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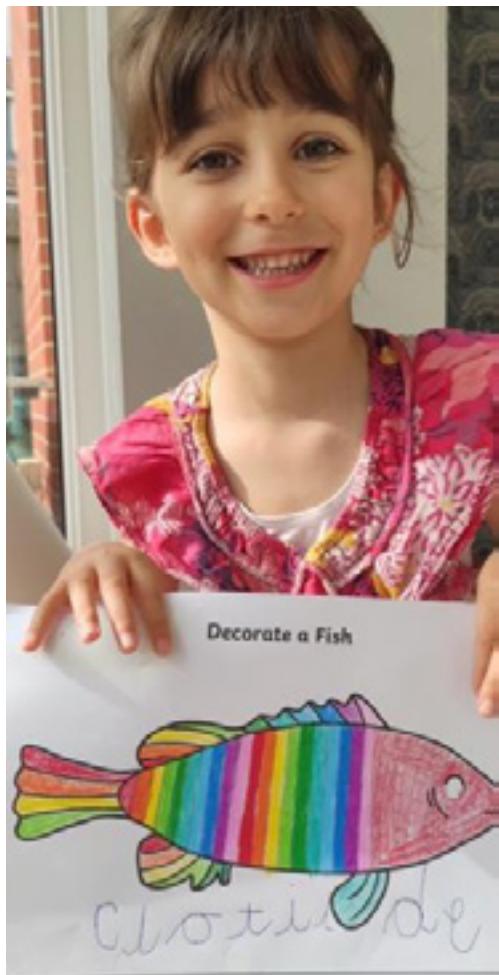
# Prep & Pre-Prep Courier



1st May 2020

#REMOTELEARNING

## Reception Making us Smile



Reception have had another brilliant week of home learning. They continue to amaze us, and we are both so impressed and proud of how hard the children continue to work.

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#STAYINGSAFEATHOME



## The Head has his say....

I hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well. It seems that many are feeling that we have entered into a new phase of lockdown where our adjusted lives are beginning to feel in some strange way 'normal'. This can be positive if we have established routines which are working well for us, or it can feel less positive if the novelty factor is beginning to wear off leaving us feeling a little flat.

The key for us in school is not to allow the extension of lockdown to cause us to take our eye off the ball in terms of the education, care, health and well-being of our pupils. We have this week received completed questionnaires from parents, pupils and staff, and we are working hard to extract the main learning from the responses so that we can make further improvements to the remote learning experience. Thank you to all parents for taking the time and trouble to complete the parental questionnaire and for giving us such useful and constructive feedback.

I have been delighted this week to see so much work of high quality from pupils of all year groups. Today, I will focus on Year 3 and Year 7. Mr Rowse, Mrs Hill and I have been truly impressed with the persuasive and descriptive writing techniques used by the Year 3 pupils as they used their work on 'The Railway Children' to compose a letter persuading a friend to come for a stay in the countryside. Meanwhile, Mrs Burton and her team have been proud to show me excellent poems written by our Year 7 pupils, with many examples of imaginative alliteration, and very effective descriptions of the Ancient Mariner. Very well done to all of the pupils in the Prep School for the high standard of work which they are continuing to produce!

It is often said that 'necessity is the mother of invention' and one of the inspiring outcomes of the current situation is that we are all finding imaginative new ways

of doing things. 92% of individual music lessons are continuing in the Prep School, clubs and activities are up and running with an impressive choice sent this week to all pupils, and we are busy setting up our first 'Live Virtual Open Morning', during which members of staff will be live on screen delivering informative and interesting webinars for prospective parents. Details are on our website should you have any friends wishing to attend; I can promise them an innovative and original visit!

Finally, I make no apologies for ending my courier piece in the same way that I did last week with a heartfelt 'Thank You' to all parents and relatives who are doing so much to continue to support their children in their learning. A strong school community is measured by the teamwork between staff, pupils and parents, and I know for certain that we are going to be coming out of this situation stronger than ever before.

I trust that you can all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

**Mr Edwards,  
Headmaster**



## News from Nursery and Pre-Prep

Dear Parents,

These are undoubtedly challenging times and all our resilience is being tested. So we really hope that the communication from TPPS remains at all times encouraging, positive, comforting and where possible fun. Together we provide a force of strength and a power to support each other.

I do hope that despite the current situation, you are all feeling connected and very much a part of our Pre-Prep and Nursery community. I very much hope that through our remote learning provision, we are providing your child with a sense of normality, structure and security. Your child's well-being is of utmost importance to us, particularly during this unsettling time.

