

I have to say how very proud I am of all the staff, children and parents during this period of lockdown. Everyone has been amazing! I've seen some great work posted on Seesaw, both in school and at home, and I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone. You've all done a brilliant job! We are now looking forward to welcoming all the children back in to school very soon.

I will be sending out a letter today about the reopening to all children on 8<sup>th</sup> March-so please look out for this! The arrangements will remain the same as they were before Christmas with just a couple of changes to drop off times for Year 1 and Reception. Next Thursday is World Book Day when we all, whether at home or school, will spend the day enjoying books and reading lots! I am very much looking forward to this and hopefully sharing some stories or poems with the children.



## February Newsletter 2021 Early Years and Key stage 1 News

### EYFS

This February we have been continuing our theme of traditional tales for learners both at home and school. Children and parents have put so much effort into home learning and all support from families is greatly appreciated. We have explored the traditional tale of the Chinese zodiac and have celebrated the New Year of the Ox. The children have enjoyed making lamps and learning about China and Pandas. Some children even managed to master using chopsticks! Since returning to school we have started a new theme of Superheroes. Supertato and, his nemesis, the evil pea has caused havoc in the classroom and the children have enjoyed writing about their adventures!

### Year 1

February in Year 1 has been fabulous! Our topic on the 'Great Fire of London' culminated in a 1666 celebratory day! On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February, staff, children in school and children at home dressed up as if from the time of 1666 and took part in the 'Great 1666 Bake Off!' The children in school and those learning remotely joined together in a virtual bake-off competition, making bread from the time of 1666, just as Thomas Farriner would have made in his bakery on Pudding Lane. Staff and children had a fantastic time, with many positive comments and one child saying it was the best day ever as it was the first time, they had baked bread!

We have now begun our exciting new topic all about Chorley and we may even be planning a second virtual competition...watch this space!



### Year 2

In Year 2, the children have continued to give their all to Remote Learning, producing some fantastic work on Seesaw. We have continued to learn about The Great Fire of London, and we thoroughly enjoyed our 1666 day, during which, we dressed up as 1666 children and baked bread, just like they did the bakery on Pudding Lane. In English, we wrote our own version of the Chinese New Year story, using some fantastic descriptive vocabulary to describe the animals in the story. In Maths, we have been learning shape. In shape we have been identifying 2D and 3D shapes in our homes and learning their properties. In Science, we have been learning about what humans need to survive and learning about our diet and the foods we should eat a lot of and the foods we should eat a little of. We have also learned a fantastic song in music about The Great Fire of London with Ms Jones, using a variety of different rhythms throughout.

## Year 3

As we finished the first half of the Spring Term, we celebrated our WW2 topic with a whole school assembly, celebrating the great work that the children had completed during their remote learning and in school. This half term we are looking at global warming and the effects that it has on our planet. We have started our music with Ms Jones looking at the song: 'The Three Rs'. Despite this being held on Teams, it was amazing to see all the children participating in the singing. As we will be focusing on global warming, we have invited a speaker from Greenpeace to talk to the children about plastic pollution and what we can do to help. Hopefully, we will design posters for community to help with this.



## February Newsletter 2021 Key Stage 2 News



## Year 4

In Year 4, the children have continued to embrace the challenges of remote learning and have completed some amazing work. The children have really been enjoying seeing each other on our TEAMS meetings and I am really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school.

This half term, the children have started a new geography topic and have been looking at global warming and sustainability. They have also been learning a song with our singing teacher Ms Jones which they are really enjoying.

In PE, the children have had lots of fun and have been learning a dance called 'The Sid Shuffle' and we will continue to learn and practise this when we return to school.



## Year 5

All the children in Year 5 have made a fantastic start to their learning this new term and I am proud of each of them and the effort that they continue to put into their work.

This week, we have started our new topic of 'Global Development and Climate Zones' which has been a huge success with the children. We will be completing an art project in connection with this and our new class novel 'The Ironman' using recycled products. We will be looking at how we can improve our world for the better and what we can do now to improve our future.

As you will all be aware, we are due back into school on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. All the staff in year 5, are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back into the classroom. Well done for all your hard work year 5 and we cannot wait to see you all soon.

## YEAR 6

We continued our fantastic efforts during remote learning through February. These culminated in a World War 2, VE Day style celebration on the last day of term. We had some amazing cakes being baked, biscuits being decorated, bunting created, and hats and flags designed. It was amazing to see some many families taking part in this celebration. To end the day, we all came together and celebrated the end of our topic by singing Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again'. Now that we have returned for our last two weeks of remote learning, we have started our new class novel, which is 'Skellig'. We are very interested to see what the creature Michael has found actually is. Our new topic of 'Global Warming and Sustainability' is going to allow us to focus on the things that are affecting the world today and look at ways that we can help.