



## Headteacher Message



Beautiful gladioli grown by our  
Year 2 children.

This last newsletter of the academic year has been written to share and celebrate the wonderful work that has been done over the last few months during this strange time in our history. No-one could have predicted this pandemic and the subsequent closure of schools.

Teachers and staff have worked hard to ensure that children still attending school have been kept safe and that all of the children, including those at home have continued to have lots of learning opportunities. We have enjoyed our regular check-ins with you, via Teams, email, Class Dojo, phone etc and have loved seeing the activities and work being done at home.

It was not the end to the year that any of us wanted or expected, but I would like to thank you for your continued support of your child. Take a look through this newsletter which shares a small sample of some of the wonderful work that has been completed.

As we move into the summer break, I would like to wish you a happy and healthy summer and would like to thank you for your ongoing support over the year.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Bishop  
Headteacher



At the time of writing, we are expecting all children to return to school in the Autumn Term.

We will be in touch over the summer to confirm dates and arrangements in line with Government guidance and will let you know as soon as possible via text or email.

**Please make sure we have your up to date contact details.**

If you need to change or update your details please contact the school office on **0116 278 2142** or email [admin@dsatparkland.org](mailto:admin@dsatparkland.org)

*Also check the school's website  
and twitter account*

## Take a look ...

Please visit the transition videos that all teachers for next year and year groups have made: <https://parklandprimary.co.uk/pupil-zone/transition-2020>

# Foundation

EYFS bubbles have been having lots of fun in school and it was wonderful to have the children back, even if just for a short time. They have been reading stories and writing sentences every day. It has been exciting for them to have their own desks and equipment to use.



The children have enjoyed spending much of their time outdoors and taking part in lots of creative activities. They have planted sunflowers and watched them grow, drawing beautiful sketches of sunflowers. The children loved taking part in a nature scavenger hunt to search for different things that can be found outside.

They have enjoyed their PE lessons with Mr Hackfath and Miss Ward and have all received a sports certificate for their efforts.

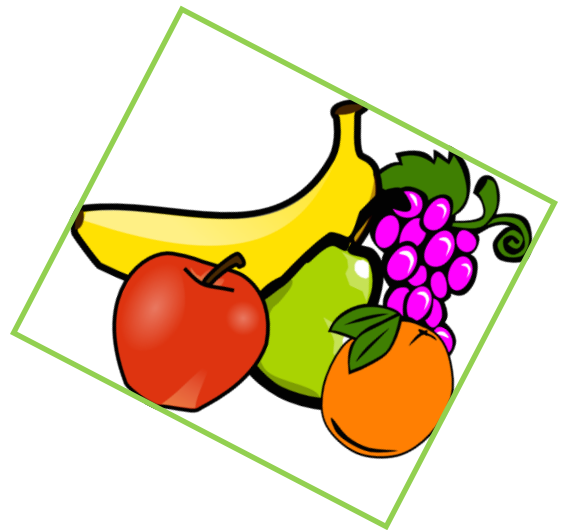
# YEAR 1



It has been lovely to welcome the Year 1 children back to school. We have been very busy with our learning and the children have adjusted well to the new routine. Although we are all in different bubbles, it has been nice seeing the children wave to their friends across the playground in a different bubble and play with different people in their new bubbles.

Our topic this term is ***Paws, Claws and Whiskers***, and we have been learning about different animal groups, animal habitats and what animals eat and do to survive. We have also looked at animals in different continents.

In English, we have read Handa's Surprise and tasted some of the fruits Handa was taking to her friend. We are learning to add suffixes this week and using the story '***The Lion King***' to engage the children, who have done some fantastic writing. We have also done some amazing art activities this term.