Throughout the week, I have been amazed by all the fabulous work I have seen on the children's portfolios and I know

the teachers are delighted with the way that all the children are engaging in their learning. Having seen a number of very entertaining videos, I feel we might have many film stars in the making!

Next Friday, we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. On Monday we will be posting to Class Dojo activities which can be completed at home to celebrate the Anniversary of this extremely special and important event. We would love to see photos of any celebrations you might be having at home.

Have a lovely weekend,

With best wishes,

**Mrs Louise Leah,  
Head of Nursery and Pre-Prep**



# Weekly Awards



## Learners of the Week

**Adrien Moreau** – for working really hard in his EAL lessons and for writing a lovely descriptive poem about spring.

**Juliette Machado** – for working hard in EAL lessons and for writing a lovely poem with illustrations.

**Mael Dalbavie** – for great improvement of handwriting and presentation of work, excellent work in lessons.

**Katrina McAllister** – for great commitment, motivation and ambition in her written work on the Ancient Mariner.

**Ellie Discombe** – for making so much progress in ICT and producing a well researched and informative project.

**Maddie Willetts** – for her excellent attitude, hard work and helping others in Science.

**Tegan Lake** – for her great attitude to learning, working hard and presenting her work to a very high standard.

**Lola Tarr** – for some excellent and conscientious work in both PRE and History since the start of term.

**Janice Huang** – for a superbly detailed, thoughtful and mature answer to work in PRE.

**Dulcie Catton** - for persevering with remote learning and showing great positivity.

**Alfie Davis** - for aiming high in his remote learning lessons and continuing to try his best.

**Jaedyn Zuofa** – for excellent commitment and effort in his virtual learning producing some excellent written work.

**Kylie Hepple** – for showing great independence in Maths.

**Ellie Lawrence** – for producing a fantastic ‘Rainforest in a Shoebox’ coupled with audio recording, giving explanation.

**Theo Howard, Theo Palmer, Charlie Vile, Theo Winsor and Arthur Wilkinson** – for carrying out some Science experiments at home and sending in photographs.

## Musician of the Week

**Harry Way** – for playing his French Horn proudly for the NHS works and practising regularly at home.

**Joshua Green** – for practising two instruments regularly and sending two videos of his performance pieces.

**Matilda White** – for continuing to practise regularly and playing for NHS workers on a Thursday evening.

## Citizen of the Week

**Edward Hudson** – for showing great persistence, attitude, teamwork, maturity and helpfulness in live lessons and form time.

## Sportsman of the Week

**Julian Doherty** – for his persistence, practicing everyday and improving his football kick ups from 33-77.

## Sportswoman of the Week

**Safa Boraei** – for continuous effort and resilience with all challenges and sessions set within sport.

## Congratulations to the following

Congratulations to **Quinn Stott** in 3H who has been shortlisted in the BBC 500 Words short story competition.

Very well done to our ballet dancers who took exams last term, which resulted in 9 Merits, 7 Distinctions and 2 class awards. Your certificates are being sent to you.

**PRIMARY - Finty Gallimore, Aquilla Notaro, Alba Davidson, Amelia Smith**- all passed with Distinction!

**GRADE 1 - Sophie Evans, Ivy Wreford, Isabel McCarthy, Catherine Hilton Brown, Imogen Darvell** (all with Merit).

**Isabella Vile, Tongfei Deng, Dulcie Catton** (all with Distinction).

**Diya Painuly and Sophia Odedra** passed the Grade 1 assessment with the highest mark in each category.

**GRADE 3 - Matilda White, Freya Simpson, Ava Leach, Leila Imm** (all passed with Merit).

Well done to members of our **TPS Cantabile Choir** who have started rehearsing with the Community Choir.

## House Points

### Silver

Thomas Ford – 6T	Louis Ayrinhac – 4F	Isaac Tyler – 3H	Connie Burton – 3H
Maddie Hudgell – 6T	Julian Doherty – 3R	George Craik – 4F	Stig Lundehn – 5H
Ivy Wreford – 4P	Jasper Gregory – 5H	Lewis Kemble – 3H	Chloe Henderson – 5S



# End of Spring Term Assembly Awards



Boys Hockey Colours	Girls Netball Colours	Cross Country Colours
Oscar Baker	Brooke Oliver-Whittaker	Jack Pool
Brogan Flitton	Sienna Mitchell	Jack White
Hugo Marsden	Lucy Gliddon	Adam Griffiths
Kian Roberts	Jasmine Porter	
Frey Lant	Poppy Crouch	
Jack Pool	Matilda Ruthven	
Jack Burnett	Sofia Johnson	
William Harvey	Madison Willetts	
Henry Kingswell		
Ben Mason		
<b>Senior Hockey Progress Prize</b>	<b>Senior Netball Progress Prize</b>	<b>Music Colours</b>
Eloic Bell	Isabel Phillips	Oscar Baker
	<b>Dance Colours</b>	Thomas Ford
	Kylie Hepple	Alan Wang
		Edward Hudson
		<b>Overall Progress Prize</b>
		Louis Maloney

