



The Palmer Academy

Weekly Round-up



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Friday, 8th January 2021

Note from the Executive Headteacher

Happy New Year! Welcome to our first newsletter of the spring term, and a warm welcome to any new families joining. With another national lockdown, we know the nation has faced a range of different changes over the past few days and we know that this has had a great impact on all families within our community. There is no doubt that this lockdown will face us with different challenges, but I wanted to take the time to ask you to get in contact with us if you are facing any difficulties. As part of this community we want to ensure that we can support you in any ways that we can as we recognise that many family's circumstances may change during this period.

This week the school has been busy putting together the remote learning for the children and I wanted to say thank you to all parents for your comments and support. Teaching staff within the school have been working hard to ensure that the remote learning resources cover the teaching that would normally be taking place in school. This approach to teaching is going to be reviewed by staff in the school over this period and we will update you with any changes that may take place. Please read the newsletter carefully, stay safe and keep in touch.



Mr. Aaron Wanford

Remote Learning Survey

Further to our letter sent out earlier this afternoon, if you are struggling to access the remote learning then please do complete the *Remote Learning Survey*, which can be found [here](#).

Children's remote learning at home feedback

The work children have been sending in this week has been fantastic and it has been brilliant to see the resilience of our pupils during this time. I look forward to seeing more in the coming weeks and thank you to all parents/carers for your support in facilitating this.

Reminder – pupil absences

It goes without saying that if your child is attending our critical worker/vulnerable school bubble for face-to-face education during this lockdown and they are displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, they should remain off school until they have been tested to determine what needs to happen next. Please remember that if you are your child has symptoms and is isolating, you should not be leaving your house, except in an emergency in order to limit the spread of the virus with others.

Bringing in Fruit/Vegetables for Break Time Snack

As per the government announcement this week, we have been informed that the School Fruit and Vegetable scheme (SFVS) has been temporarily suspended. Our critical worker and vulnerable children who remain in school are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit or a vegetable to eat during break time. A packet of dried fruit such as raisins or cheese is also permitted. KS2 children are also welcomed to bring something in.

Welfare checks home

Our staff will be continuing to call each child/family at least once a week during the lockdown, if they are not attending the in-school provision. This check will enable us to give feedback to the children about their learning, answer questions you may have and see what other support we can give. It's really important that your child engages with the remote learning we are providing so that they continue with the curriculum and do not end up with even more gaps in their knowledge. Please be aware that as most staff are working remotely, the calls may come from an 'unknown' number, and so please do pick up, or else you will be unable to call us back.

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

Welcome to our new children who have started Nursery this week albeit virtually. In Nursery we have been learning about The Gingerbread Man story and the child both in school and at home have been learning about the characters in the story.

Well done to all the children who have been doing their home learning and thank you to our parents who have uploaded a picture onto Tapestry. Parents please do upload an observation showing what your child has done that day. It can be a picture, video and/ or a written observation.

What have Reception been learning about this week?

Welcome back to our new term in Reception. This term's topic is 'Once upon a Time' where we will be exploring some well-loved fairy tales. We have kicked off with **The Gingerbread Man** this week.



Thank you for all the great learning you are doing at school and at home. We are really enjoying hearing your recall of the story and who your favourite characters are. Keep up the good work!

BIG SHOUT OUT!

A Big shout out to..... **Brooke, Henry, Niranjana, Kaci and Lexi, Yuvraj, Ava, Fatimah, Kevin, Norika, Lucy, Elsie, Maya, Trumane, Annabel, Skye, Adan, Mereyem, Benjamin, Catalina, Inaaya, Ruth, Alice, Owen, Zinan, Amelia, Tegan, Yhodi, Kayden and Alfie** who have all started their learning at home - Well Done everyone! 😊

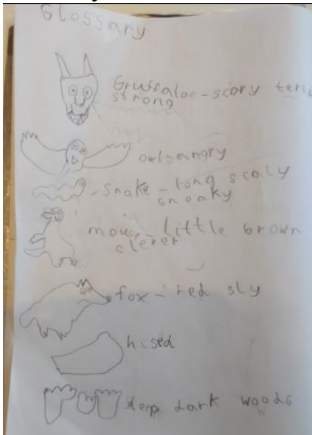
If you're having any problems, please contact us Reception@thepalmeracademy.com

What have Year One been learning about this week?

