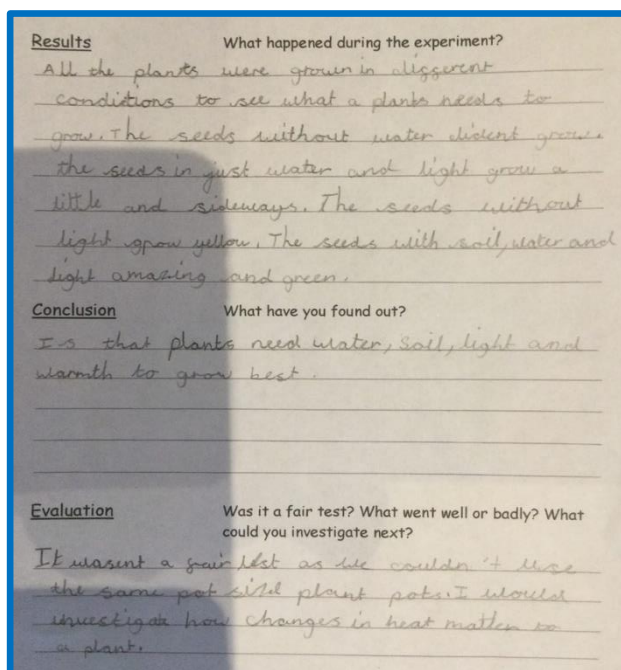
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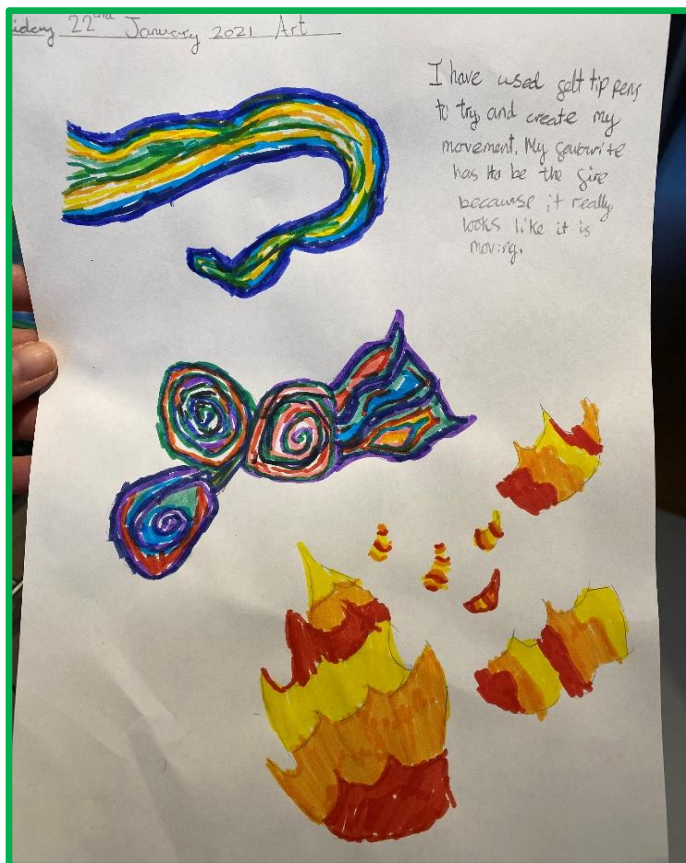
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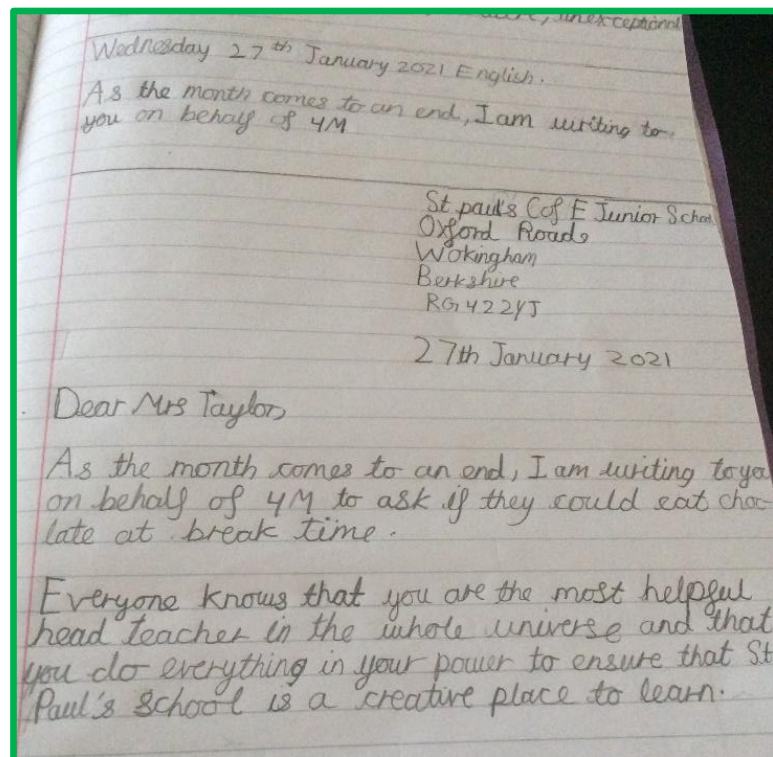
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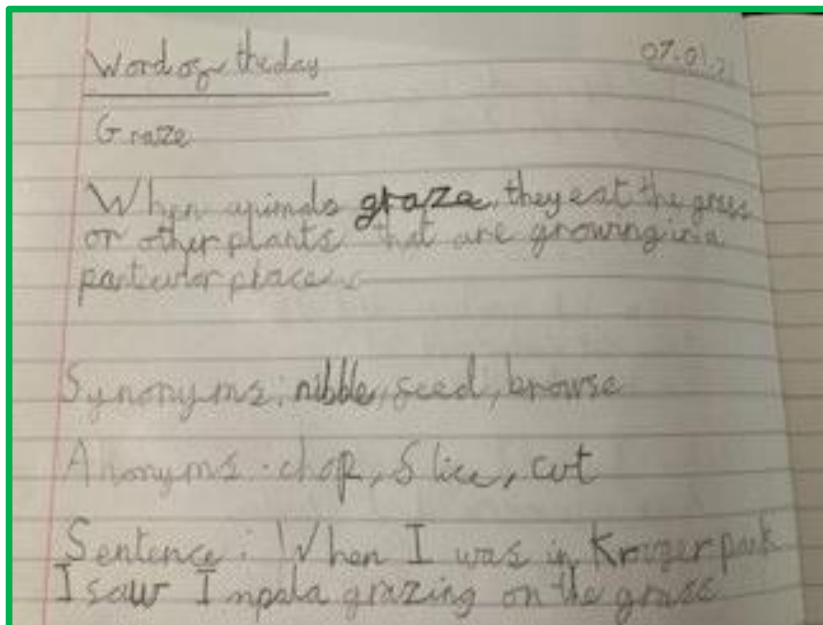
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Siyona, 4M