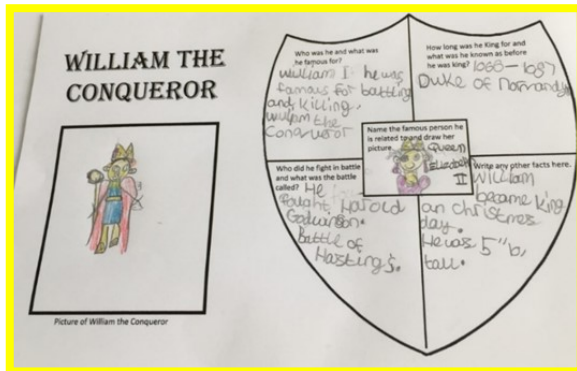


In maths, we have learnt the numbers up to 100, been ordering numbers, looking at one more/one less than a given number and continuing to count in 2's, 5's and 10's. This week we are going to be learning about money!

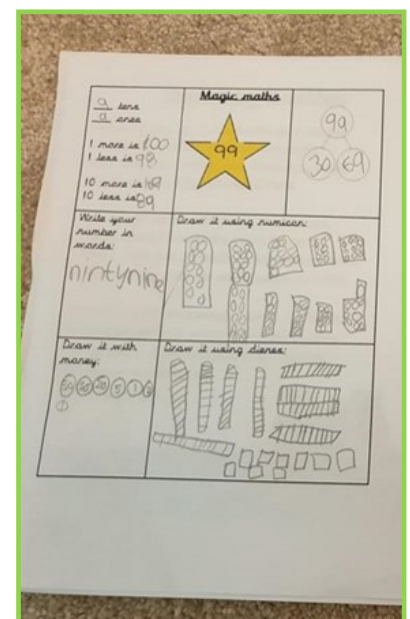
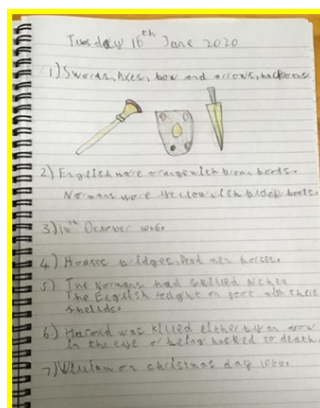
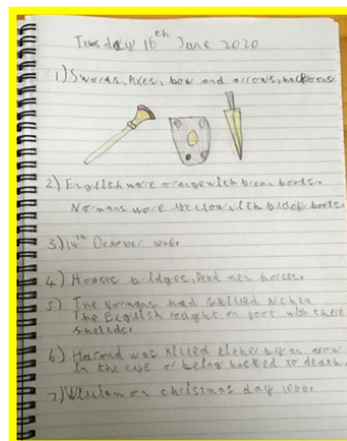
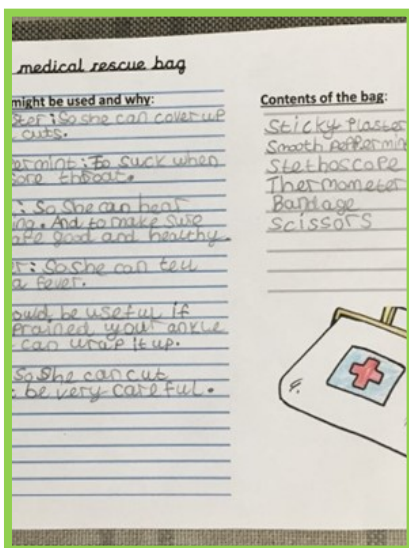
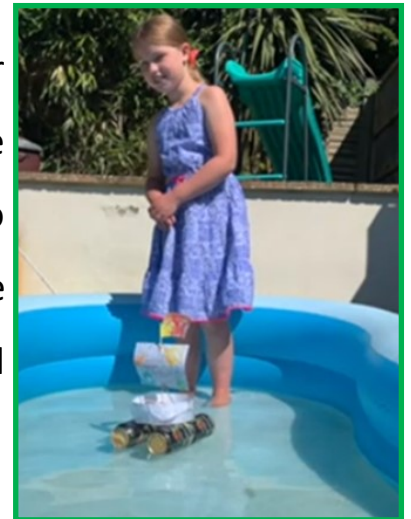


# YEAR 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed the variety of activities on offer for home learning. They have listened to stories, including the World's Worst Children read by the Year 2 teachers. They have written character descriptions and thought carefully about what the characters would need. We have challenged their mathematical thinking about number and learnt how to tell the time.