The Year 1 team have been so impressed with the effort that has been put in by our children and families this week. It's certainly not been the start to the term that any of us planned but it is fantastic to see the children continuing their learning to such a high standard and ensuring they do not miss out on important curriculum content. Please don't forget to send your work to the Year 1 email address (Year1@thepalmeracademy.com) every day. Thank you for your continued support.

Also, a huge well done to our Year 1 school bubble, who have worked super hard this week, despite missing their friends!

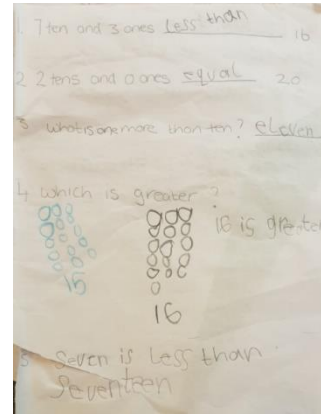
We have started the Spring term by exploring a Year 1 favourite story: The Gruffalo. We have loved seeing the children's beautiful story maps this week! We have begun our new reading book 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea', completed our place value to 20 unit in maths, began our new Geography topic learning about where we live, found out all about Wassily Kandinsky in Art and much, much more! Here is just some of the brilliant work we have received:



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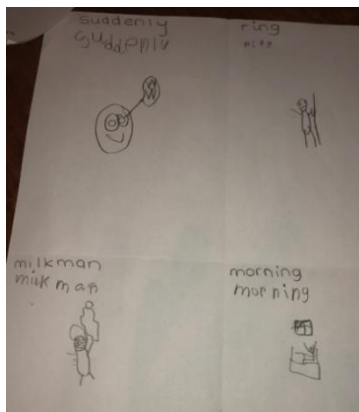
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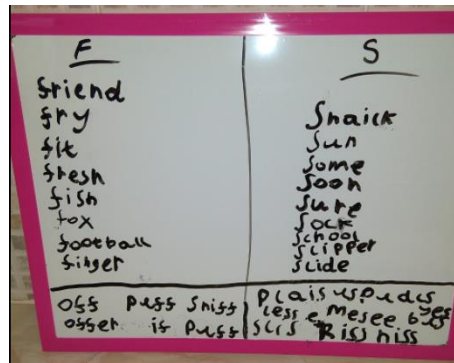
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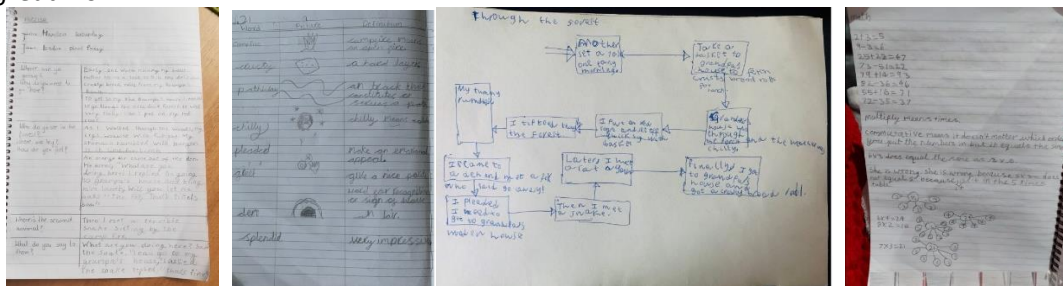


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Keep up the great work Year 1!

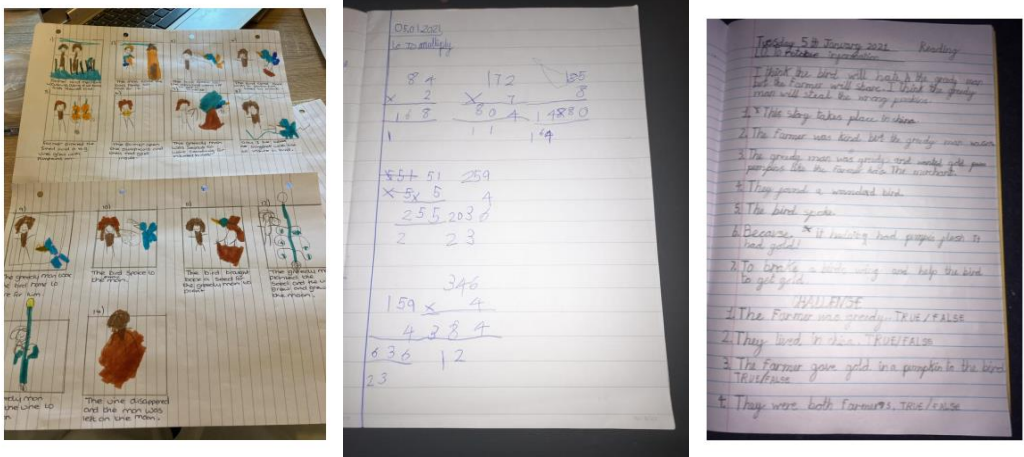
What have Year Two been learning about this week?

