

#### **NEWSLETTER**

Friday 29th January 2021

#### **Message from Mrs Henderson**



So much hard work has happened this week across the school both in school and definitely at home. Our children are proving to be resilient learners and most children all completing all of the home learning tasks set by their teachers. There is no doubt that this is a challenge and a strain on parents and carers. It is not a parent's job to 'teach' it is the job of a teacher so we really appreciate your support in helping your child to do their best. That is all we can ask – that we all do our best. Please carry on supporting your child to be independent in their learning and to seek help from school when they need it. Please, please ensure that you are following the lockdown laws so that we can work together to form a new normal.



Thank you to the 60% of parents who completed the home learning survey. I have shared the information gathered from this with you separately. The Otterburn team will be using this information to try and improve our home learning provision. Every family's circumstances are different so it is impossible to support and offer everything. What we will do however is our best to make the process as smooth as we can.

The Government have announced this week that home learning will not be reviewed again now until the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Sadly with the current data levels of infections and deaths it is hard to see how children will be allowed back in to school at this point. They have also said that schools will have two weeks to prepare for the phased return of children so it is quite likely that we will be looking at home learning continuing until Easter.

From next Friday we will be having a live online session for children at 1:30pm. This will include 'star of the week' for each class and a fun game that everyone can join in with. Access to this will be

through Google Classroom Otterburn Assemblies. Your child will only be able to join the event if parents have completed the consent form on the Online and Remote Learning Policy which is being sent via ParentMail. We would all like this to be a fun end to the week so there will be no lessons on a Friday afternoon but it would be super to see as many children as we can!



# Lockdown Learning

## **EYFS**

Can you guess what story nursery & reception have been reading?





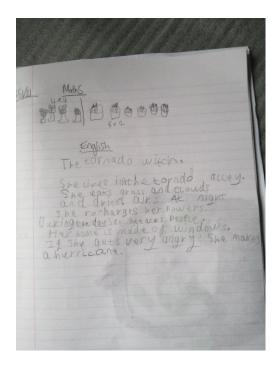




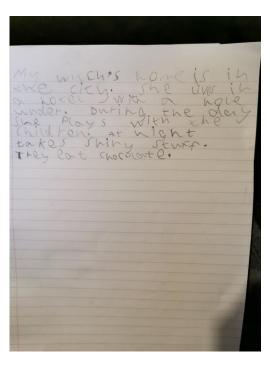


#### **KS1**

Some lovely writing & Art work from Mrs Tincombe's class, well done everyone!



Maya has been working hard on her writing.



Frankie has described a very scary witch!



Jake has been producing some fantastic writing



Seth's super sloth from the art lesson



Henry and his little brother taking part in a 'Draw along' art lesson

## <u>KS2</u>

In Science years 3 & 4 have been investigating how to make a cantilever to hold 5 coins. Great work everyone, you smashed it!















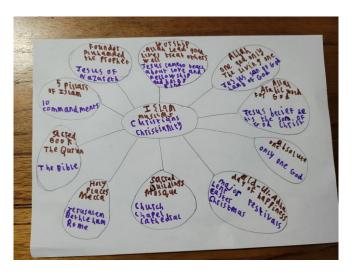
Years 5 & 6 have been working hard too. Well done everyone!

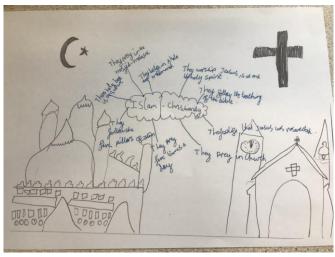
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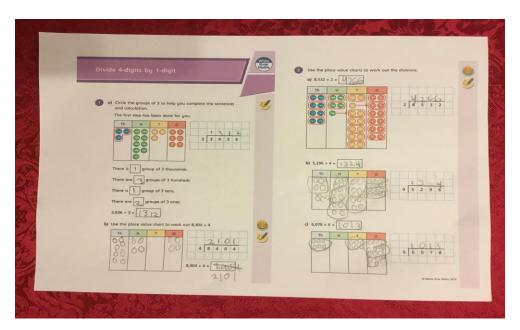


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#### Maths



### **Congratulations**

A big congratulations to Miss Drewett on the safe arrival of Baby Dennis. A new baby brother for Harley, Harrison & Darcey.



### Just for fun!

There have been lots of people enjoying the snow and cold weather. There is a section on Google classroom that you can upload photo's of what you have been doing just for a bit of fun.

Robyn, Scarlett & Enya having fun in the snow at Byrness









Jake & Katie ice skating. May need to swap the wellies for skates if you want to make it to the winter olympics.



Jamie taking shelter from the snow and enjoying a hot drink in his tipi tent





We would love to see more photograph's of what you have been getting up to at home. Photo's of home learning work and just for fun stuff can be uploaded using Google classroom.