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Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope you will find its contents useful.

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you are keeping well and safe. This weekly newsletter will keep you up to date with school news while we are in lockdown. **To access a link in the document, highlight the blue text, right click on it and then choose 'Open Link'.**

LEARNING DURING LOCKDOWN— EYFS

The Early Years topic is 'The Farm'. The children have had lots of fun doing work based around farm stories and animals and have taken part in a wide range of activities. Aren't they amazing?

2+ Centre

During the last two weeks, 2+ centre children read and listened to the 'Down on the farm' story and song. They chose their favourite animal in the story, thought about why they like it and the important job it does on the farm, and played the 'Guess who I am' animal game. They read the 'Oink' story, sang the rhyme 'This little Piggy went to market', listened to the story and song about 'The three pigs and the big bad wolf' and visited Kentish Town Farm online. They also watched a clip of how mummy pigs care for and feed their babies, learned animal names and linked sounds through animal matching games, finding out what they like to eat and how the animals help get some of the foods we eat. Some of the children have been making models of animals and farm to the table plates, creating farm foods and counting the animals they see. Some children have even been number writing. How clever is that?



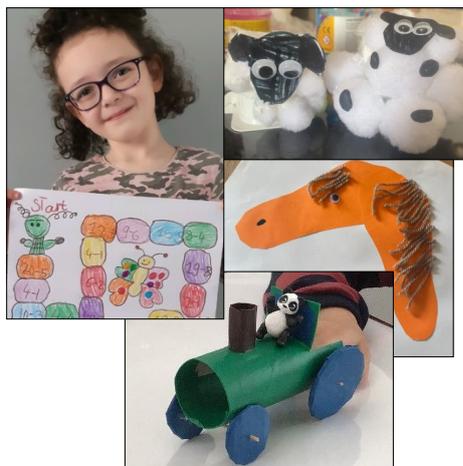
Nursery—Lilac

In Nursery (Lilac class) the children have been learning farm songs and rhymes and exploring stories such as "Down on the Farm" and "A Squash and a Squeeze". In Maths, they have been focusing on numbers from 1 to 10, including counting and writing numbers. They have also been producing some amazing farm artwork, including drawing, junk modelling and making puppets.



Reception—Crimson and Silver

The children have focused on the stories 'Farmer Duck' and 'Topsy and Tim at the farm'. They have completed some lovely literacy work around these stories, including speech bubbles, lists, and lots of fantastic sentence writing. The topic has also provided the basis for some beautifully creative artwork around farms, such as toilet-roll tractors and cotton wool sheep!



In maths the children have been working on counting back and subtraction. Crimson and Silver classes have carried out lots of fun practical games and activities with their families and even made their own board games! This was followed by learning to use number lines to subtract and complete number sentences.

Notes on wellbeing from the school's therapists – Rachael and Sophie

For children – Here's [a short film](#) (under 5 mins) about a sheep who learns to bounce back – he's becoming resilient!

For families – Happy memory game – This week your children will be writing about or drawing a happy memory for PHSE. Why not support them with this lovely game which can be done with one parent/carer and a child, or the whole family. Take it in turns to share a happy memory, no matter how small and fleeting. Listen fully (full concentration on the one sharing - put away that phone!) and once shared take a moment to acknowledge the memory. This is a wonderful resilience-building game – entrenching good memories to be tapped into in hard times. This game is worth playing often. The [Anna Freud Centre](#) explains more about it..

For parents/carers – If you need support in talking to your child/ren about bereavement [BBC Newsround](#) shows you how it may be done. If you feel your child is mature enough they can read it themselves.

We wish you well.

Online Safety

For information about online safety, have a look at the NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>. Among the content there is information about talking to your child about online safety, setting up parental controls, online games and video apps. This can help parents/carers understand the risks of online activity and keep their children safe.

P4C QUESTION

What does it mean to be a good friend?

BBC Bitesize Parents' Toolkit: SEND

BBC Bitesize offers a range of information and resources for children's learning and well-being. Its Parents' Toolkit: SEND can be found at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zh9v382>. As well as providing specific information for SEND it also includes lots of general useful information about mindfulness, emotions and well-being for children.

Storytime

Children love storytelling and Tata Storytime is posting regular videos of actors reading children's stories, which are a lot of fun! Here is 'Chicken in the Kitchen' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHGWK2N-Paw> and a big favourite, 'Femi the Fox: A Pot of Jollof' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9bnJgpQwgY>

Also, every day at 11am, lasting about 20 minutes, you can listen to one of David Walliams' World's Worst Children stories at <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

Word of the week

Essential

Definition: A thing that is absolutely necessary

Use of the word essential in a sentence:

During lockdown citizens are discouraged from going outside for all but essential journeys.

LEARNING DURING LOCKDOWN—YEARS 1 AND 2

Fantastic learning is going on in all year groups during lockdown. This week, we are showcasing what the children in Years 1/2 have been doing. The following selection of activities and work from the children shows how engaged they are and how much they are enjoying the activities provided by their teachers who communicate with and send feedback to every child.

SEASONS WHEEL: During the first week of home learning the season was starting to noticeably change from winter to spring. So Years 1 and 2 looked out for signs of spring and noticed that the trees were beginning to blossom, there were lots of daffodils and the days were getting longer. The children really enjoyed creating a seasons wheel to show what happens as the months go by.



SALT WATER EXPERIMENT: As part of their learning on the seaside, KS1 did an experiment with eggs to learn how sea water is different from fresh water. They learned that because the oceans are full of salt, the water is denser which means that things float more easily in them. The eggs, which sank in fresh water, floated in the salt water!



SEASIDE WORK: Year 1 and 2's new topic is Splendid Seasides. They have been learning about natural and human-made features, as well as the creatures that live there. The children even did their own research on different seaside towns around the UK.



Small and big fish
Eating a fish
Always with my Family
Sun and sea
I, Lyas, Asma and me
Daisy under the sea
Excellent punney



RAPUNZEL TOWERS: Whilst reading the story of Rapunzel, KS1 were challenged to build their own towers with items from home. They also retold the story and even made escape plans for Rapunzel.

