

Important Items in this newsletter:

- ◆ Every single page of fabulous work!
- ◆ Latest Guidance on Coronavirus Symptoms
- ◆ Term Dates 2020/21



Congratulations to our
Stars of the Week



We are celebrating achievements at home and in school. You can see why the children have been given their awards on the different year group pages.



Dear All

It has been a really strange time for the school as we have started re-opening to the three year groups the government decided to prioritise. This has meant it's great to see more and more children returning to school but at the same time the current social distancing guidelines mean that we do not have enough space (or staff) to invite all year groups back and this is really disappointing for

From Monday we will be at 'full' capacity with every classroom (and the school hall) acting as a base for different 'bubbles'. The fact that each of these bubbles can only hold 12 –15 children means that we can only accommodate about 40% of our school. This is not what we want but we have to make sure the safety of the children and staff remains a priority and that we follow Public Health England guidelines. We appreciate that there have been mixed messages in the media about pupils returning, which has only added to the frustration and uncertainty that everyone is feeling. Every time the guidance changes our plans have to change so I apologise if any of the communication seems contradictory. We are really trying to get it right for everyone within the restrictions we are obliged to follow.

We continue to believe that it is vital to provide on-going support for all of our children, not just those returning to school. This is why we are continuing with our home-learning on the website and as printed packs. We are also maintaining contact with families via Tapestry and the Year Group emails. Additionally we have started some on-line interactive maths lessons (via Microsoft Teams) for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.

At the moment we do not have any guidance on what September is expected to look like and it was only late last night that some information started to emerge about the Summer holidays. We hear all of the education updates at the same time as everyone else (via the television and public announcements from the DfE).

As a school we are now thinking very carefully about transition as we know how important this is for all of our children. As staff are not allowed to keep moving between bubbles and mix with different children we are trying to think very creatively about what transition will look like so that children can 'meet' their new teacher. This will be the main focus of the last two weeks of the term. In the meantime please make sure you stay safe.

We miss you all.

Julia Sherlock (Headteacher)

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Home

Names

Learning

EYFS	Steven and Jonie
Year 1	Olivia
Year 2	Masun and Ethan R
Year 3	Caitlin and Gracie
Year 4	Finley and Hattie
Year 5	Millie and Kristina
Year 6	Nancy

In School

Turtle	Mya
Starfish	Ryan
Ladybird	Merrylane
Butterfly	Amari
Dolphin	Willow
Jellyfish	Imogen
Octopus	Savannah
Whale	Harry

PTA Quiz Fundraiser

What an amazing quiz the PTA organised! Everyone seemed to have a brilliant time. The questions from the children and the 'special guests' were great. And to top it all over £600 was raised to help us celebrate when we all get back together.

Please look out for the next event and thank you!

Suspected Coronavirus/Reporting Coronavirus

Please find the latest guidance with regards to Coronavirus in educational settings from the DfE and our own procedures

What happens if someone becomes unwell at an educational or childcare setting?

If anyone in an education or childcare setting becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection guidance.

In our school if a child is unwell, but is unclear if they have coronavirus symptoms or another illness, we will still take them to our designated isolation room and check their temperature. If they are not displaying any coronavirus symptoms but are unwell, we will still ask the parents/carers to collect their child as soon as possible. Once home we will ask the parents to monitor their child carefully and keep the school informed if they start to display any symptoms.

In an emergency, the guidance is to call 999 if the child is seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in a setting?

When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days and arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19. They can do this by visiting NHS.UK to arrange or contact NHS 119 via telephone if they do not have internet access. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

If a child is displaying clear symptoms and there is a possible delay in waiting for test results the school may take the decision to close a bubble until the test results have come back. As we need to operate like this at the moment we need parents to be aware that they might get a phone call to say their child's bubble is closing, they have to collect their child and then self-isolate for 14 days (or until a negative test result comes back).

The school must be informed if a pupil or parent has a confirmed case of coronavirus as we need to report all cases to Public Health England and the Local Authority.

If other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

Eastbrook Hampers

We are aware that the situation for everyone at the moment is difficult, we are also aware that it is even more challenging for families who have been adversely affected by Covid-19. These hampers are our small way of saying we are thinking about you and we care.

We have sent out lots of hampers so far but we have just taken delivery of another ten so if you would like one or would like to nominate another family for one please contact the people named below. This can be new families or families who would like a second hamper. We are really keen to distribute them.