Miss Druce and Mr Gardner have been very impressed with how all the children have adapted to home learning. We have received so many emails full of amazing maths, brilliant writing and fantastic topic work. We have seen the children positively respond to our feedback and complete next steps and extra challenge. Keep up the hard work Year 2 and email us on year2@thepalmeracademy.com. We are very proud of you. Here are just a few examples of some great work.

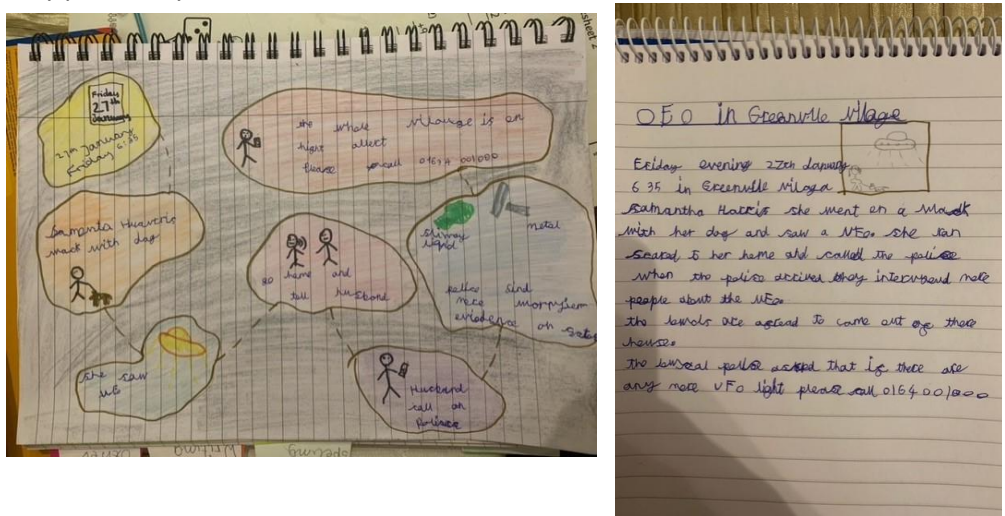


What have Year Three been learning about this week?

Well done to all the Year 3 students who have done their home learning this week. We are so proud of the resilience and dedication that you have shown in completing your lessons online. This week's Maths and Reading have been a quick recap of the skills that we were focussing on last term but next week we will be delivering new content as we start our Money unit and complete our work on Krindlekrax. Here is some of the brilliant work that we have seen so far so please keep sending it in to year3@thepalmeracademy.com.



We have also started a new piece of writing, focusing on newspaper articles and UFOs visiting Earth! This has certainly peaked our attention and inspired some beautiful pieces of work. Well done and keep it up Year 3! We are very proud of you all.

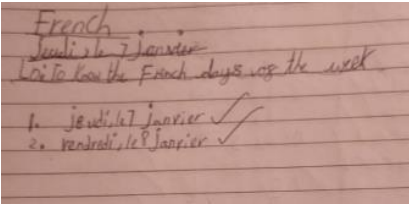


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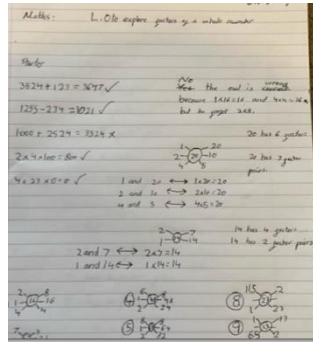
All the year 4 Staff have been so proud of how the children and their families have adapted to the new learning routine. We really want to thank you all for your time and effort in helping to ensure that we give your children every opportunity to continue with their learning. Please send work through to year4@thepalmeracademy.com or teams.