## Rolls of Honour Certificates

Year 3	Year 5	Year 7
Adrien Moreau	Emily Rank	Emelia Cooke
Alba Davidson	Sophia Heywood	Eva Di Capua
Joshua Green	Jasper Gregory	Ellie Discombe
Rollo Martin	Finley Pyke	Gracie Howells
Archie Linnell	Joshua Smith	Parsa Khawaja
Alex Coombes	Dulcie Catton	Olivia Reading
Aquilla Notaro	Alfie Davis	Destiny Zhemu
James Sercombe	Gracie Brake	Katrina McAllister
Lewis Walters	Oliver Hallett	Harry Way
Quinn Stott	Ben Leahy	Faris Quartly
Connie Burton	Harvey Coleman	Harry Simpson
Harrison Webb	Callum Tremear	Keira Hughes
William Davidson		Samy Chaganti
		Grace Kemble
		Lily Clews
Year 4	Year 6	Year 8
Ellie Onesti	Freya Simpson	Leo Gulliver
Tongfei Deng	Thomas Dutton	Charlie Weatherill
Jack Macey	Xavier Flay	Namu Gurushankar
Noah Jacobi	Evie Linden	
Bobby Saunders	Zach Pitman	
	Daisy Challacombe	

**Year 8**

Maddie Willetts  
Adam Griffiths  
Matilda Ruthven  
Marina Woodley  
Chloe Mills-Bown  
Poppy Crouch  
Jack Burnett  
Emily Chorley

**Heads of Houses****Cooper**

Brogan Flitton  
Matilda Ruthven  
**Dowell**  
Louis Maloney  
Sofia Johnson

**Loveday**

William Harvey  
Octavia Woodley

**Roberts**

Alfie Howells  
Olivia Brown

**Attitudes to Learning Grades Certificate****Year 3**

Siddu Chaganti  
Jacob Linden  
Diya Painuly  
Eleanor Thorpe  
Lewis Walters

**Year 5**

Harvey Coleman  
Sophia Heywood  
Florence Legg  
Finley Pyke  
Safa Boraei  
Gracie Brake  
Emily Rank

**Year 7**

Samy Chaganti  
Eva Di Capua  
Nyasha Dzvanga  
Leo Gulliver  
Namu Gurushankar  
Ruby Cottrell  
Takara Dupont

**Year 4**

Lucas Baker  
George Craik  
Sophie Evans  
Tegan Lake  
Elena Onesti  
Bobby Saunders  
Emma Mason

**Year 6**

Annabelle Panayiotides  
Zachary Roberts  
Thomas Dutton  
Xavier Flay  
Alice Boyce

**Year 8**

Lucy Gliddon  
Sienna Mitchell  
Alan Wang  
Elizabeth Kemmish  
Matilda Ruthven  
Ben Mason  
Georgina Chung

**Summer Term Head Boy and Girl****Head Boy**

Leo Huggett

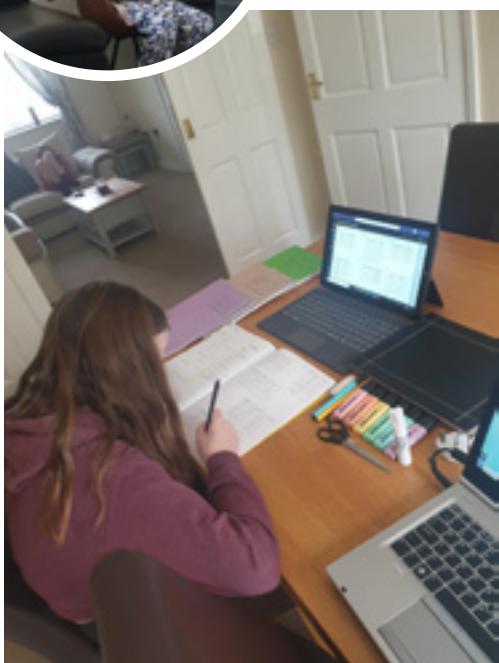
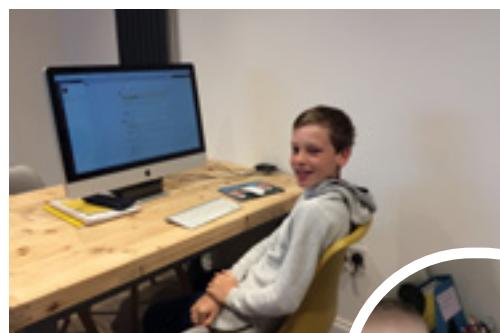
**Head Girl**

