



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

We started Holy Week on Palm Sunday with Jesus being greeted as a hero as He enters Jerusalem. By the end of the week on Good Friday He has been tried and crucified and his disciples have run away. The people were looking for a hero, a leader or a king who would drive out the Romans. Jesus rides in, not on an impressive horse with an army behind him ready to start a war, but on a donkey, accompanied by singing and laughing. This whole week reminds us that Jesus is a king unlike no other - humble, willing to serve rather than be served, and ready to give His life for others.

Loving Father, as we approach the most holy celebration of Easter, the resurrection of Jesus, we thank you for the gift of your Son, who taught us how to love, how to be humble and how to give our lives to the service of others. Help us to stay close to him and to be sure of ourselves, as He was.

You will have heard in the news how many charities have been hit hard by the lockdown, including those we traditionally raise funds for during the season of Lent. Once things return to normal, I would like to think we can fund-raise retrospectively with your help.

I would like to say thank you and goodbye to our wonderful IT manager Mr Alex Smith who has left us this term. He will be greatly missed but I know he is excited to be taking on a new challenging role out of education. In addition, Mrs Acton has started her maternity leave so I know you will join me in wishing her all the best on the imminent birth of her baby. Good luck to both Mr Smith and Mrs Acton!

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and Holy Easter. I hope you will be able to watch one or more of the livestreamed services (information in this newsletter) with your children over the Easter period.

Thank you.

Elaine Allen
Headteacher

Nursery

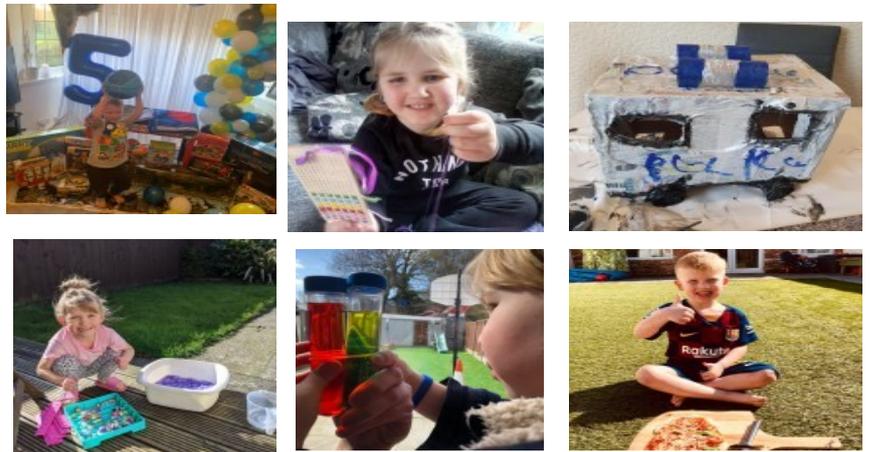
Congratulations to all the Nursery parents who have been super busy stepping in as teachers over the last few weeks! We have loved seeing all your ideas and hard work on Tapestry, keep going, you are doing an amazing job!



Reception

Despite doing all the fun activities our teachers have set us, we have also thought of our own. Look what we have been up to...

Writing sentences, reading books about a Fox, Penguin and a Naughty Little Sister! Doing jigsaws and science experiments, yoga for fitness! Making Police cars out of boxes and Easter chicks out of paper plates. Easter cards and bonnets as well as arts and craft pictures. We have made pen pots, palm leaves and repeating patterns. We have used play dough and sewing to strengthen our little fingers! We have baked biscuits, bread, pizza and crispie cakes! Written a shopping list and made our own lunches out of wraps! Some of us have had our birthday and turned 5! We have done lots of our work outside in the sunshine! BUT, we have especially LOVED being the teacher and showing our Mums and Dads how it's done! 😊



Year 1

Year 1 have been continuing their English work using capital letters and full stops when we write. We have also been keeping up our phonics work by trying to read our words speedily, we have even been trying to put these words into sentences!

In RE we have been looking at Holy Week, with a particular focus on Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday, we know that these two days were so important in the story of Easter. We have also been loving the pictures of hope that we have received of Three Little Birds artwork. It reminds us to stay strong and united and, most of all, to have hope!

It looks as though lots of us have been getting out and getting green fingered in our gardens - what a super way to spend our time!

We are so proud of how hard everyone has been working so far at home, we hope that everyone can keep this up!

Please remember to stay safe and take the time to do things that make you happy.

