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Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe we are rapidly approaching half term. It has certainly been an unforgettable start to the spring term!

You continue to amaze and inspire me with the way in which you are managing your children's home learning alongside all the other challenges we face at the moment. There have been some fantastic examples of learning submitted this week.

I hope you have started to think about the 'Express Yourself' projects which we will be inviting you to submit after half term. We are excited to see how children can use their imagination and creativity to share their thoughts and feelings.

We are really keen to hear your thoughts about remote learning so I am inviting you to take part in a short survey to help us to further develop the offer. This will help us to refresh the remote learning offer for after half term. Following feedback we have already received, we are planning a 'screen free Friday' and a 'virtual playtime' for the children. Any additional thoughts and suggestions you may have will be most welcome. You can find details of how to access the survey below.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support for the staff team. They are working incredibly hard so your kind words in recognition for all they are doing go a very long way.

Take good care of yourselves.

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



REMOTE LEARNING SURVEY

Please let us know your thoughts and suggestions about our remote learning offer. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete and can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BWD353T>



Express Yourself Competition

We are inviting all children to take part in a competition by creating a project entitled '*Express Yourself*'. Children can enter under any of the following categories:



Art and Design
Fashion
Music
Photography
Creative writing
Dance



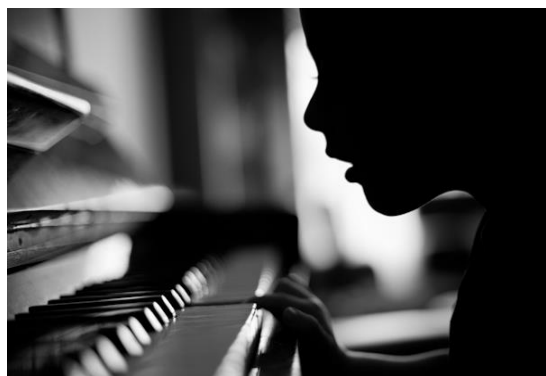
The aims of the project are to:

Explore the theme of 'Express Yourself' in all its different forms.

Make links between healthy self-expression and good mental health.

Experiment with different ways of expressing ourselves.

Remember 'Express Yourself' is about finding creative ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through media such as art, writing, music and dance along with doing things that make you feel great!



All entries will need to be submitted by **Monday 22nd February 2021**.

You can upload photos, videos or work to art@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk
Winners will be announced after half term.

Website Updates

You can find all information about our remote learning offer, including a handy guide to Microsoft Teams on our website:

<https://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/remote-learning-offer/>

Stay in Touch

Please remember to let us know if you or a member of your household receives a positive test result for COVID-19. We have a dedicated phone number for you to call if you need to inform us of a confirmed case within your household– **07376 358065**.

We also have a dedicated email address for any communication related to COVID-19. You can contact us at the following email address:

covid@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk



Laptops for Learning Bridging the Digital Divide



Thank you to everyone who has donated.
We have currently raised £2,700 to support the purchase of devices for remote learning. There is still time to donate.

If you would like to donate, you can do so by clicking the link below.

<https://www.rocketfund.org/laptops-for-learning-bridging-the-digital-divide>

Please feel free to share the link with friends, family members, work colleagues and social media contacts.

Together we can make a real difference to our families in most need.



HALF TERM HOLIDAY

The last day for children this half term will be **Thursday 11th February**
Friday 12th February is an INSET Day.
School will recommence on **Monday 22nd February 2021**.

Stars of the Week



Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!

Early Years Bubble	Junior	Year 3 Bubble	Khloe
Nursery	Vivien Inayah	3C	Felix
RF	Elsie	3J	Olivia
RL	Stephen	3L	Cayden
RS	Mekai	Year 4 Bubble	Olivia
Year 1 Bubble	Ralph	4AS	Gharshan
1BZ	Maxwell	4C	Adam
1N	Edie	4V	Mason
1S	Afonso	Year 5 Bubble	Jackson
Year 2 Bubble	Evie	5A	Anneliese
2A	Kairo	5C	Alice
2D	Leo	5W	Shalany
2L	Lilah	Year 6 Bubble	Maelyss
Resource Base Bubble	Joshua	6B	Khadijah
Resource Base	Angelica	6C	R'hema
		6N	Charelle
		6R	Jeremy