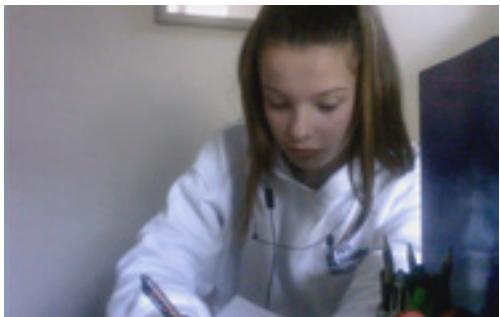
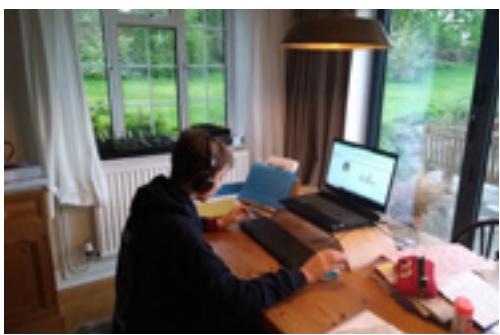
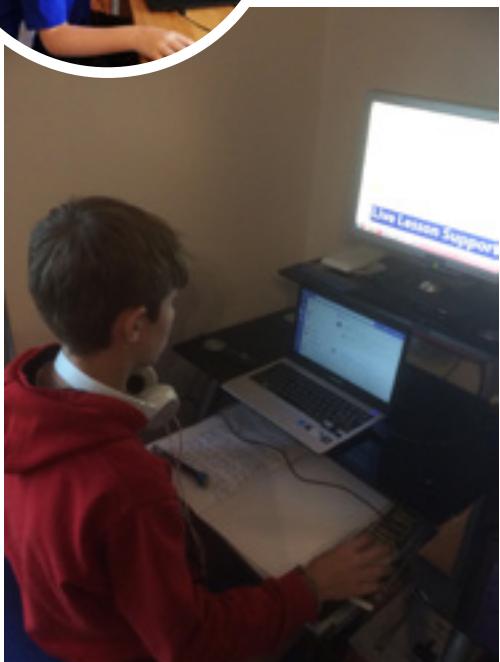
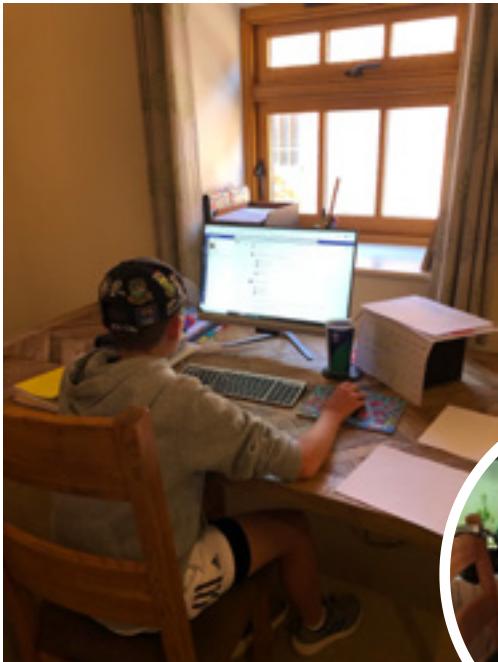
Lucy Gliddon



**WELL DONE TO ALL  
AWARD WINNERS!**







# Nursery 4 Get Creative

Nursery 4 have been so busy over the last few weeks making boats, aquariums, nursery rhyme crafts, obstacle courses, bubble making machines, weather reporting, practising blending using sound stones and counting socks on washing lines!

Nursery 4 Team





# Reception Rainbow Storytelling

We want to take this opportunity to say a big, big thank you to the parents too. We are incredibly grateful for all of the support you are giving your children with their learning.

