

*'Life is too short to argue and fight. Count your blessings. Value the people who love you and make the most of each day.' Mindful Christianity.*

Next week the children in:

**Reception will be** making dinosaur bread boulders! (Otherwise known as bread rolls).

**Year 1 will be** using all their amazing skills to find a way to get Beegu home.

**Year 2 will** become budding historians and discover more about those vile Victorians and will also be creating their own junk band by comparing sounds they can make with different materials.

**Year 3 will be** creating fascinating fact files all about our Trolls!

**Year 4 will be** investigating Jewish cuisine and seeing any differences in this.

**Year 5 will be** astronomers creating constellations.

**Year 6 will be** singing 'veal meat' again!

Staff are currently busy, not only teaching in class and preparing remote learning but also writing the children's Annual Reports. We traditionally send reports out at this time of year to enable teachers and parents to have a discussion about progress and achievements half way through the academic year. This enables us to set targets for the end of the year. We aim to send parents their child's report during the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> February.

We have set aside the 12<sup>th</sup> February for a **school closure day** so that we can hold a Parent Consultation Day which will, this year, be held remotely via Zoom or telephone. This process is more time consuming than face-to-face meetings, therefore our priority on the 12<sup>th</sup> February will be to meet remotely with those parents whose children are currently **unable to attend school because of lockdown**. All other parents will be given alternative, mutually convenient appointment times to discuss their child's report in the weeks after half term. I am sure you will all appreciate this prioritisation for that particular day – thank you for your understanding.

### IMPORTANT HOLIDAY DATES

**INSET DAY – 12<sup>th</sup> February – Remote Parent Consultation Day. School Closed.**

**Half term – 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February inclusive**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – new term**

**Easter holidays – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April inclusive**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – new term**

**INSET – 28<sup>th</sup> May**

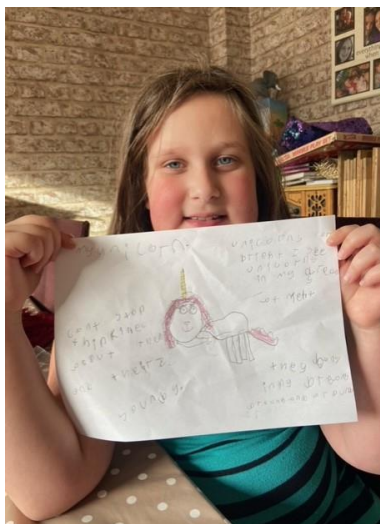
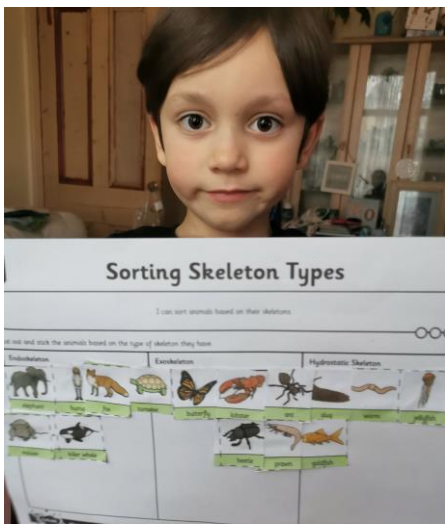
**Half term – 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June inclusive**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – children BREAK UP for the summer**

**22<sup>ND</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY INSET**

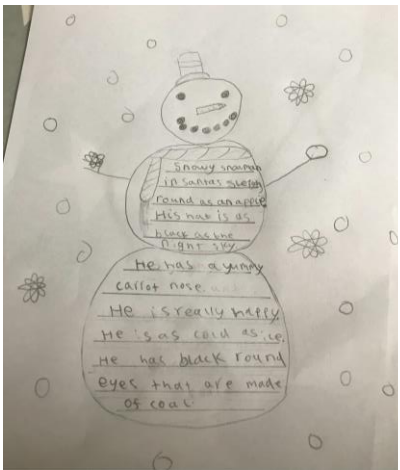
Last week Year 3 wrote some amazing shape poems both in school and at home. Well done children, they were wonderful and creative.

Rebecca and Lily both emailed photos of their work to us and Lewis has been completing his work on skeletons! ☺

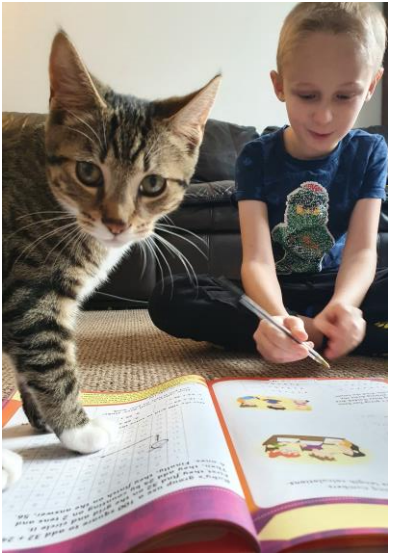




Please can you collect any used postage stamps for Mrs. Nicholson who sends them to the RNIB as a fund raiser. Thank you.



Riley and Zac in year 4 made some incredible musical instruments as part of their science home-learning. Well done boys – we bet they sounded awesome!  
 Zac's instrument has the impressive name of a Zacophone. 😊



**Remote Learning – Home Learning**

Firstly, can we say a huge thank you for all your efforts to support and help your child/ren with their home learning. We know that this is not easy and that the requirements on us as a school to provide more curriculum content was adjusted in the autumn term. We have had some lovely messages from parents explaining how they are managing this to fit in with their other commitments. We are more than happy to support the flexibility that we know you need. Home learning has been structured in a way to allow for this. We do not want to increase stresses and strains on you at this difficult time – please just do what you feel you are able to do. Please do contact your child's class teacher if you are struggling and need reassurances. We are here to help in any way we can as we all navigate this challenging time. Finally, a big thank you for all your lovely messages – the staff are working incredibly hard and those messages mean so much.

**Break-time fruit**

We are pleased to report that the free fruit for KS1 and Reception children who are in school has now resumed.

The children in Reception are enjoying their topic on dinosaurs. Mrs Edlin has enjoyed seeing some of the things the children have been doing at home on Tapestry.