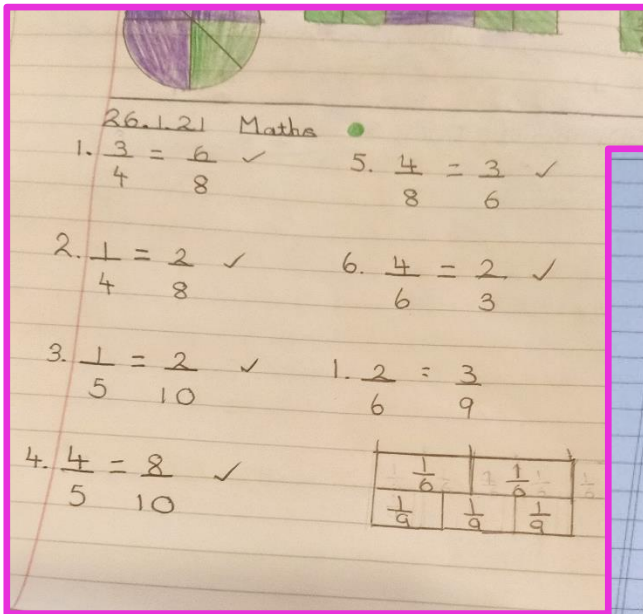


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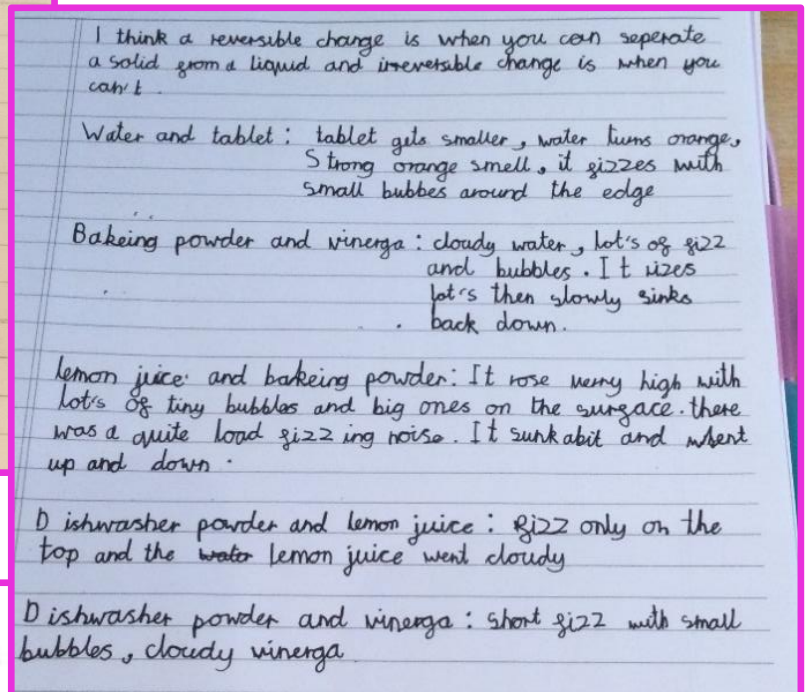
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