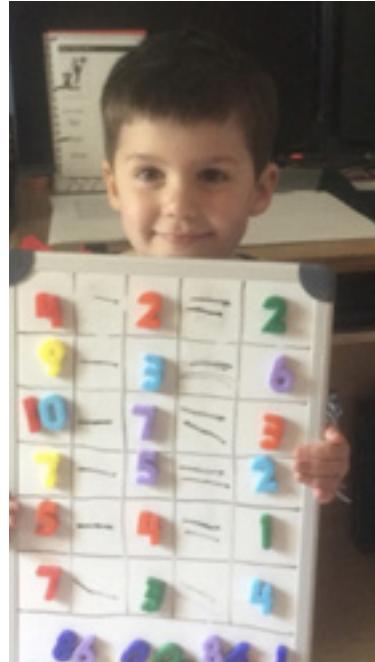
In Literacy, the children have started their new story 'The Rainbow Fish'. They have been using a story map and actions to support them with their storytelling. Some of the children have even drawn their own story map and others have created some beautiful Rainbow Fish for their art activity this week. You might like to display your wonderful art in your window to make others smile when they walk past your house, just like the rainbows that many homes have displayed.

In Maths, we have been continuing to explore addition and subtraction. The children have really impressed us with their verbal number sentences and we have enjoyed seeing lots of different objects being used to help us - biscuits, gems, teddies and even sweets. The children have also been working hard to record their addition and subtraction number sentences, trying very hard with their number formation.

It has been so lovely to see all of the Creative Curriculum activities the children have taken part in; Kandinsky pebble painting, a junk model Bee Hive, a bug and bird hotel, sea creature posters and some brilliant shoe box aquariums.

Thank you Reception for working so hard! We both love receiving your pictures and videos each day. They are making us smile lots.

**Mrs Wallace and Mrs Jenner, Reception Team**



# Busy Week for Year 1

Mrs Lawson and Mrs Hebditch are so pleased with all the super work in Year 1. Well done, children and thank you for all your support, carers at home.

In Maths this week Year 1 have been working hard to recall their number bonds and doubles to help them work out tricky sums with bigger numbers and to calculate additions adding three single digit numbers. They have all worked very hard at their Maths with great results.

In Literacy the children have been 'innovating' their Rags to Riches story, Jack and the Beanstalk. They have changed their story openings, changed some of the characters and even thought about different settings. Their beautiful illustrated stories are full of interesting characters and exciting adjectives and are a joy to read.

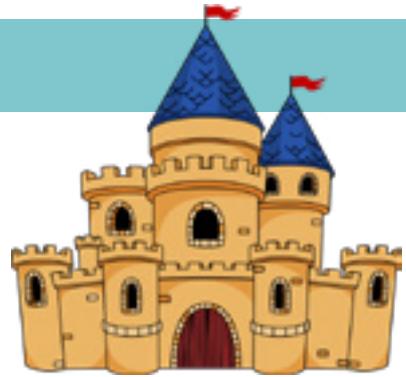
What brilliant authors you all are!

The children have continued to work on activities in their Castles and Beanstalks learning pack with enthusiasm, from creating 3D castles to drawing family trees and flower spotting guides on their walks.

We have seen some great hockey, running and football skills on video too, well done.

Another busy week!

**Mrs Lawson and Mrs Hebditch, Year 1 Team**



On the 2nd of November 1154 a fire broke out in Winchester Castle. It destroyed 115 houses including the King's. It started when a lighted candle got to a curtain... 226 people from 8 different countries bathed the flames. A heroic knight died saving 78 women and children. 118 Castles and Beanstalks - Activity 9



I finally made a front cover for my book!



We made a start at decorating our jar but have to let this side dry first before we can finish! 👍



Cornelia loved playing this. And enjoyed winning even more!!!

## Lockdown Model Making

Airfix club member Gabriel (Year 7) has used the period of lockdown to pursue his hobby. As you can see, he has been quite prolific.

**Simon Williams, Head of Science**



# Expert Home learners

Year 2 are proving to be expert home school learners and Mrs Brodie and Mrs Cooper have been delighted to see such a vast array of photographs, videos and pieces of written work arriving at a constant pace on Class Dojo portfolios.

In Literacy this week the focus has been poetry writing and we began by looking at The Magic Box by Kit Wright. The children then looked at paintings by Vincent van Gogh for inspiration and wrote their own Magic Box poems. When we return to school it will be lovely to share these wonderful poems with each other.

Next week in Maths the focus will be on measuring and in particular capacity and weight and in Science we will be continuing to record the growth of our sunflowers and observe what has been happening in our experiments.

