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Dear Parent and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are in May already!

I would like to start this newsletter by saying a big thank you to our key worker parents. We are so grateful for all the work you are doing in keeping our community together during these uncertain times. Being in such safe hands gives us strength and hope.

As we face some of the most challenging times since the end of the Second World War, now more than ever we need to unite as a community and nation. Last week we sent all families a poster, via schoolzine, suggesting ways that we can all safely celebrate the historic event, VE Day 75, during the bank holiday weekend of 8th – 10th May. It is right and proper that people should be kept safe and healthy whilst at the same time marking this occasion.

There are many parallels between the struggles of the Second World War and what we are going through today. The memories of my grandparents' war time experiences have been brought to the fore front of my mind of late. We must look to our Second World War generation to learn from their experiences, as we continue our work to protect them from the threat we currently face.

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8th May, we are inviting the All Saints community to join us in our VE Day celebrations.

There are several ways you may choose to take part from the safety of your own homes:

- Wear red, white and blue clothing
- Join in with 'The Nation's Toast to the heroes of World War 2'. Raise a glass to those who served in WW2 and abroad
- Make red, white and blue bunting or Union Jack flags
- Join in with the Royal British Legion's VE Day singalong of Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll meet again'. Song lyrics can be found at <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/stories/ve-day-singalong>
- 'Jive like it's 1945': research jive or lindy hop dancing and see if you can recreate any of the key dance moves!

I hope we can all use this unique opportunity to pay tribute to the many millions at home and abroad that gave so much to ensure we all continue to enjoy and share all that we have today.

Please do send your photos and/ or videos of your VE Day activities to school! These can be sent to Miss Cameron who will compile and share them on the school website:

Natasha.cameron@allsaints.bwmat.org

Many of you will have now received a call from your child's class teacher. The teachers have really enjoyed hearing from you all. If you have not had a call yet, do not worry, teachers will continue to ring home over the next few weeks.



Please be assured that all staff remain contactable via email during the working hours of the day but may take longer to reply if they are teaching at the time of receiving an email.

I shall leave you with the uplifting words from the one and only Captain Tom Moore, who celebrated his 100th birthday this week. On completing his 100th lap of his Bedfordshire garden, Captain Tom addressed the British public and said,

“To all those people who are finding it difficult at the moment, the sun will shine on you again, and the clouds will go away.”

As always, with prayers and the warmest of best wishes to you and your families

Mrs Bowditch

Headteacher

Please find below pictures of shared home learning activities from Years 1, 2, 5 and 6. **Next week we will share the VE Day pictures sent in by our All Saints families**

In **Class 1** we launched our first Summer Term topic; 'Animal All Sorts!' We began by learning the story 'Monkey See, Monkey Do' off by heart in English. Children made videos of themselves telling the story using props such as toys and paper cut-outs or their story maps. The children have done a brilliant job of including the original story language and some fantastic vocal expression! We continued the theme of the story into D&T through STEAM, where children made their own hats using materials around their home. They then wrote instructions sharing how to create their amazing hats!



Miss White

The children in **Class 2** are working hard and still seem to be having fun. This week, their work has been based on a story called Beegu who is an alien who ends up on Earth and tries to find some friends before finally being found by her parents. After reading the story, the children had to sequence the story and then try to write short sentences to describe what was happening.

Alfie worked really hard and used lots of different styles of sentences, this is the start of his work.

Can I sequence a story and write a short sentence for each part?



Beegu is an alien and she has crash landed with a bump on Earth and she is now awake. She is scared.



Scared Beegu is lost and she's asking the rabbits where she is? The rabbits are curious of her.



Curious Beegu thinks she hears her mum calling to her so she goes to investigate. She is happy for a moment but ... it's not her mum so she feels sad and lonely.



Beegu finds some puppy friends and they have a nice cuddle, they also treat her nicely. Now she does not feel sad and lonely. The puppies were dumped so they were miserable then Beegu came along. They are now happy.

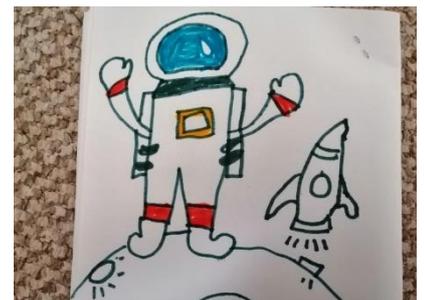


But... an angry man lifts out Beegu and puts him away from the puppies! Beegu is surprised about this behaviour and feels gloomy. Now the puppies are sad again.

The children learnt how to make catapults to try to propel Beegu up to her spaceship by following instructions. Mrs Smith had several videos sent to her. In the videos the children described what they had found out about the way the projectile would travel and how hard they had to press the catapult to make it travel the furthest distance.

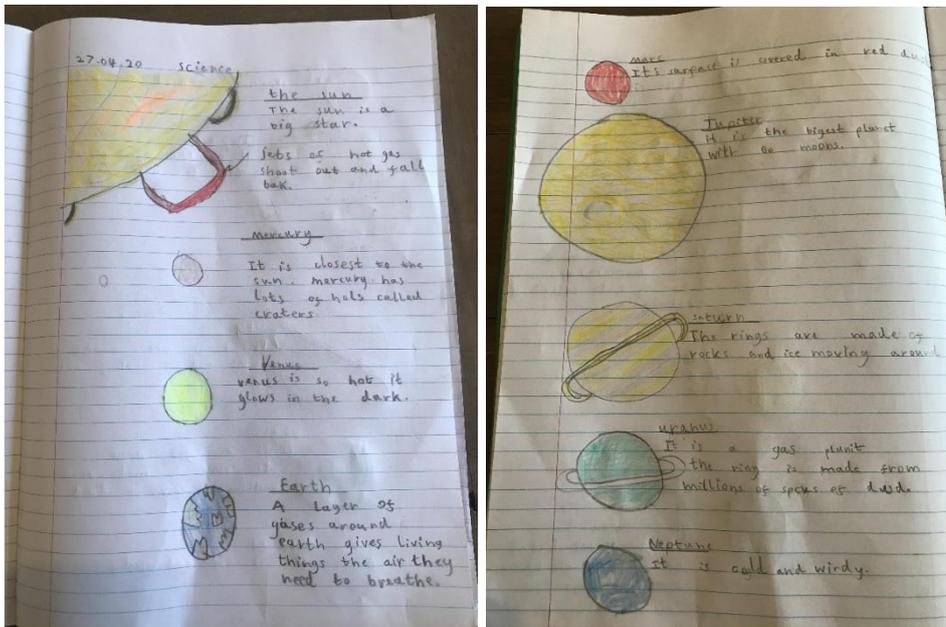
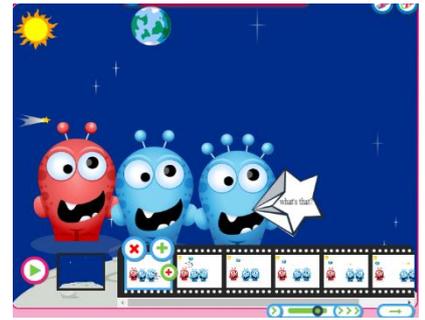


In class 2 we like to learn how to draw and this has carried on in our home learning. One of the art tasks was to learn how to draw rockets and astronauts following online instructions. Alicia was very successful and produced an amazing picture.



Using our ICT skills and j2e animate, the children have made simple films.

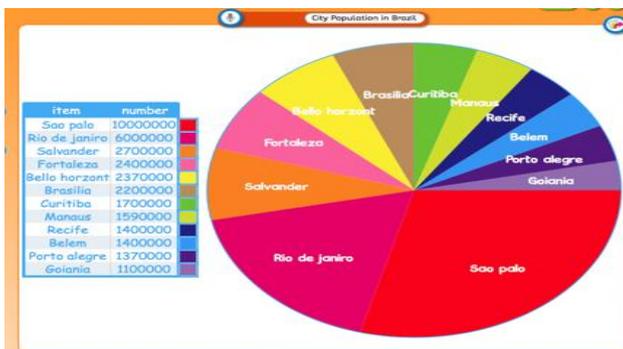
Rhys created a fantastic mini film – I think we might have a future film maker in the school! Whilst we can't play the film via the newsletter, here is an image of the first few frames. Rhys called it, "Aliens chasing shooting stars."



William loves space and has been very busy this week designing and making spaceships with his LEGO and then for his topic work he produced a fantastic fact file all about the solar system.

Mrs Smith

Class 5 have been very busy again with their home learning this week, and I continue to be proud of the way that they have responded to the changes in their work pattern over the last few weeks. Many examples and notable mentions of work continue to be posted on our Class 5 blog, please keep sending them in and I will try to post as much as I can of this lovely work.



This week the children have been completing their set project of Brazil. They have completed a range of cross curricular tasks. These have included some artwork, maths, a presentation on the national sport and many more. Below are some examples of this great work.

BRAZILIAN FOOTBALL TEAMS

- Brazilian Football Clubs have been going since 1894 and some are one of the most famous clubs in South America, even the world.
- Brazilian Football Clubs include:
Santos and Vasco Da Gama are just 2 of the 20 Brazilian top league teams. But Palmeiras have won the league the most with 10 championships. The current league holders are Flamengo.



Other subjects have been consolidated and developed and it is great to see work being submitted for French, Computing and Science. With regard to the latter, it has been great to see Oliver's photos which mark the transformation of his caterpillars into butterflies.



Mr Hutchings

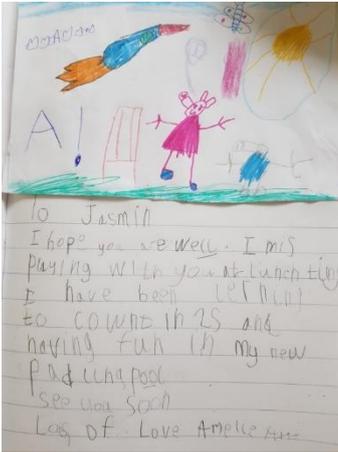
Class 6 have produced another fantastic week's worth of home learning. As you can see from the photos, our new topic is Angry Earth. This has inspired many of us to design and create erupting volcanoes out of an amazing array of materials! I am sure you will agree they are great!



It has been lovely talking to lots families this week and hearing about the new life skills you are all learning. We have had children learning to sew, an abundance of Master Chefs who are baking but also preparing family dinners, woodwork and manage money and interest rates.

Megan has been busy releasing butterflies in her garden.





Jasmine received a letter from her buddy.

Finally, as we look ahead to a week of reflection and hope, a very powerful poem written by Ewan in Year 6