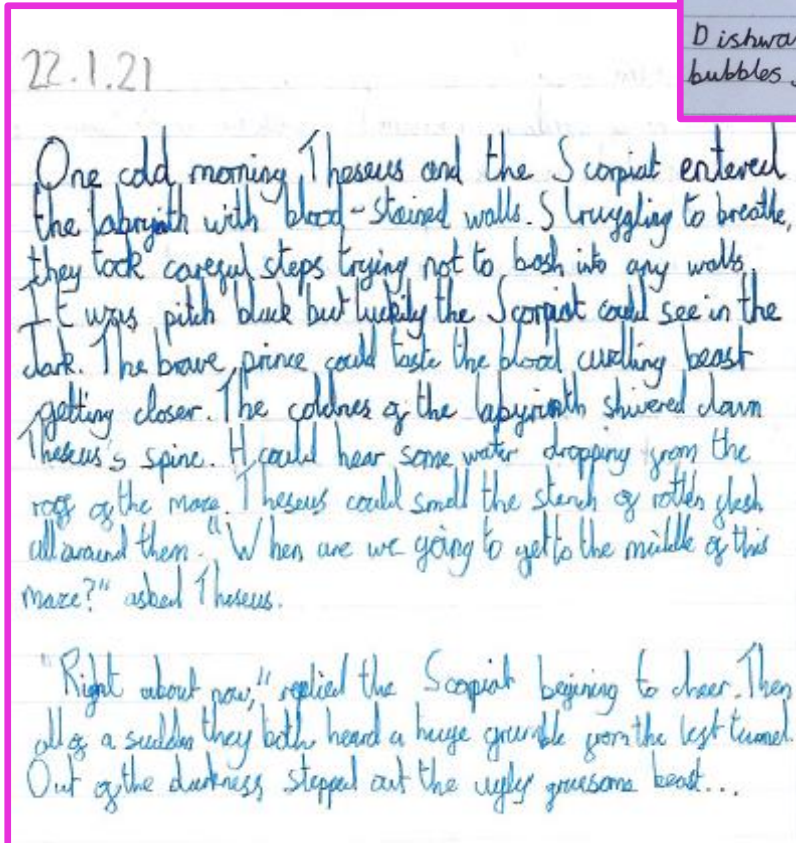
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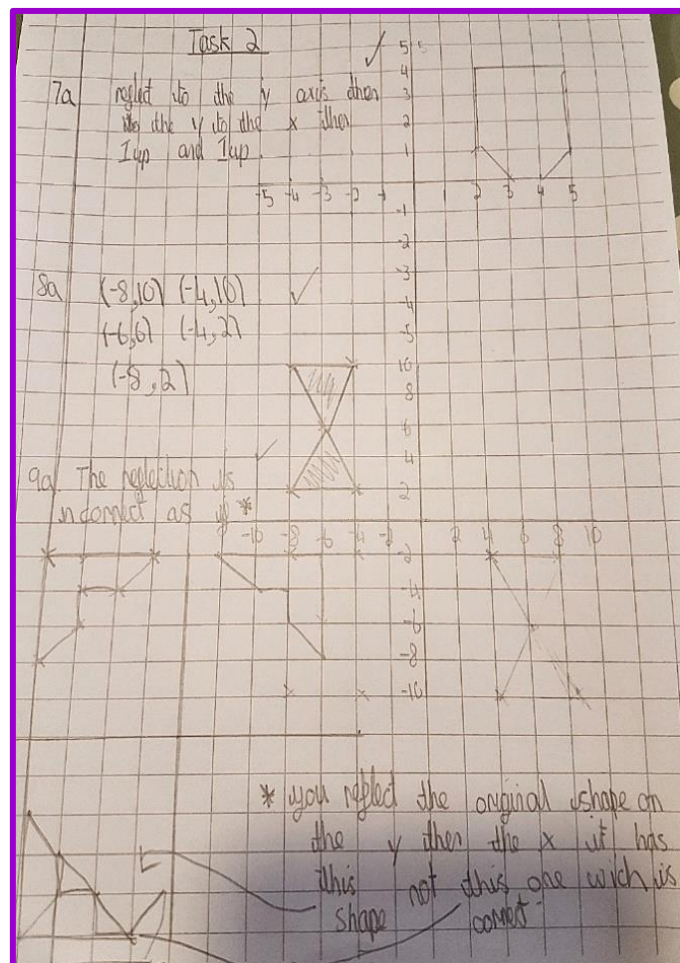
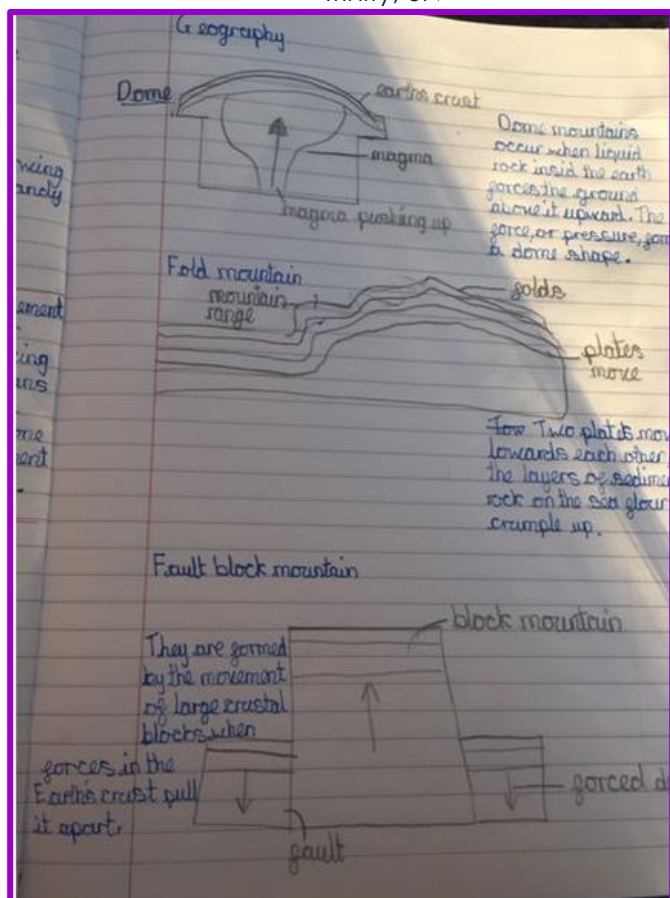
Ananya, 5P