We know that the food banks are doing a great job and the government is giving out supermarket vouchers, but our hampers are more about letting people know they are part of our family. The funds have come from staff (and their families). One parent has also been incredibly helpful, sourcing the hampers from his supermarket. We really appreciate this help.

If you would like a hamper, or know someone who might, please email Mrs Angela Thompson, our family support worker (athompson1@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk) or Mrs Julia Sherlock (head@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk).

We will arrange for a food hamper to be delivered to you or you will be able to make an appointment with Mrs Thompson or Mrs Sherlock to come to the school and collect it. We understand that accepting support might be difficult, but we want to reassure you that we will manage this sensitively and confidentially.

Additional Home Learning Ideas

In addition to the Year group pages there are several sections of the Home learning page on our website which provide additional activities which we hope you will enjoy exploring. These include:

- Weather and Climate - from the Met Office
- Maths and football fun - from Albion in the Community
- Practical First Aid - from The Red Cross
- Food based activities - from the bakers Warburton

In addition there are links to the Wordfest poetry competition covered in this newsletter and the Specsavers 'Virtual' Sussex School Games 2020 which is also featured later in the newsletter.

On the home page you will also find a link to the staff's latest video message for all of our children and links to other on-line learning platforms such as Oak Academy and BBC Bitesize.

FSM Eligibility

With the announcement that Supermarket Vouchers will be sent out for the Summer Holidays it is really important that any family who feels they could benefit from this scheme make an application as soon as possible.

If your family circumstances have changed and you feel you may now be entitled to Free School Meals please contact the school office or go on-line and apply:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>

Please note this is not the same as the universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) for children in Early Years and KS1.

Applications are being processed really quickly at the moment. In addition to the meal entitlement, a successful application also means additional funding is given to the school.

New Fencing for KS1

Thanks to your generosity (through the PTA) and the expertise of Ms McAulay's partner we have this fantastic new fencing .



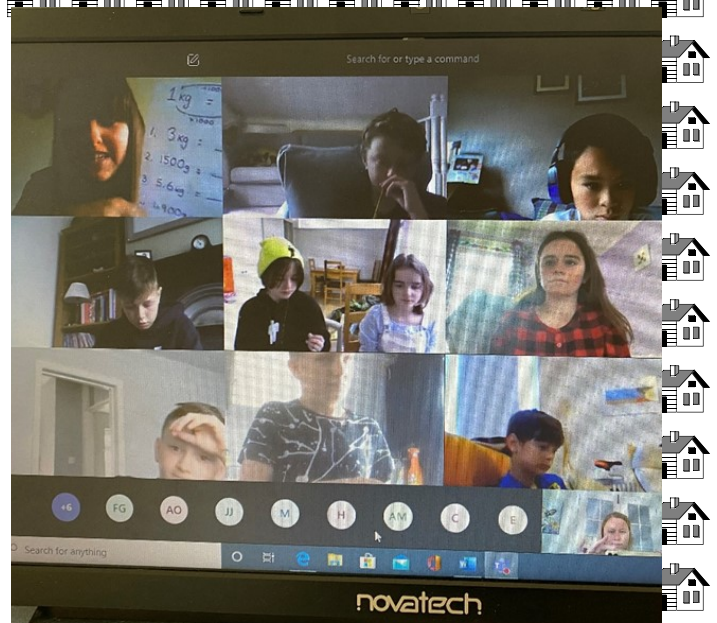
It can be used to create outside zones for KS1. it looks absolutely brilliant and will allow our Year 1

children, in particular, more access to the outdoors.



Interactive On-line Lessons!

Home-learning in Years 5 and 6 took on a whole new look with children taking part in live maths lessons with their teachers. Everyone seemed to enjoy them, so more have been scheduled!






Treats for the Staff!


We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all of our families for being so supportive in these challenging times. We have had some fantastic messages and delicious treats arrive in school; including an enormous pile of chocolates from one family! The children had written to Tesco's to say how hard the staff were working and the company donated boxes of chocolates for everyone who was working during their holidays.