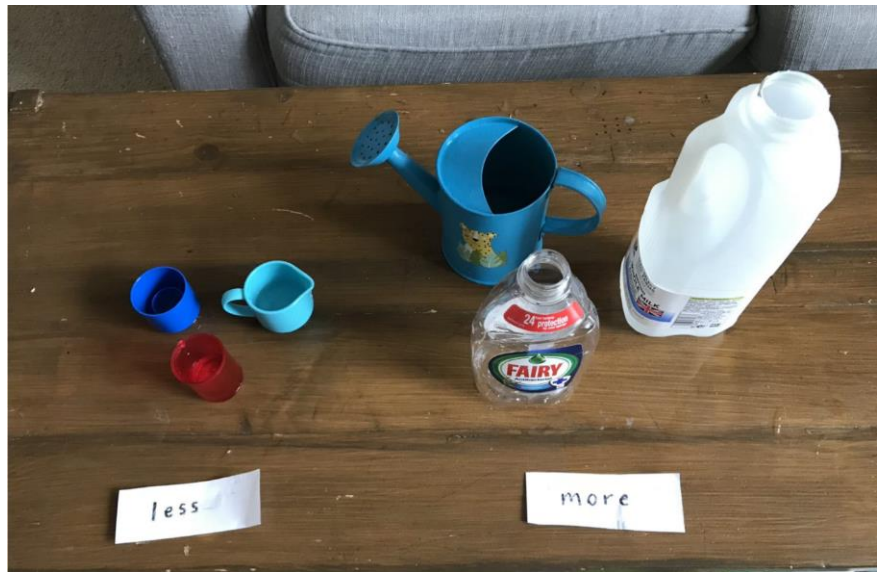
Lovely Learning from Home and School

Nursery – Phonics



Sayon

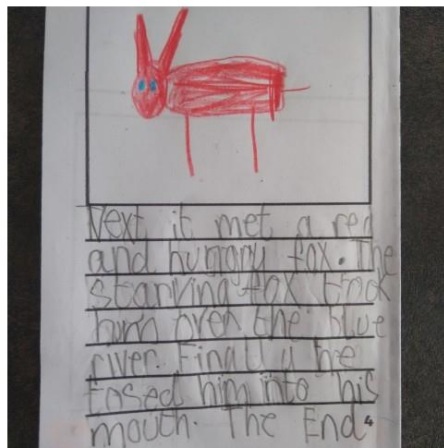
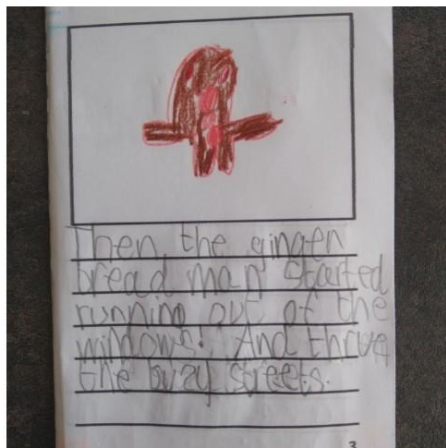
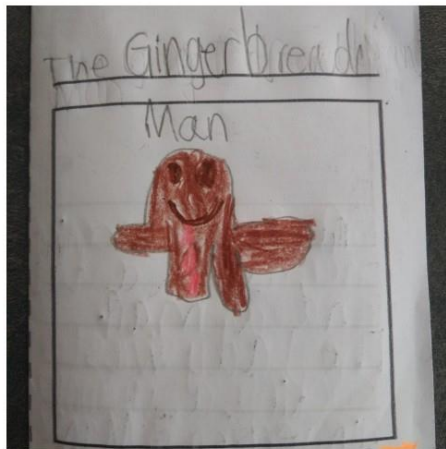
Reception - Maths



Arthur

Year 1 - Story writing

The Gingerbread Man by Afonso



Year 2 – Story Writing

The curious elephant by Kairo

Long, long ago in sandy Africa there was a curious grey elephant. He was enormous! He had great big flappy ears and a small grey shiny nose. He always wanted to know what all of the other animals were doing.

One blazing hot day, the Elephant was stumbling to the river to get a cool refreshing drink of water. Then he surprisingly noticed that he was in the lions section, so he went over to them where they were laying gracefully on a huge rock. "Hey guys, what are you doing?" said the Elephant in a cheery voice. In a tired voice the lion replied, "mind your own business." The Elephant did not listen, "oh please tell me what you are doing, I'm just curious" said the Elephant. The lion slowly turned his head away from the elephant.

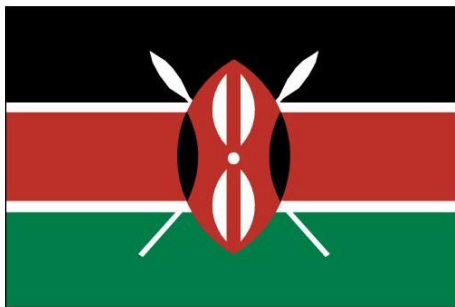
Then the Elephant turned around and began to drag his feet crossly towards the river. The Elephant held his head down low and was feeling sad. On his way, he bumped into a sturdy giraffe and the Elephant looked at the giraffe "STOP STARING AT ME" the giraffe said. "I'm so curious to know what you are doing all the way up there" said the Elephant. The giraffe snapped back "mind your own business".

Finally he made it to the river, "I am so thirsty, the water looks so refreshing" he said. The Elephant drank the cool water, but as he lowered his head he saw something in the water.....

Year 2- Geography

The children in year 2 have been finding out about life in Kenya. We are very lucky because Imogen (2D) has an uncle who lives in Nairobi. He made some videos to answer the children's questions about the Kenyan flag, the weather, the food and the language. He even taught the children a little bit of Swahili.

This is what he had to say about the wonderful children in year 2: "WOW! From the questions I received, it truly tells that you guys are really clever and awesome people and it was fun to answer all these questions."



Year 3 – History



Year 3 bubble

Year 4- Art



Year 4 bubble

Year 5 - Art



Madison

Year 6 – Poetry

Haunted House

*The old abandoned house swayed in the
cold, shivering wind
The night was creeping on the ground...
It crept and did not make a sound.
The ghosts floated and danced
Across the many rooms
Over this house
Trying to find their next prey
To play
And betray*

*If anyone entered the house
They would have a sense of foreboding
They could almost feel the tension in the
air
As if the house itself was holding it's
breath
Rochelle*



*Our wonderful world
The beautiful green trees,
whispering in the wind.
The silky blue lake sings calming
songs.
The wonderful sunset sleeps as the
moon begins to rise.
The lovely green mountains awake
from their sleep.
The old grey rocks listen to the
singing lake.
Kiara*