Nia, 5K



Archie, 5S



Edie, 6G

Wednesday 20th January 2020

1. How did it happen that you encountered the kraken?
I encountered the kraken on a stormy day a couple of weeks ago. We were sailing our ship out in the open sea, singing songs as we worked. I was below deck, fetching some things for my master, when the ship gave a sudden jolt; we had sailed into the Kraken's territory.

The storm must have thrown us off course; our captain would never have been that careless. All I knew, as I emerged from below was that he'd never make that mistake again.

2. What did the Kraken look like?
It was awful. It had huge, slimy tentacles that suffocated the ship and a colossal, red eye. A mouth opened wide to reveal endless rows of revolving teeth, each as sharp and pointy as a needle. I can't. The whole monster stank of rotting fish.

3. What did it do?
It was angry. For a few moments, it did nothing but creep towards us as we stared at the beast, our mouths open in terror, like a pack of petrified fish. Then it attacked.

4. How did you and the rest of the crew react?
Some of us hid, some of us fought, others stayed still, not knowing whether to stay or flee. I climbed; I'm a good climber. I didn't want to leave my crew or my ship but I couldn't take on the Kraken.

Isabelle, 6B

Free Wellbeing Resources

NHS Berkshire West: [Wellbeing resources for families, children and young people.](#)

The Week Junior: [A four-week guide to improving your physical and mental health.](#)

Healthy-Kidz.com: [Free resources including physical and creative activities.](#)

EnergyKidz: [Activity resources to keep children engaged](#) - scrumptious cooking activities, wacky science experiments to high energy physical activity challenges.