EYFS Page

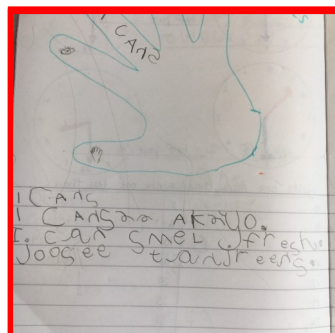
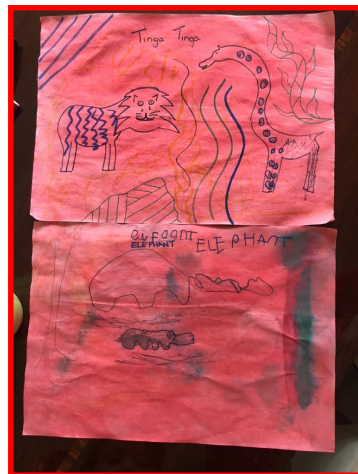
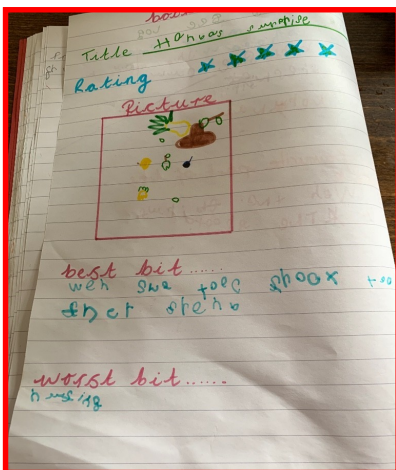
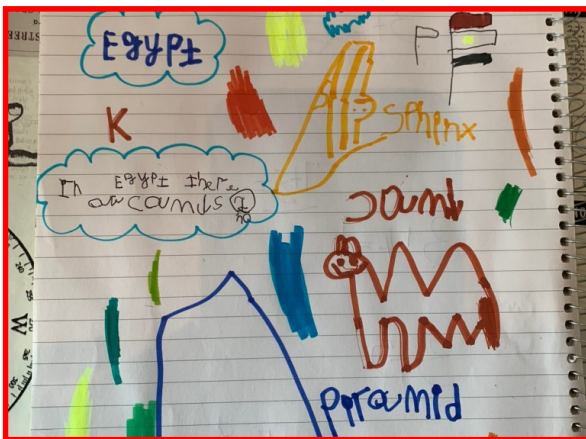
 Hello Team EYFS!

 Well we have been busy diving into our new topic ‘Our World’ and enjoyed exploring the different continents so far! It has been lovely  to see so many children inspired to find out about the world we live in. We are now seeing some wonderful work and incredible learning happening both at home and at school. We have particularly enjoyed seeing your lovely smiling faces whilst you take part in the different activities! We have seen some of you taking part in traditional food tasting, dancing, riding a bike, phonics practise, arts and crafts and your very own Little Big Maths lessons and so much more! This week we looked at North America and focussed on NASA and Space. It looks like we have some real astronauts in the making! Please do continue to upload your home learning so that we  keep the home/school connection strong. Lovely children—you are all such superstars and we are very proud of you all!

 Our two stars of the week are: Steven (REB) for his incredible effort and enthusiasm to learn. He shares some excellent home learning every single day. We particularly enjoy seeing your super Science experiments and your fabulous phonics! Jonie (RMP) for the way he has embraced home learning and continued to share his home learning every week. We particularly enjoy seeing your wonderful arts and crafts for each topic - particularly your Space projects!

