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We Are Reading To..... Project

This week we asked pupils to share pictures of themselves reading to someone. Reading is such an important skill. Having a love and enjoyment of reading is essential to being a good reader. Sharing a love of reading with others is very important. Reading to someone else is such a lovely thing to do. Being read to is very comforting. Here are some of the pictures that were sent in:





Keep Up The Good Work!

As we are now three weeks in to this Lockdown I just wanted to say thank you to parents for all the work you are doing. It is not an easy task by any means. It is not an easy situation for the staff either. Lockdown fatigue and motivation is kicking in for everyone and there are still many weeks to go. The teachers are doing their best with setting the work, making videos and making sure that the curriculum is covered. The joy and thrill of teaching is of course interacting with the children and getting feedback from them - that part of course is missing for the teachers at this point. It is very difficult for staff to motivate and energise the children from behind a screen and I realise that that part of the task has now become your task. Thank you for trying your best to keep your children engaged and motivated – not something that the teachers can do easily from afar despite their best efforts. So just a word of thanks from me to you. Keep up the great work you are doing. I appreciate it is not easy but we can see the lovely work and great effort being put in from many children on Google Classroom.

Google Meets

This week children from Year 1 to Year 6 have had their Google meet sessions. A reminder that the session for each child will be on the same day and at the same time every week. Please ensure that your child attends the meet to see other children in their class and talk to their teacher. It is a useful way to keep in touch.

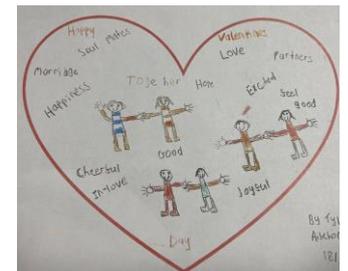
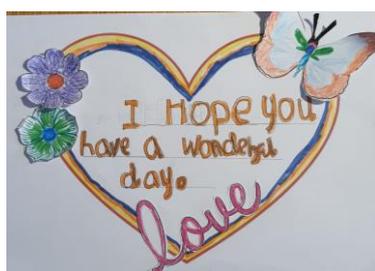
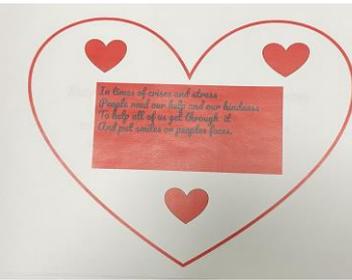
Please remind the children about appropriate behaviour while on the Google Meet. The meet is accessed via the Google Classroom stream. A link will appear just before the session is due to start. Just click on the link. Children should have cameras on and microphones muted. Reception Google meets will begin next week.

Hearts For Homes

We are doing a whole school community project to spread some cheer to elderly people in local care homes who may be lonely and can't see their families. We are going to be sending some hearts to them for Valentine's Day. We need the children to write a lovely cheery message in a heart or write a poem or draw a lovely picture in the heart. If they write a message – we ask them to do it neatly and check their spelling. They can do some patterns, designs or small pictures with their message. Please post these back on Google Classroom so we can download them and print them off.

Please ask your child to complete their heart by Monday. Thank you. It would be lovely if as many children as possible could participate so we can send a bundle of hearts to some of the care homes in the local area.

Here are some of the hearts we have had already:





Wellbeing Wednesday

We began this week with Wellbeing Wednesday. We will be having this each week with a simple task or activity that will need no preparation –it may be a simple family walk, some mindfulness, listening to a relaxing piece of music, mindfulness colouring or some yoga & other kinds of exercise. Each Wednesday Miss Michael will post something on the Google Classroom stream. This week it was a walk in the rain on what was a windy wet Wednesday. Walking in the rain is fun. It's good to get out and blow the cobwebs away!