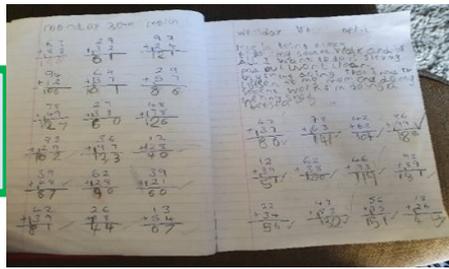
Mrs Hulme, Mrs Rudkin, Mrs Carney & Mr Hardwick



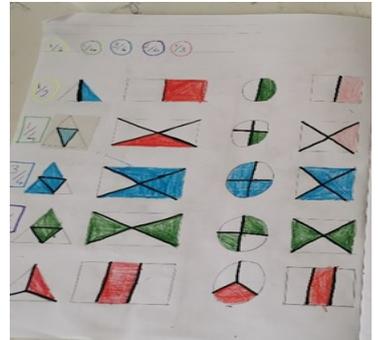
Year 2

Year two have been very busy working from home. Miss Osborne and Mr Walsh are very impressed with everything you have been doing and look forward to seeing more photos!

Practising calculations using the column method



Finding fractions of shapes and amounts



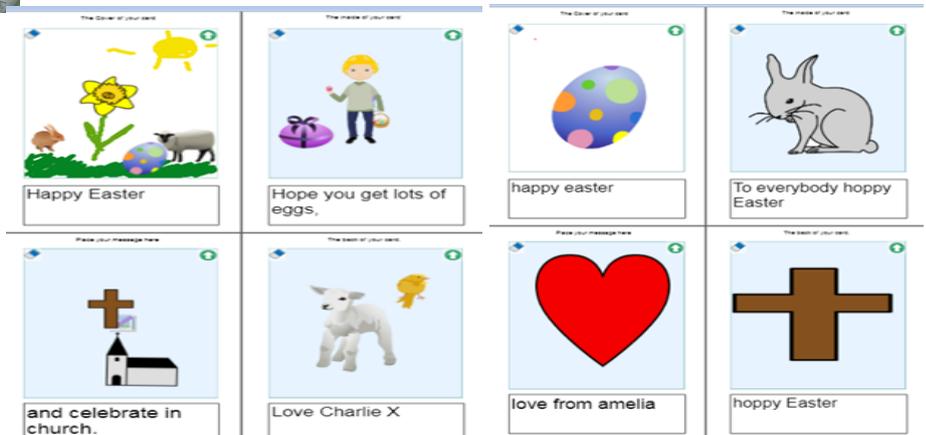
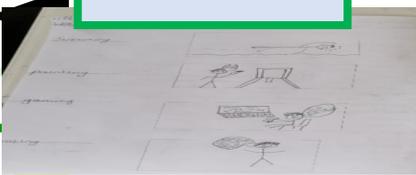
Learning more about The Great Fire of London!



..and researching important symbols at Easter

You have been using Epic, Accelerated Reader, TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed, Purple Mash, and many other programs to help with your learning. Keep up all the good work and make sure you have lots of fun too!

Practising verbs



Year 3

It has been such a difficult time recently and both Mrs Morris and Mr Horton's wishes are that everyone's keeping safe and well. It's been great receiving your emails, seeing what you have been doing and keeping in touch. Remember that our weekly work is on the school website but if you can't access this there are also hard copies in school.

Also there is spelling shed, TT rockstars and Purple Mash task to do. Can we both wish you all a peaceful, safe and holy Easter. Hopefully we will see each other again in class shortly, but for the meantime let's stay safe and wait for this time to be over. Remember to do your work books and keep your diary entries because this is living history and in years to come you will be able to tell people what you did.

Mrs Morris and Mr Horton

Stations of the Cross

Jesus died

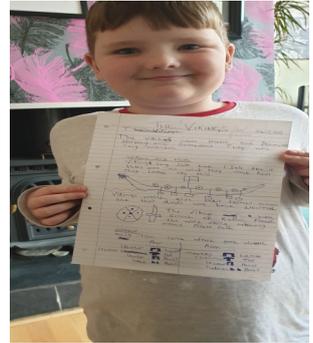
Love one another as I have loved you.