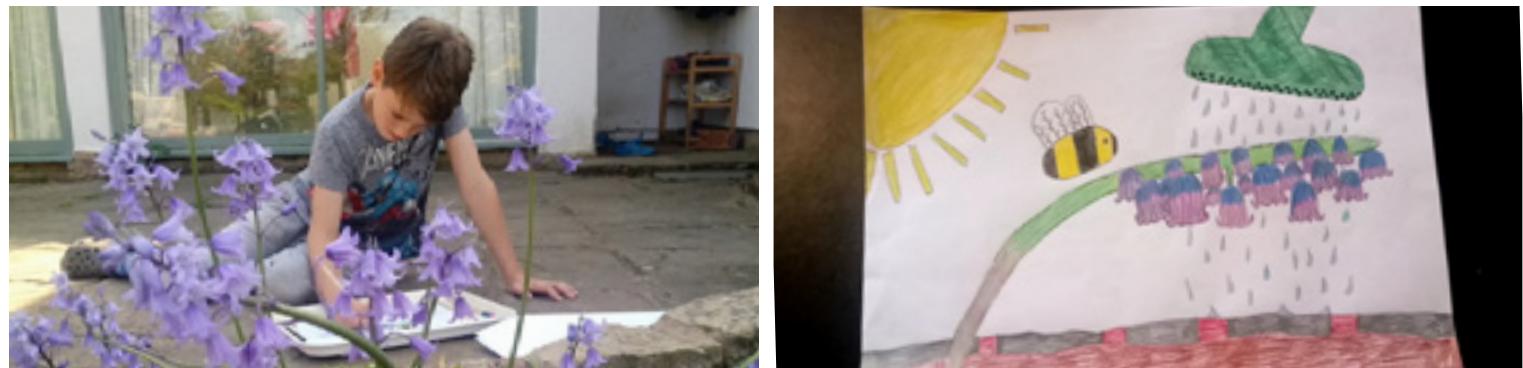
Finally, we are delighted to welcome Tian and his family to Year 2 and hope that it will not be too long before we can all meet in person.

**Year 2 Team**



## Spring Art

Year 3 student Lewis, completed his spring art activity in the garden this week.



# Budding Scientists

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed dissecting flowers in their virtual classrooms this week. Having learnt the theory behind the different parts of a plant and their functions they relished the opportunity for a hands on lesson with some outstanding results.



Well done everybody.

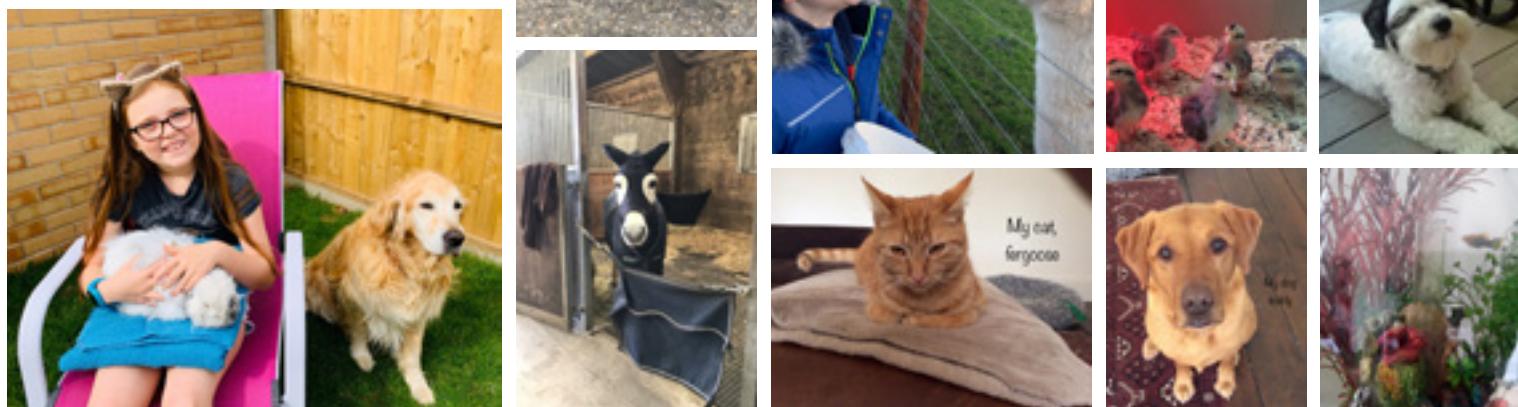
**Year 3 Team**



## 5S Tutor Group's Pets

One of this week's tutor time activities in 5S was to share a photo of our pets – which are more important to us now than ever! An impressive range of animals, from fish to horses to alpacas!