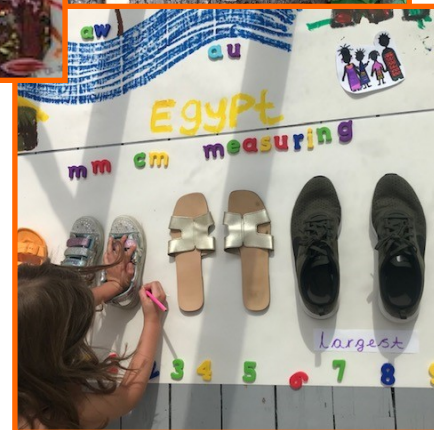
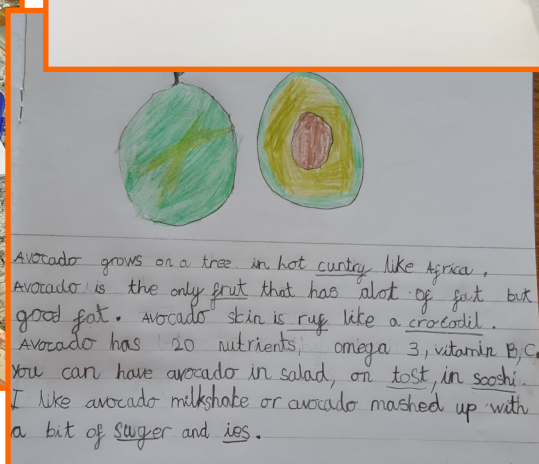
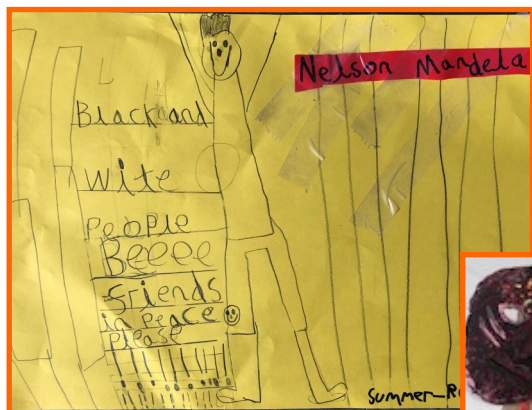
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Africa and North and South America

Year 1 Page



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Year 2 Page

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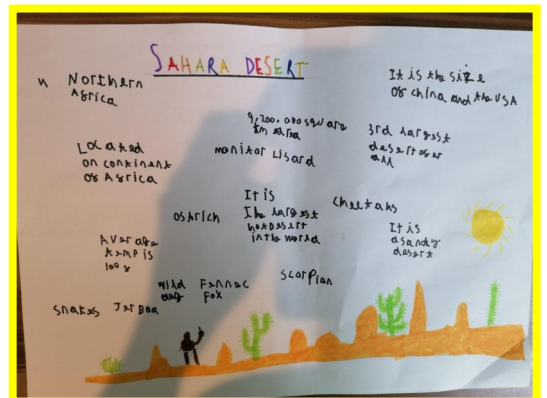
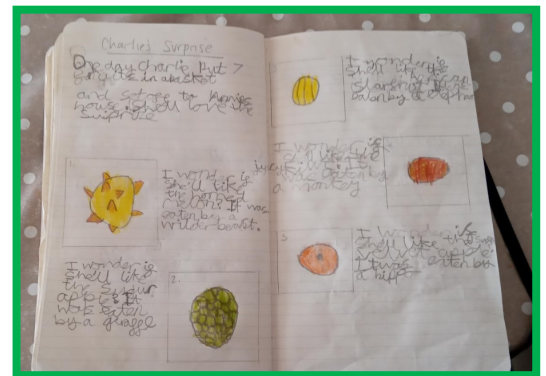
We have been blown away with your fantastic home learning from the topics Africa and North and South America. Thank-you for your continued effort - we are all amazed with your hard work. We always look forward to reading your e-mails and it brightens our day to see what you have been up to!

Our two stars of the week are:

Masun H from 2SJ for a consistently high standard of home learning and an incredible PowerPoint presentation about Mauritius. You are amazing Masun!

Ethan R from 2KB for showing curiosity for each topic every week! We love looking at your photos of your home learning. Keep up the brilliant work Ethan!

Please keep sending your work in via our year group email: Year2@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk or drop it into school when you are exercising.



Africa and North and South America

Year 3 Page

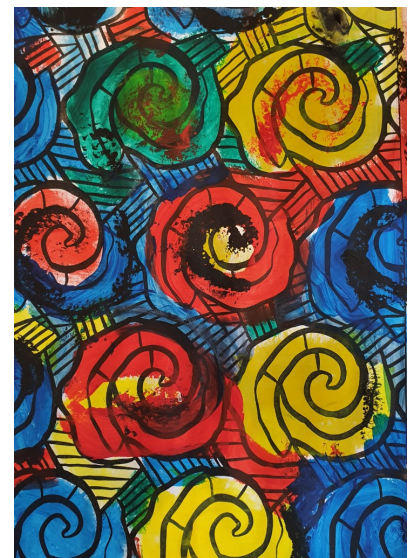
Hello Year 3! We hope you have all been able to enjoy the lovely sunshine over the last couple of weeks. You are continuing to amaze us with your effort and creativity in your home learning. It is great to see how hard you are all working towards your pen license.

Our two stars of the week are:

Caitlin H (3LS)- for working so hard during the whole of lockdown!

