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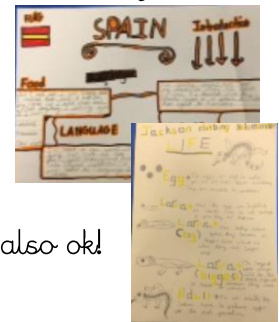
Year Group: 5

Congratulations - we made it!

All the staff in the Year 5 team want to say a massive thank you to you all. This term has been hard. The Government requirements for setting work have been tough. As we have tried to set work to encourage home learning, we realise the effort all parents and carers will have made to make it a success. It has been wonderful to see the children's positivity, engaging in Teams, submitting work on Purple Mash, being involved in activities that provide a broad curriculum and those special days. We sincerely hope we can take over the reins again very soon...until then, our thanks.

The News

This term has seen a very steep learning curve for many of us - remote learning and the introduction of Teams was perhaps the greatest of these for us as a school and you as parents. We quickly got into a routine, which allowed your children to access reading, writing, maths and a range of topics. We then introduced Mr Bull's drop in sessions. It is difficult to think of a highlight as there are so many times children have impressed us with their responses, or we have surprised ourselves by finding an online tool to help us present the work. There are also days that didn't go so well - for us or for you - and that's also ok!



In the past six weeks, there have been those experience days which we have loved doing, and again so pleased that the children at home have been able to join in. We began with the



World Religion Day, learning about Hinduism and presenting our learning and artwork to the Reception children on Teams. It was the loudest rendition of 'This Little Light' any of us had ever heard!



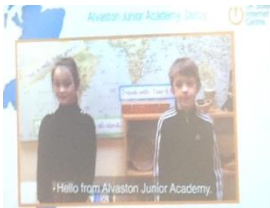
Then there was the snow day! Ok, not a planned event but so lovely to have snow deep enough, for long enough, to take advantage of it with fun and games. There were some fantastic snow sculptures, which were measured for our maths topic on converting units of measure.



More recently, we celebrated Children's Mental Health week as well as our journals in school we asked children at home and school to make or wear a hat to express themselves. So lovely to see so many joining in and to hear the children talk about what makes them happy, or their hobbies. They spoke

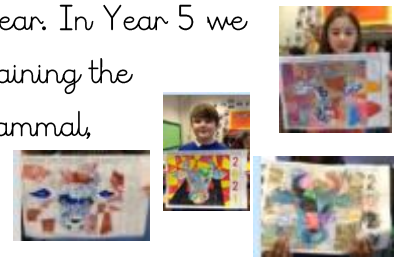


with confidence and clarity, and gave fantastic detail. Very impressive skills and it was wonderful to see the respect from those listening too. Thank you to all for their participation.



We hope you enjoyed completing the safer internet quiz your children created, based around the #aninternetwetrust theme. Our aim was to give you the opportunity to have open discussions with your children about the internet - its uses and its pitfalls.

We finished term on a high with celebrations for Chinese New Year. In Year 5 we linked our science and geography to China, writing a report explaining the climatic conditions of China. We included some research on a mammal, amphibian, insect and bird - their habitat, diet and life cycle. We used colour, pattern and collage to create Ox artwork.



Congratulations

Lockdown Legends and Star of the Week

5B lockdown Legends - Kyle and Lucas

5P Star of the Week - Ronnie

5P Lockdown Legends - Ruby and Kellen

5S Star of the Week - Emilia

5S Lockdown Legends - Lily and Aydin

Spring II

Next term our topics are linked to the Anglo-Saxons!

English: Beowulf (Michael Morpurgo and Kevin Crossley-Holland retellings)

Maths: Shape and co-ordinates

Science: Science week looking at sustainability

History: Did the Anglo-Saxons settle or invade?

DT: Building an Anglo-Saxon house (save a box!)

Relax and enjoy half term!

Year 5 Team