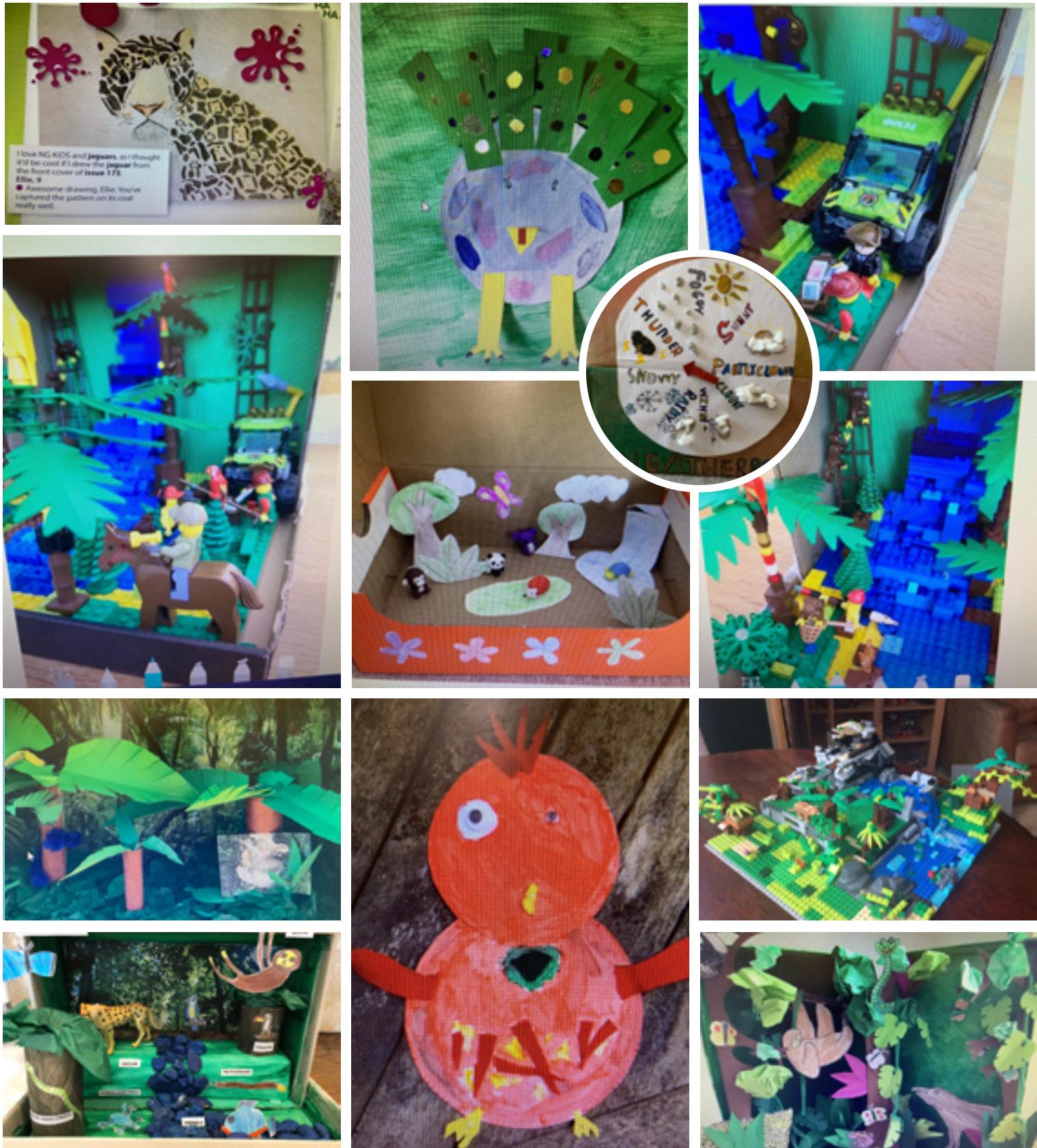
**Edward Clear, Year 5 Team**



# Year 4 create their own Rainforest

Since the start of the Summer Term, 4P have been working hard; adapting their new working environment. In normal circumstances, on Monday May 4th (Star Wars Day), 4P would have been doing a class assembly in front of parents and the rest of the school. Unfortunately, this is unable to happen. Rather excitingly, 4P have come together and created a digital snapshot of their excellent work based on our Summer Term cross curricular topic, 'The Rainforest'. I have been so impressed with all the children's attitude to their learning and the quality of their work has been excellent. Well done to 4P and keep up the great work!

Mr Pettit, Year 4 Team



# Year 7 Coleridge

Year 7 have been learning about Romantic poet, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, in their remote learning lessons. Unfortunately our scheduled visit to his cottage in Nether Stowey, now a National Trust site, is unable to go ahead as planned next week but pupils have continued to study Coleridge's epic poem, Rime of the Ancient Mariner, and to learn about local sources of inspiration for his writing.

The Coleridge Way, a 51 mile footpath which takes walkers from Nether Stowey across the Quantocks and Exmoor to Lynmouth, may appeal to some of you as a challenging and enjoyable family activity in the summer, or when our movements are less restricted. The following link takes you to a website which maps out the walk in ten manageable sections.