Blue Peter on YouTube: How to get a Blue Peter badge, and videos suitable for 5 -11 years – challenges, arts and crafts, cooking, environmental, music and much more. Subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> (it's completely free).

Introducing the Virtual School Library



Oak National Academy and the National Literacy Trust have come together to launch a [Virtual School Library](#) to keep children reading during lockdown.

Help us support the Royal Berkshire Hospital and the NHS

If you would like to help, staff have asked for individually wrapped 'treats' to keep them going during their very long shifts, and bottles of squash. There is a box at the back of St Paul's Church (open from 11.00am – 4.00pm) for donations and Father Richard will make sure they reach their destination. The staff would also love to receive letters of support– a note, a thought, a prayer, a picture – something to read through and look at when things are at their most challenging. These can be emailed to freya.parrish@royalberkshire.nhs.uk. Thank you to all those St Paul's families and staff who have already given so generously.



Level 2 Cold Weather Alert from WBC

Level 2 alert from 1800hrs on Friday 29 Jan to 0900hrs on Tuesday 02 Feb. Outlook for South East: Rather cold with the potential for some rain, sleet and snow over the weekend, as well as frost and ice.

Golden Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the children in this week's Roll of Honour - well done, everyone!

Year 3

3B

- Eloise - persevering with home learning and proving that you can do it!
- Luca - consistently working hard and making valuable contributions to lessons.

3D

- Darsh – thoughtful contributions during our discussion about miracles in RE.
- Louie – clearly explaining his answers in Maths.
- Amelia – enthusiasm and engagement in online learning.
- Lacie Mai – excellent money work in Maths.



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3L

- Tiah – always being ready to learn and contributing to class discussions.
- Wilbur – excellent attitude to lessons and high expectations when completing his work.

Year 4

4C

- ♦ Jack – excellent effort in both Maths and English in Keyworker School.
- ♦ Rimass – putting great effort into her presentation and producing high quality work in English this term.

4L

- ♦ Aidan – fantastic work ethic and unfaltering effort in every piece of work.
- ♦ Archie – positivity and enthusiasm in RE lessons.

4M

- ♦ Freddie – huge improvement in the presentation of his work.

Year 5

5S

- Laila – impeccable manners on the class chat.
- Micah – enthusiasm for maintaining a very high standard of work.
- Riley – commitment towards home learning.

5K

- Joni and Elyssa – consistently producing work they should be proud of across all areas of Remote Learning.
- Vyan – a well presented piece of English work on the key features of formal persuasive letters.
- Kelisha – persevering in Maths whilst in Key Worker School and tackling fractions with a positive attitude.
- Nia – beautifully presented results for a Science experiment investigating irreversible changes.

5P

- Jasper – outstanding effort and hard work in all areas of learning.
- Ellie – presenting and justifying her opinion impressively in her History work.

Year 6

6B

- ❖ Sanveer – always working hard and conducting himself with respect and good manners.
- ❖ Sam – enthusiasm in offering contributions to group work.
- ❖ Harry and Boh – winners of 6B's 'Best Snowman' competition.

6G

- ❖ Freya, Maya, Lanie-Rose, Edith, Callum, Marcus, Dhir, Sophia, Sathvik, Emilia, Shayna and Joshua – consistent hard work in all aspects of their learning.
- ❖ Freya and Jack – winners of 6G's 'Best Snowman' competition.

6N

- ❖ Elysia – always doing her best as well as for helping others readily when they are struggling
- ❖ Callum – the impressive effort he is putting into his studies
- ❖ William – the renewed effort he is putting into his work and the impressive results of that effort
- ❖ Finn – his general conscientiousness and his attention to detail in the presentation of his work
- ❖ Kaylen – the enthusiasm and focus he displayed whilst constructing an arch bridge.
- ❖ William and Lisander – winners of 6N's 'Best Snowman' competition.

In the introduction to this Newsletter, I wrote about what a great job our School Family is doing in terms of remote learning. The impact of the combined efforts of pupils, parents and school can be seen in the examples of work we have received this week and in the long list of Golden Certificate Winners. We have such a lot to celebrate!

Wrap up warm and have a great weekend, everyone.

Mrs Taylor

Headteacher



Diary Dates 2020	
Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2021	Half Term
Thursday 1st April 2021	End of Term: 2.00pm Finish
Monday 19th April 2021	Start of Term
Term Dates for 2021 can be found on the website here	