Year 4

The children have been working really hard in Year 4. Mrs Acton and Miss Talbot have been very impressed with all of the work that they have been sent. Children have also been accessing Purple Mash, including their own Year 4 blog as well as various other online resources. Well done to Ellie (4A) who won the first Year 4 poetry competition! This is a very odd time for us all but the children have shown fantastic resilience with their hard work and support for each other.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Acton all the luck in the world as she takes a short break from her teaching role to start her maternity leave and welcome her new bundle of joy!



Year 5

Well done Year 5 on all your fantastic home learning. There's been some super spelling on Spelling Shed, marvellous reading on Epic and AR and creative work on Purple Mash.

Thank you so much for all your hard work from home and please do keep sending us in examples via the email address.

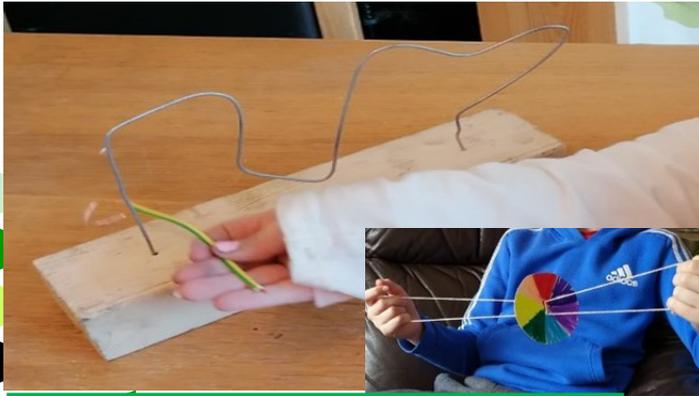
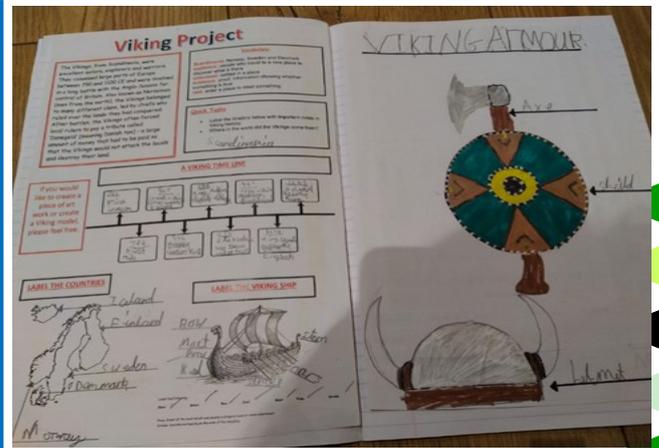
We'd like to wish you a happy, holy and healthy Easter.

Miss Wills and Mr Lord.



Year 6

Mrs Bennett and Miss O'Keefe are extremely impressed by the home learning of Year 6. We have received many emails and tweets showing your hard work. Well done to all children who have been accessing Purplemash, Spelling Shed, TTRockstars, Epic and Accelerated Reader daily as well as completing your home learning tasks from the school website/ twitter. Between you, you have produced some marvellous work (whether planned or through free choice), including:



Science - creating a light colour wheel or a buzzer game.

History - Viking research, shield designs or long boat drawings, as well as many pieces of work submitted via Purplemash.



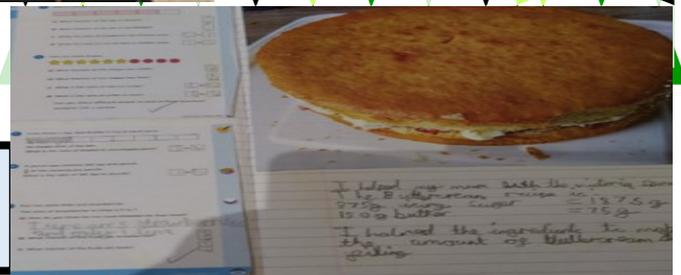
English - Finish reading 'Unstoppable' and writing a review or thank you letter for BFC.



Free choice - creating a mini golf course using cones and bricks or bird feeders.



Maths - Ratio - problem solving and applying skills through scaling a cake recipe.



Virtual Masses Over Easter

For virtual masses, the following Parishes, amongst others, will be either live-streaming or uploading their Easter services via Facebook and their websites:-

St John Vianney & St Monica—Facebook group: CatholicParishofSJVandStM

St Kentigern's, Blackpool— Facebook group: Parish of Christ the King & St Kentigern's

St Clare's, Preston—YouTube channel: St Clare's Church

Our Lady of Furness, Barrow—<https://ourladyoffurness.org.uk/live-streaming>