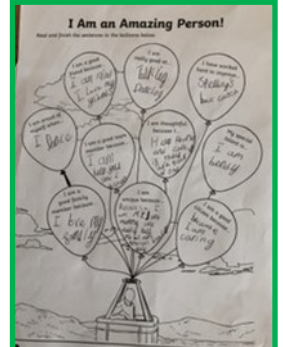
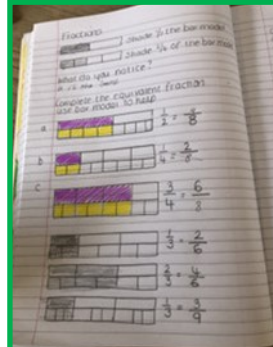


They have loved learning about Castles and Knights in our latest topic, but most would agree that they would rather be alive now than in Medieval times when there was no electricity! We have some great scientists too – testing to see how many coins their boats will hold before sinking and creating patterns using natural resources.

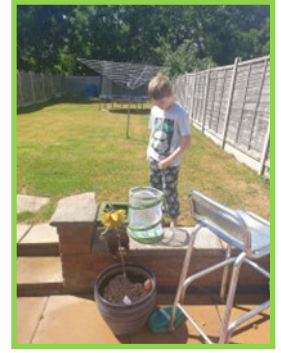
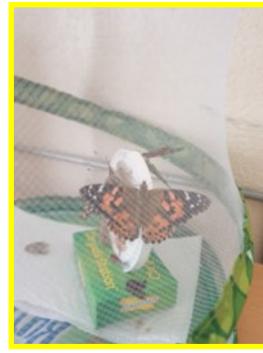
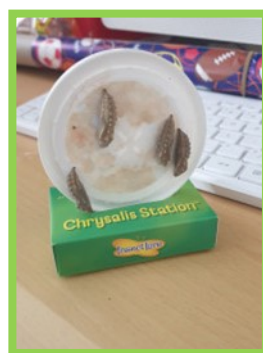


# YEAR 3

I'm writing this on the 100<sup>th</sup> day of lockdown, over which time Year 3 have not stopped teaching and learning. It has been amazing to see the commitment of the teachers, pupils, parents and carers, who have worked together to keep learning safe and fun.



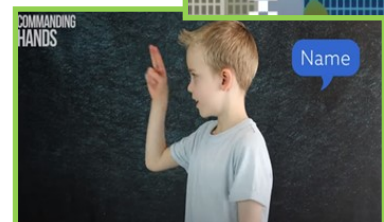
As well as reading, writing and maths, we took part in the Wildlife Trust's 30 Days Wild initiative and ensured we all focused on our wellbeing.



Parents have supplemented school home learning creatively, from learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly, nurturing them from eggs to release; to learning to sign, make stop motion movies and build and fly rockets and much, much more.



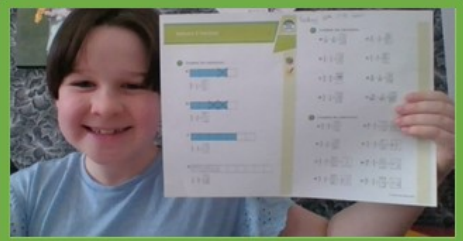
Some of our children have remained in school and we are all proud of how well they have behaved, followed the safety instructions and focused on their learning, even on the hottest of days.



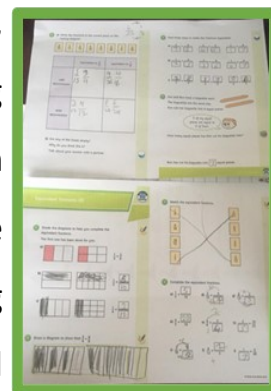
We look forward to being able to teach all our children again in school, but in the meantime, thank you for your support and commitment to learning over this difficult time.



# YEAR 4

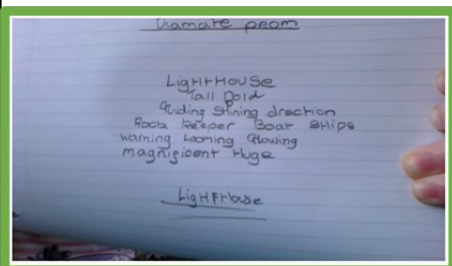


Despite not being able to be in school, Year 4 have still been doing lots of amazing learning at home! Children have been working hard to expand their knowledge and understanding of fractions. Following



the White Rose resources, classes have been exploring how to; create and calculate fractions, add and subtract fractions and devise equivalent fractions!