We have made a great start to the Spring term by beginning our new Reading Book 'Varjak Paw', learning all about habitats in Science, working out factor pairs in Maths and immersing ourselves into a new genre on newspapers in English. In addition, we have designed greenhouses in DT and learnt the days of the week in French. Phew we have been busy!

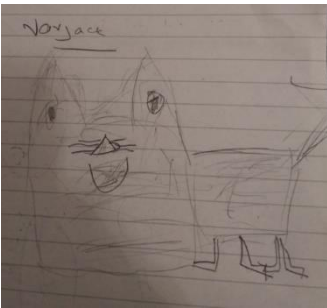
Here are some highlights of work that have been e-mailed into us:



Navya's fabulous French



Basit's marvellous maths.



Well done to Niv for sending in lots of fantastic home learning, we particularly liked your prediction for our new book 'Varjak Paw' and your drawing of his ancestor.



Also, well done to Kaiden for all the fantastic learning he has sent in, we really enjoyed reading your English and seeing this amazing design of your Greenhouse for DT.

Furthermore, we are very proud of the children in our school bubble who have been working very hard and are becoming quite the experts in French. Très bien!

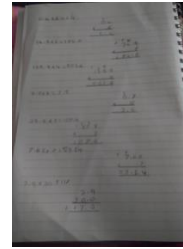
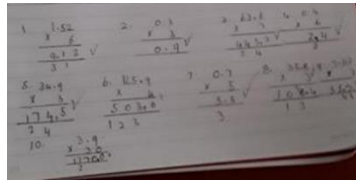
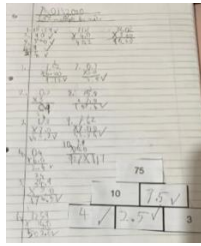
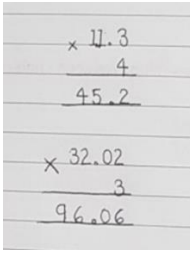
Keep up the great learning Year 4. We look forward to seeing your work next week!

What have Year Five been learning about this week?

This week we have been so proud of the enthusiasm and dedication Year 5 have shown towards their home learning. There have been so many wonderful pieces of work sent to us, but we have chosen a few amazing examples of the hard work being completed at home! Please continue sending work to year5@thepalmeracademy.com or teams.

In English we have been exploring a campaign and Cooper has created a wonderful feature hunt to identify the key elements of a persuasive speech.

In maths we have been learning about decimal numbers and how to multiply them using column method. Bishakha, Jai, Jedial and Tyeisha have produced some brilliant maths work, taking their time to put the numbers in the correct columns and showing their working out neatly. Keep up all the hard work!



What have Year Six been learning about this week?

Congratulations Year 6! Miss Gundry, Miss Thomassen, Mrs Goldwater and Mrs Taphouse are so very proud of the way you have adapted to home learning so far. We can see that many of you have viewed the home learning videos, but we do need all of you to submit your work to us on Teams. This week we have been learning to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages and you have demonstrated that you can draw on previously learned skills to complete this with good accuracy (Shout out to **Ayman** for super understanding). We have introduced and started to read our new class text: 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and have revised some reading skills that we found challenging in assessments before we broke up. The discussions we have had online around reading have been fantastic (excellent discussions about authors and comparisons between books and films, **Brooke**) and some of you have even started writing your own books. (**San**, I can't wait to see the end product of 'Lost'). We have also commenced learning of the new topics in our afternoon lessons: Dreams and Goals in PSHE and Classifying Organisms in Science and we are due to start Faith through Art in R.E., Andy Warhol prints in Art, and Extreme Earth in Geography next week. We look forward to sharing some photos of the work you produce in our round-up next week.

We're so proud of you all, Year 6! Please continue sending work to year6@thepalmeracademy.com or teams.

What's happening next week at Palmer

Monday 11 th Jan	Assembly with Mr Soares-Mistry via YouTube (13:30)
Tuesday 12 th Jan	
Wednesday 13 th Jan	Assembly with Mr Soares-Mistry via YouTube (13:30)
Thursday 14 th Jan	Assembly with Mr Soares-Mistry via YouTube (13:30)
Friday 15 th Jan	

Attendance Information

Well done to those of you who have accessed learning from home and have been submitting your work to your teachers. You must access the daily lessons on YouTube (Videos are scheduled to be released at 8:30 and 13:30 each day) and submit your work to your teacher on Teams or via the year group email.