Gracie (3JB) - for a wonderful selection of work across maths and the topics of the week

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By Oscar Rawlings 3JB

Nelson Mandela

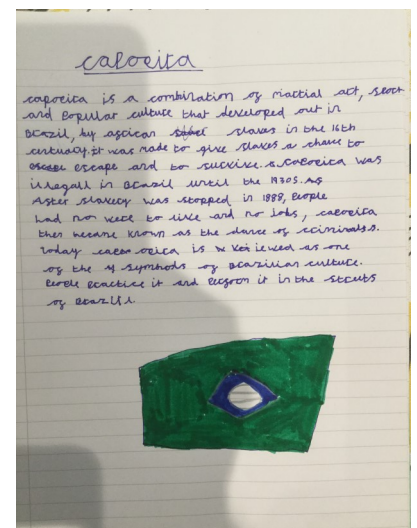
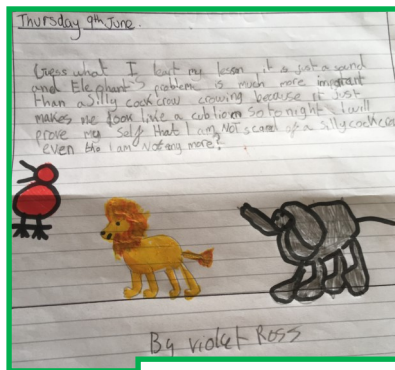
1918 - 2013
South Africa

In South Africa black people could not vote. They could not be friends with white people. They could not move to different areas.

This made Nelson Mandela angry. He joined the African National Congress (ANC).

His government said he was a terrorist and put him in jail for a life sentence. He was there for 27 years.

He wanted all South Africans to have the same rights no matter what colour they were. In 1994 he became the first democratically elected president of South Africa.



Africa and North and South America



Year 4 Page

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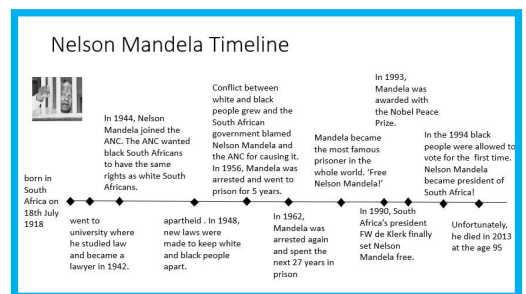
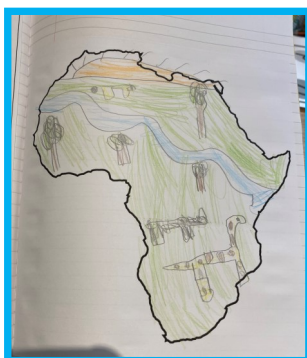
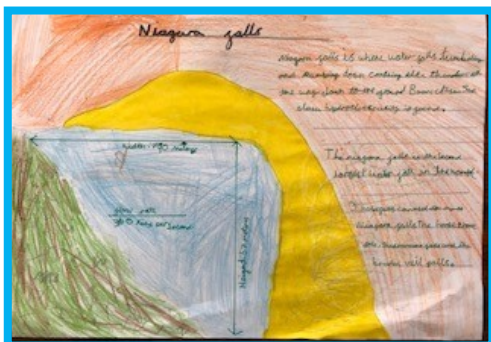
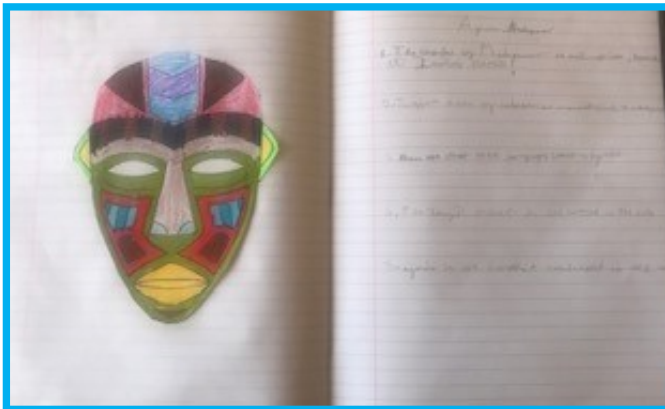
Thank-you for your continued effort with your home learning. We are all amazed with your fantastic work from the topics Africa and North and South America. We always look forward to reading your e-mails and it makes our day to see what you have been up to!