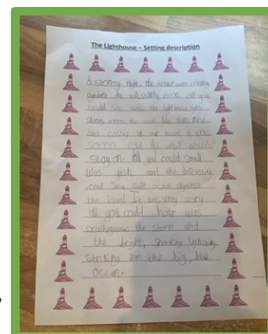
We also really enjoyed the **DSAT TTRS battle!** All classes fought hard to gain as many points as possible for their personal, class and school score!



We have linked our reading and writing so the knowledge we are gaining can be used for purposeful pieces of writing too.

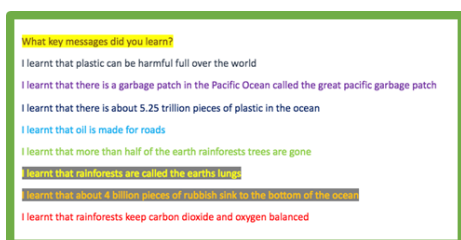
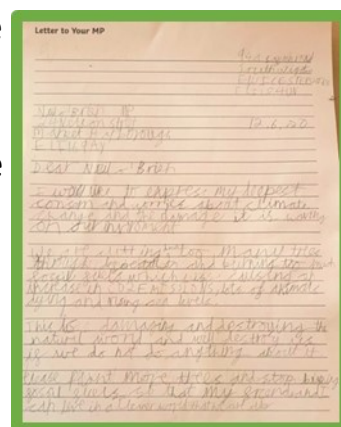
Everyone has enjoyed using short animation clips as a stimulus to start our weekly English

journeys. After exploring the role and history of lighthouses, children did a range of written pieces including poems and descriptive paragraphs.



Year 4 have worked hard to maintain many of the writing expectations they have been working on through the year, including fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

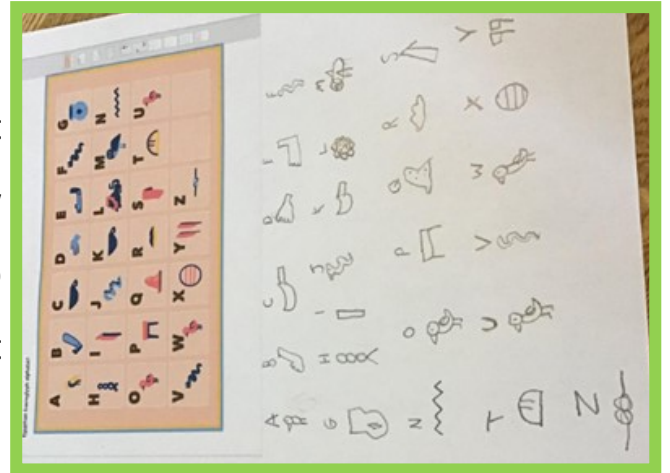
We also all enjoyed our Climate Change Week, within which we focused on how plastic pollution is affecting our world. After much exploratory research, children; took notes, produced informative posters and even wrote to their local MP to share their concerns.



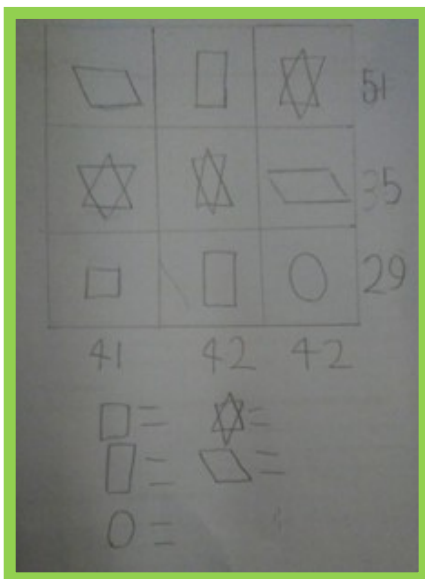
# YEAR 5

Over the last few weeks, Year 5 have enjoyed a variety of themed weeks for their home learning. During Environment Week, the children learnt about how to protect our oceans, what deforestation is, how climate change is affecting the world and understanding why renewable energy is important.