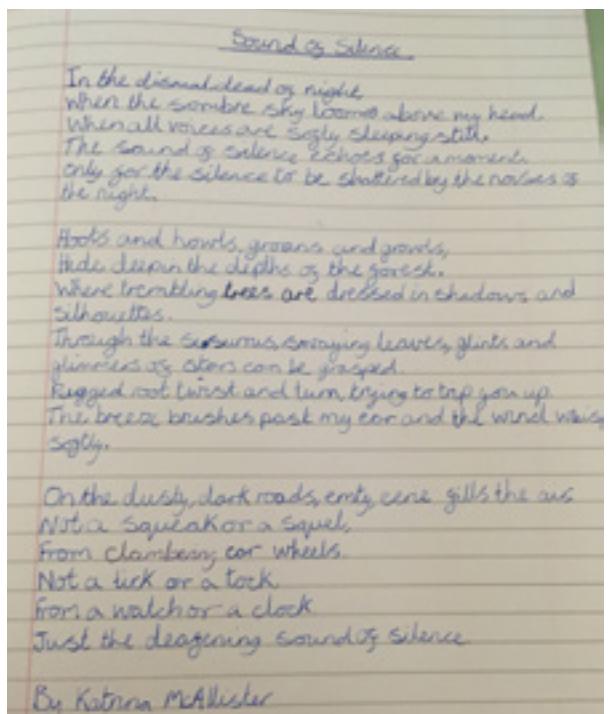
In the meantime, I would like to share some examples of the wonderful writing that has been completed by our Year 7 pupils in our remote learning environment: a description of the ancient mariner based on Part 1 of the poem; the Captain's Log based on Part 2 of the poem. Year 7 have also been penning their own alliterative poems based on Coleridge's use of sound in Part 2 of the poem.

Jane Burton, Head of English

## An Extract from Part 1 of the Ancient Mariner (wedding guests's account) by Leo Gulliver...

'Twas the Monday of that eventful week and much happened that night. Even before the night's occurrences, I knew it was going to be a special day. You see, this was the day my sister was to be wed – and to be wed to a most respectable gentleman. This young gentleman's family was known for their lavish parties, and so we were all the more excited. We - my cousin, my brother and I - were headed to the ceremony. In fact, we were just on the boundary, about to step into the party when the old mariner hailed me. With his frail body he was akin to a reed, ready to snap in the breeze of a slight gust. His hands were skinny and veiny and worn and with those very same hands he clutched me. "Unhand me, you grey-beard loon!" I demanded, only then realising my plight. With my loud commanding voice, I had gained the attention of all the wedding guests...

## Sounds of Silence Alliteration Poem by Katrina McAllister...



## An Extract from Part 2 of the Ancient Mariner (Captain's Log) By Gabriel O'Mahoney

### 23 August

We again are struck with terrible luck. We have no wind in waters where no man had ventured before and with the sun burning into us maliciously, with no source of water. No-one can speak, tongues are like leather in your mouth. And our stomachs are twisted with starvation. When you try to spit out the bad taste in your mouth nothing comes out. Men are contracting illnesses and complaining about bites from unusually big flies that we had never seen in Watchet. Suffering, some want to end it quickly, so they throw themselves overboard, and no-one has enough strength to stop them. In the night comes the real horrors: hallucinations of monsters climbing on board and slimy creatures crawling from the sea comes with the dehydration.

### 7 September

Death, people are wishing for it as it would be less painful than living. The crew are becoming superstitious and are blaming their bad luck on one sailor that killed an Albatross? I am not sure as a rarely come out my cabin nowadays and I would rather die in peace.

### 13 September

Rumour has it that they hung the dead Albatross around the sailor's neck. I would have killed him a thousand times over if he had brought this upon us. But I have not the strength to carry out my thoughts. Men are fighting over the tiniest bit of shade; the weak will die from heatstroke and not having any themselves.

### 20 September

There is a stench out there of the dead and burnt flesh that if I did make out of this hell will traumatize me for the remainder of my life. Bodies are dead on top of each other, some men are doing unthinkable things to others surrounding them because they are that twisted with starvation- I had to hold my cross tight to my chest.

### 25 September

To whom it may concern,

If you have found this letter, then you know that me and my crew are dead. I intend to end my life as a final act of defiance, and I am encouraging my crew to do the same. As a final request I will ask you to give this letter to my family. 22 SEASIDE RD.

Family, please know this that I love you and I hope you do not become lost without me as I will forever be with you in spirit and mind.

From Captain