Our two stars of the week are:

Finley 4KL - For your fantastic fable and for working so hard whilst you are at home.

Hattie 4FM - Always putting in so much effort with your home learning.

Please keep sending your work in via our year group email: Year4@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk or drop it into school when you are exercising.



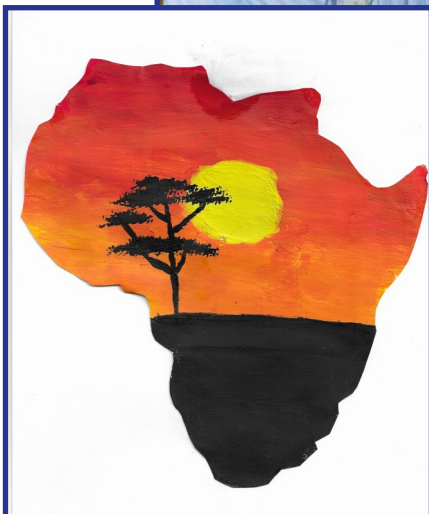
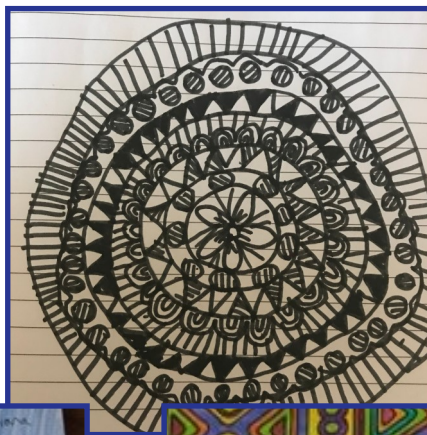
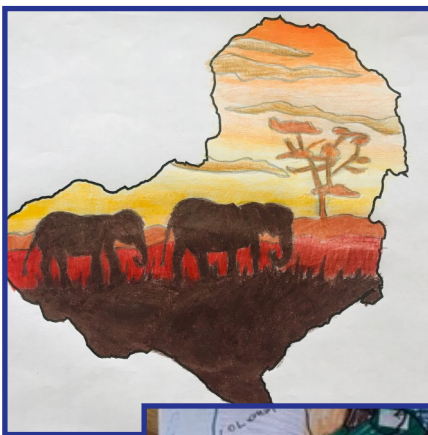
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Hello Year 5!

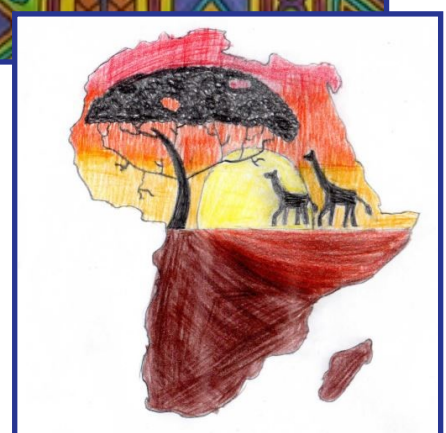
Thank you for your continued effort with home learning - we are amazed with the dedication and perseverance you are showing and it always brightens our day to see what you have been up to!

Our two stars of the week are: **Milla** for her truly outstanding effort each week - the quality of work she is producing is beyond incredible! And **Kristina** for the dedication to home learning she clearly shows in every piece of work she sends in - just wow!

Please keep sending your work in via our year group email: year5@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk or drop it into school when you are exercising.



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FAMOUS LANDMARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pyramids Of Giza Luxor Temple Great Sphinx Valley of the Kings The Egyptian Museum Karnak Phileas 	TRADITIONALLY EAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garlic Onion Rice Pasta Fava Beans Lentils
CURRENCY EGYPTIAN POUND	WEATHER The hot Season is from May to October and a Cool Season from October to May. Average temperature range a max of 32° to a min of 15°.
LANGUAGE EGYPTIAN	POPULATION In 2018 the population was 100 million.