We became historians and learnt all about Ancient Egypt. The children discovered how the Egyptians lived, learnt about who Tutankhamun was and wrote in ancient hieroglyphs.



Science week came next and the children explored pollination, plant reproduction and the parts of a flower. They also researched Jane Goodall and created adverts to persuade people to help the chimpanzees.



We have been working hard with our Maths too by exploring fractions, decimals, and percentages, as well as completing the Friday Maths challenges and creating our own word problems involving shapes.

Lots of the children have been getting creative and sharing their drawings. Many have been very active too with bike rides, dance lessons and family walks discovering the local area.

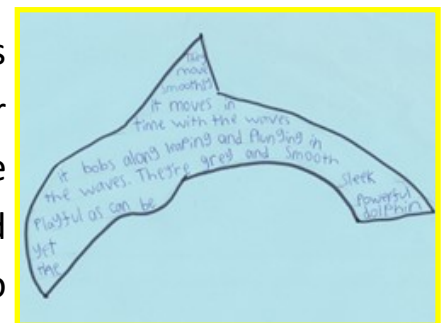
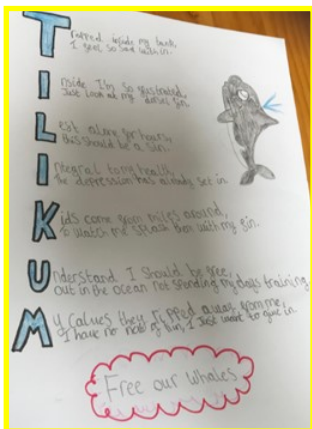
# YEAR 6

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard over the last few months and we are all very proud of them! It was not the end to Year 6 and Parkland that we were expecting, but they have taken it in their stride and continued their hard work.

We have been looking at lots of different topics over the last few weeks: the solar system, the oceans, our planet, animals, Europe, the Mayans, England and lots more! We have continued to be brilliant at maths and used the White Rose videos and worksheets to consolidate our learning on algebra, ratio, shape, fractions and statistics.



In English, we have written stories, poems, information texts and posters; we have put everything we learned this year into practice. In the afternoons, we have also been learning Spanish, BSL and doing lots of art! We have also continued our love of reading and have been reading lots of different books!

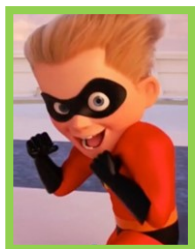


The Year 6 teachers and staff want to say a big well done to all the children who have been online and who have worked incredibly hard; we are very proud of you, and we hope you are too!





## Attendance



Be an Attendance **HERO**

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**E**veryday

**R**eady

**O**n time

It has been lovely to see some children back in school happy and learning. We look forward to being able to welcome all children back to school in the Autumn Term, subject to Government guidelines. When we return for the new academic year it will be increasingly important for children to attend school every day, in order that we can help

them to catch up on the learning that was missed.

**Can we please remind parents/carers that if your child is not going to be in school for any reason, to please ring the school office by 8.30am, to give the reason for absence. A message can be left on the dedicated line, 0116 2782142 opt 1.**

Parkland Primary have a dedicated Attendance Officer, Helen Brown, and a Pastoral Team who are here to offer help and advice with any matter that may affect your child's education and their ability to attend school. Contact us via the School Office, 0116 2782142 or mobile 07709888001.

## School Bank



Parkland Primary School **Ella, Chloe** and **Caitlin** have done an amazing job of running the School Bank this year. We wish them every success in the future at High School and beyond, maybe one day they will aspire to work in a high street bank.

Many of our savers have saved enough money to buy large items such as play station games and electronic equipment, together with smaller items such as clothes and games. Well done and we hope you will continue to save with us next academic year.

The School Bank will be open again next academic year, when we look forward to welcoming our current and new savers.

