Dear Children, I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday and enjoyed the first week of the Summer term. I know that many of you have continued to work hard on home learning tasks and the challenge I set during the holiday. Here are two of my favourites from Thomas in Year One and Thomas in Year Two: acaroni PPLE ino dominofo Thank you to everyone who emailed to say 'hello' or to share your work. It really cheered me up! During the Easter holidays, the teachers were busy planning new topics and tasks. The first set of Summer learning is on the school's website. There are five English and maths tasks, along with a topic activity. If you have any problems accessing the work, please ask your gown up to get in touch with either me or your class teacher. One of the highlights for the teachers' last week was sending you an email. It has been wonderful to hear from so many of you. Keep on sending us messages so we know you are all safe and well. If you didn't receive your email, please let me know. This week the teachers have chosen a 'Star of the Week' - someone who is demonstrating the 6 Rs whilst working at home. And the winners are (drum roll please ...) ★ Jellyfish - Harrison S. who has been 'resourceful' and made huge progress with his spelling. Seahorses - Oliver S. who has shown 'resilience' at home whilst working on tricky word and money problems. ★ Octopus - Aurelia D. who has been 'resourceful' and used her teddies to act out the 'Three Little Pigs' and created a wonderful wanted poster. ★ Turtles - Jacob J. who has been 'ready' and 'resourceful.' He has been working every day at home and behaving perfectly with his brother. ★ Dolphins - Eliza J. who has been super 'resilient' over the last five weeks and made a tremendous effort to draw upon her reading within her written work. Seals - Ellah C. who has been 'reflective' and 'resilient'; thinking of new ways to approach fractions and playing darts to improve her mental maths. We are very proud of all of you, keep up the good work!

This week my challenge is to read as much as you can. Maybe you could read a recipe, game instructions, a new book or try something on this website: https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/. You might want to make yourself a book corner or reading snug? Don't forget to send me pictures. Look after each other, work hard, read lots and keep smiling. Mrs Buck and the Infant team buckj@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk