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Friday 12th February 2021

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A Welcome Break

Has it really only been six weeks since we were welcoming in 2021? I don't think any of us could have foreseen that in this short period of time we would be plunged into another national lockdown, have seen us all adapt to the new demands of remote learning and face the sub zero temperatures of a second 'beast from the east'. There have been lots of challenges for everyone to contend with but there have also been lots of positives, which I want to celebrate in this newsletter. However, I am certain that you are all ready for a well-earned break next week. Although we can't travel anywhere I hope you will all be able to rest, recuperate and enjoy spending some relaxing time with your family bubbles. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for all your kind, supportive comments over the past weeks. We know we don't always get things right but with the aid of your generous feedback and our talented staff, we have been able to ensure that our children are continuing to receive an outstanding education, remotely.

Mrs Howell

Half-Term Break Test and Trace

School will be fully closed over the February half term holiday period as we are not expected to remain open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week.

However, we are still expected to carry out contact tracing if we are informed of a positive Covid -19 test in the 48 hours after school closes on Friday 12th February.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 within the 48 hour period after the half term break commences, we would ask you to follow the NHS Covid-19 guidelines and notify us by e-mailing the school office on: office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk so that we are able to assist with contact tracing over this period.

From Monday 15th February you should notify NHS test and trace if your child tests positive.

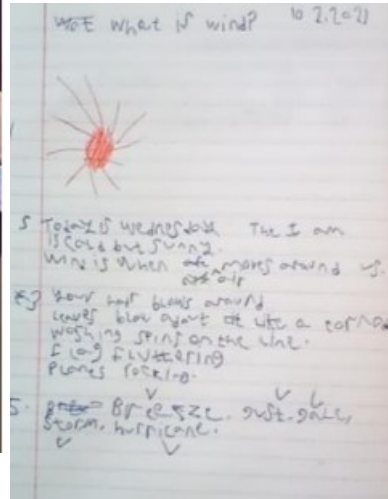
Symptoms began on (or date of positive test if asymptomatic)	Between Mon 8 –Fri 12 February	Saturday 13 th February	Sunday 14 th February	Monday 15 th February to Monday 22 nd February
Setting Responsibility: In-school/setting contact tracing required IF POSITIVE CASE HAD BEEN IN SETTING	Yes: as normal	Yes: Contact trace for Thursday 11 th and Friday 12 th	Yes: Contact trace for Friday 12 th	No: Case was not in setting unless testing was delay



Celebrating Learning

The children have adapted so well to the new ways of learning and have been producing some wonderful work over the past six weeks. We want to share some fantastic examples of this term's learning with you and celebrate the hard work and creativity of the children. I hope you will be as impressed as we are.

Children in Year 1 have been looking closely at nature, learning about the wind in Science and how to measure it by making their own versions of wind socks.



In their topic work, the children have created these beautiful winter scenes from natural resources which they gathered from their gardens.



Isaac

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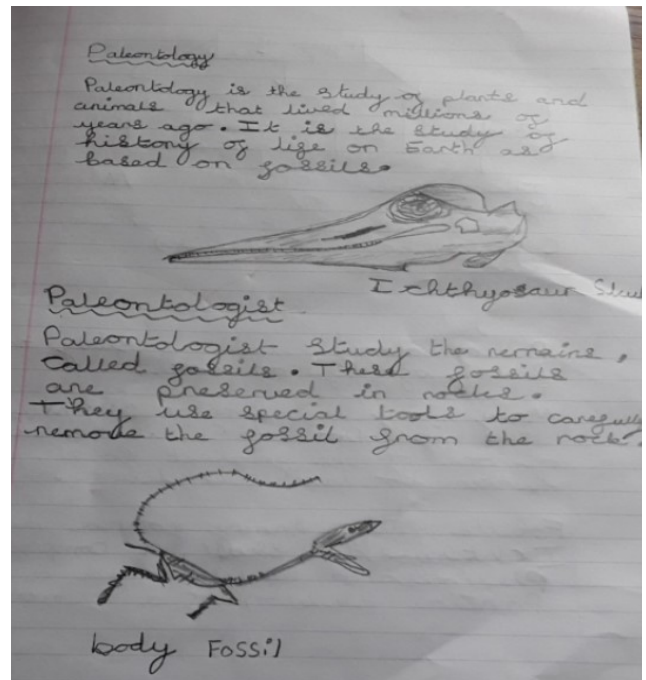
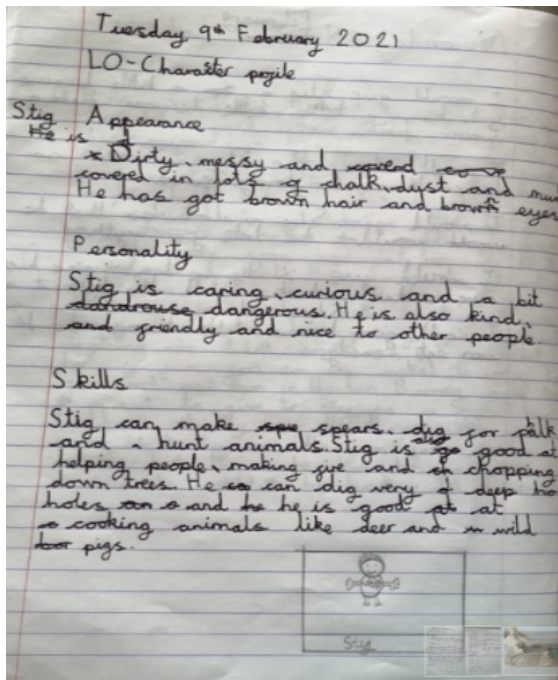


Anna



Studying Palaeontology

Year 3 have been studying the pre-history of Britain this term and finding out about palaeontology.