**SUMMER  
READING  
CHALLENGE**  
Take part in the Summer Reading  
Challenge 2020. Let's get silly!  
**THE  
READING  
AGENCY**



**MEET  
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Join in  
#SILLYSQUAD2020



- Sign up to [sillysquad.org.uk](https://sillysquad.org.uk) to create a profile.
- Read any books that make you happy, from digital or print.
- Brilliant eBooks and eAudio available to borrow from our libraries. Leicestershire's Digital Library
- Collect digital activities, competitions, games and rewards along the way
- Look out for extra special Leicestershire online activities in July and August.

**More information can be found at : @leicslibraries or Facebook.com/ your library**

## Sporting Achievements

Wow, what a different term this has turned out to be! Although we've not been able to teach our usual PE lessons, lunchtime activities, after-school sporting clubs and competitions, Mr Hackfath and Miss Ward have been busy in school, finding new ways to keep the children physically active, whilst being safe and socially distanced. The children have been put through their paces

with daily PE sessions; taking part in lots of fun games and activities and have also entered a virtual school challenge, created by our local school partnership. The events have included: speed bounce, standing long jump, target throw and ladder sprints.



Gymnastics

Mrs Ellis has been setting daily physical activities to help keep our pupils being home-schooled active, additional physical activities for pupils when inside their school bubbles with their teachers and has also filmed some dance videos too! Although we were not able to hold our annual Parkland sports awards evening this year, we still wanted to recognise those children who we feel have had made great progress, had significant achievements or have contributed greatly to school sport. Keep your eyes peeled for some special certificates arriving in the post...

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a fond farewell and good luck to our six amazing Sports Ambassadors: Ella, Oliver, Elsie, Roman, Eva and Ewan. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to school sport at Parkland, dedicating themselves to leading lunch time games and challenges and being involved in supporting some of our younger children's various after school clubs.



Sports Ambassadors



Dance

To all the Year 6 pupils who are sadly leaving us and moving on to high school in the Autumn Term, we wish you all the best of luck in your new adventures at high school!

Finally, we hope all our lovely Parkland pupils have a well-deserved rest. Stay active, stay safe and keep smiling.

Mrs Ellis, Mr Hackfath and Miss Ward





Staff Dodgeball Tournament



Cross Country



Girls Football



Boys Football



Parallel Sport Hall Athletics

## Parkland Updates



We would to wish all of the staff and pupils who are leaving Parkland at the end of the term a heartfelt farewell.

We wish you a wonderful and happy future and remember you will always be a part of

***Team Parkland!***



We have several children with severe **nut/strawberry** allergies, please ensure that your child's lunches or snacks **DO NOT CONTAIN NUTS OR STRAWBERRIES OF ANY SORT.**



Please note from Autumn 2020, the costs of school meals for Key Stage Two children will be **£2.30**.



**25% discount** will apply from 2<sup>nd</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

**[www.mandsyourschooluniform.com](http://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com)**



# Useful Support for Families

## Family Support

Action for Children <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

Home Start <https://www.home-start.org.uk/>

Childs Mind <https://childmind.org/coping-during-covid-19-resources-for-parents/>

Family Lives – 0808 800 2222



## Mental Health

Samaritans – 116 123

Leicestershire Action for Mental Health (LAMP) – 0116 2556282

Lets Talk Wellbeing - 0116 292 7010

Mental Health Foundation - <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak>

## Domestic Violence

UAVA - 0808 80 200 28 Email: [info@uava.org.uk](mailto:info@uava.org.uk) Text support: 07715 994 962

## Debt

Citizens Advice: 03444 111 444

Step change: 08000 138 1111 <https://www.stepchange.org/how-we-help/debt-advice.aspx>

## Child Abuse/ Neglect

If you're worried about a child you can call the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 500 or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

Leicester City Social Care: 0116 454 1004

Leicestershire Social Care: 0116 305 0005

**Leicester South Food Bank**, South Wigston Congregational Church: 07802 454740 / 07973 145019 / 07912 194783

Email: [info@leicestersouth.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@leicestersouth.foodbank.org.uk) (Every other Monday 10-12pm – Next Food Bank – Monday 13th July)



Have a restful summer break, keep positive and stay safe ..