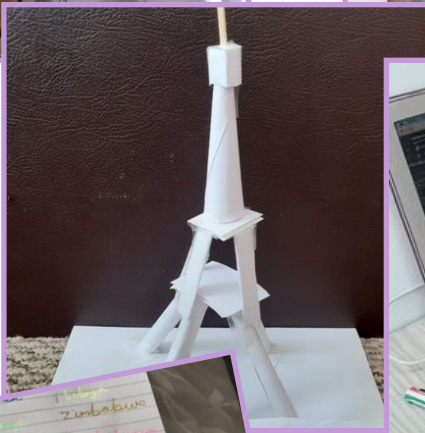
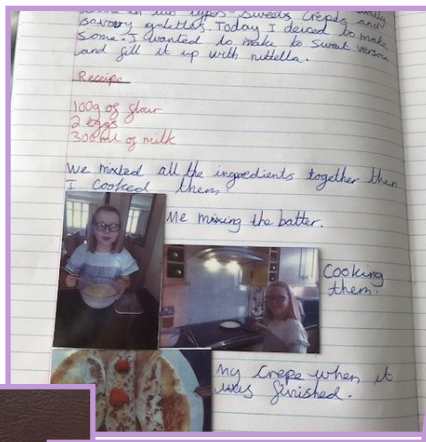
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Hello Year 6

Wow, two weeks of the last half term are already done and dusted! We hope you have enjoyed learning all about Africa and America, the work we have seen is superb. We are absolutely over the moon that so many of you will be coming back into school next week and cannot wait to see you all. Our shining stars this fortnight have been **Harry F** for all his creative ideas and **Nancy D** for working so hard during the whole of lockdown!

Please keep sending your work in via our year group email: Year6@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk or drop it into school when you are exercising.



School Page

Hello everyone who has been in school.

It has been lovely to welcome even more children back into the different bubbles. Below you will find some examples of their work from all of the different year groups.

Teachers have awarded a Star of the Week to a pupil in each 'Bubble' as follows:

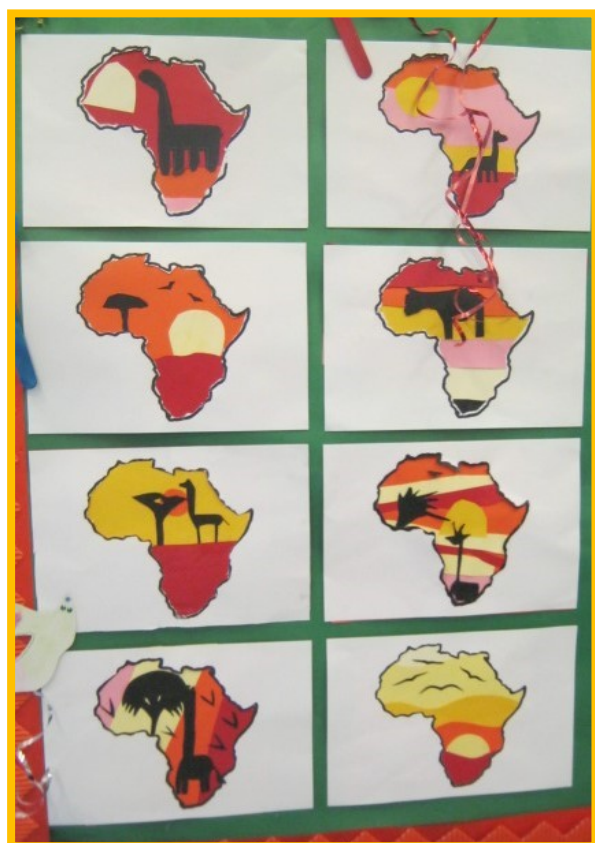
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Dream catchers



Pan pipes



Africa and North and South America

Term Dates 2020/21



Autumn Term

Thursday 3rd September until Friday 18th December 2020

School will be closed Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September for INSET

Monday 7th September first day for pupils

Half Term Monday 26th October until Friday 30th October

School will be closed on Friday 27th November for INSET

Last Day of Term Friday 18th December

Please note that

Reception Pupils have an individualised induction programme which will be available separately.

Spring Term

Monday 4th January until Thursday 1st April 2021

School will be closed on Monday 4th January for INSET

Half Term Monday 15th February until Friday 19th February

Last Day of Term Thursday 1st April

Summer Term

Monday 19th April until Friday 23rd July 2021

School will be closed on Monday 19th April for INSET

School will be closed on Friday 23rd July for INSET

Half Term Monday 31st May until Friday 4th June

Last Day of Term for pupils Thursday 22nd July

Please note that INSET dates are subject to change.

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