Year 2 have been map makers and poets this week. We think their vision for our future settlements is inspirational.



My name is Spencer and I'm in year 2.
I like Violet Class whoo whoo whoo.
English class is okay.
It's about rhyming poems today.
I'm not six any more now I'm seven.
Seven has got a lot more heaven.
I have a four year old brother.
He fills my heart like no other.
I like to play mario kart and I race it a lot.
It's like a simulator for kids, and it makes me really hot.

I am Alastair, I'm in year two
My socks have holes, my feet are blue
Pizza is my favourite food
I wolf it down dad thinks that's rude
I think lego is an awesome toy
The perfect thing for this crazy boy
You'll always find me with a book
Maybe in a shady nook
I like to laugh and chat
I love to talk with my pet cat



Year 5 Celebrate Chinese New Year

Year 5 immersing themselves in the history and culture of China. This week the children have been preparing to celebrate the Chinese New Year which is the Year of the Ox in the Chinese calendar. As you can see the children have been very creative in how they have chosen to represent this.



We were astounded by the quality of the artwork the children have produced.



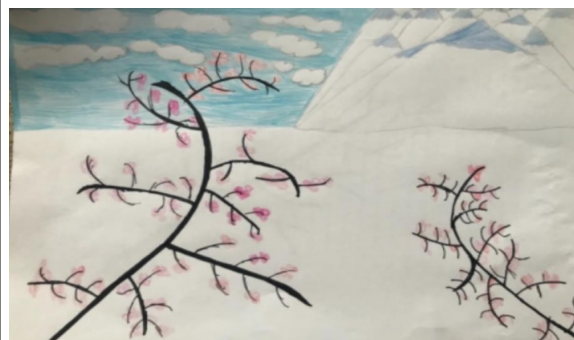
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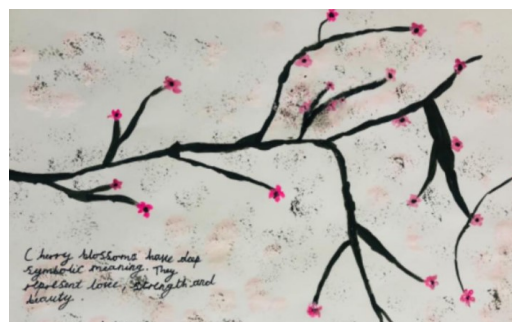
Tyler



Amelia



Charlotte



Thea

Year 4 Investigate World War II

We were so lucky to be able to welcome the Young'uns, an award winning folk group, to school via Teams this week. The Young'uns specialise in looking at detailed aspects of local history and helping children to write their own folk song about them. Listening to the workshops was a real treat, as the children produced fantastic ideas, vocabulary and phrases about Bourn airfield and the important role it played in World War II. The Young'uns worked their magic and before our very eyes our own tribute in song to the war time commander at Bourn, Thomas 'Jeff' Jefferson, and his brave pilots who took to the skies during World War II was ready to perform. I hope you find the words as moving and powerful as we do.

Chorus: Thomas 'Jeff' Jefferson, hero of the sky
Flying back to Bourn in a wooden wonder high

In 1940 the airmen came to Bourn.
Many pilots lost their lives, friends and families mourned.
Wooden wonders, timber terrors, Mosquitoes were there names.
Lancaster and Stirling - buzzing, soaring planes.

Chorus
The smoke and the fire - commotion all around.
Praying that my friends have made it to the ground.
Petrified, terrified, horrified, alone.
Hoping to see the flames to guide me safely home.

Chorus
December '43, jumping from the sky,
14 men determined not to die.
Praying that their parachutes would help them safely fly.
Every single one of them made it home alive.

Chorus
In Cambourne today it's peaceful and still
No more do the planes fly over Crow Hill
But now our streets are named after the planes that flew
Give thanks to Captain Jefferson and his courageous crew

Chorus



This week Cambourne Village College PE department launched their BATTLE: Cambourne distance challenge. They hope to encourage as many people to get fit and exercise by running, walking, biking or scooting throughout the next four weeks. The challenge is pitting the 3 regions of Cambourne (Upper, Lower and Great) together with the Cambourne Exiles team (those who come to school or work in Cambourne but do not live here) against each other; each team will be competing to see which region can travel the farthest in the 4 weeks by logging their distances as often as possible. This is meant to be a friendly competition and community event to encourage as many people as possible to get out and be physically active.

If you would like to take part, you can find more information about the Battle: Cambourne challenge on the Cam VC twitter page (https://twitter.com/CamVC_PE). Please do have a look.



Forthcoming Dates

These dates may be subject to change if there are changes in Government and Local Authority guidance over the coming months.

22nd February— remote learning recommences

22nd February—school opens for vulnerable children and children of critical workers

1st to 5th March—Book week

16th March —Parent Consultation evening via zoom (details to follow)

22nd to 26th March— STEM week

25th March—Parent Consultation evening via zoom (details to follow)

26th March—LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

12th April - Children return to school.

