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Dear Families,

We thought you would enjoy this lockdown newsletter showing you some snippets of learning life at home and in school. I am so proud of what everyone is doing right now under such strange and difficult circumstances. I often try to imagine how it must all seem from the children's point of view.

Our school staff are working incredibly hard to bring you learning both remotely and in school. I know that parents and carers are also working hard too, so thank you all for all you are doing whether that is with your children, supporting remote learning, working from home or in your place of work. You are all amazing.

As you will know from Sammy's letter last week, I am handing over the HoS reins to Emily and Sharon until after the Easter break as I am undergoing significant spinal surgery, which has a long recovery period. I know they will do a wonderful job of looking after the school and its community.

Be safe, be kind to yourselves and each other. Every day is different, and what we can manage to do in that day..... is enough.

With my very best wishes

Sarah and the team



Class R

We have been very busy at home and at school this half term. We have been enjoying traditional tales in literacy and have drawn story maps, retold the stories, made finger puppets and written sentences. We made bridges for the Billy Goats Gruff and houses for The Three Little Pigs.

In school the children have enjoyed their PE sessions. Comments included, "I played hockey outside. I like it.", "we played skittles. You have to knock cones down" and "My favourite bit was the obstacle course". At home children have been riding their bikes, going on woodland walks and following Joe Wicks. One child even created an in-door pretend swimming pool, complete with lifeguard!

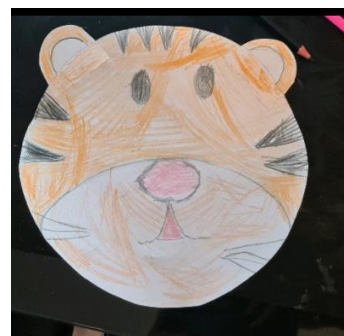
In our topic sessions we have found out about different habitats. We enjoyed learning about the different animals in the rainforest. We learnt to move like different animals and made wonderful masks. When learning about polar habitats we discovered what animals lived there and how they had adapted to the cold. We made igloos from sugar cubes and marshmallows and experimented with ice cubes.



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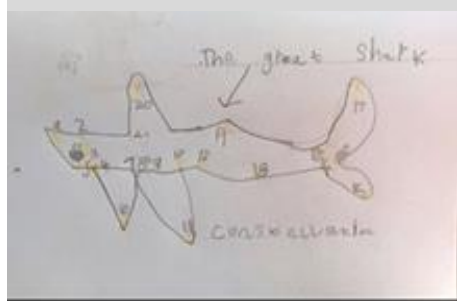
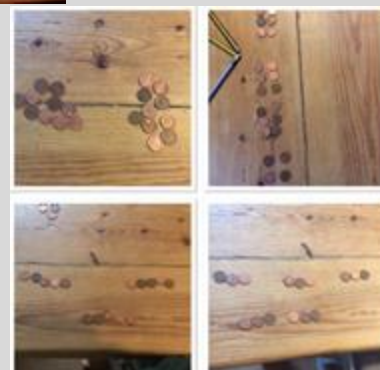
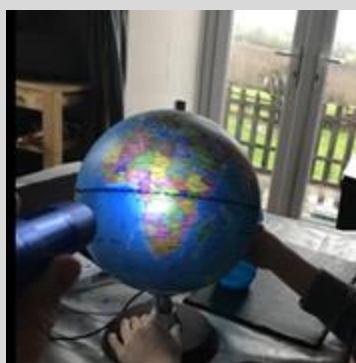
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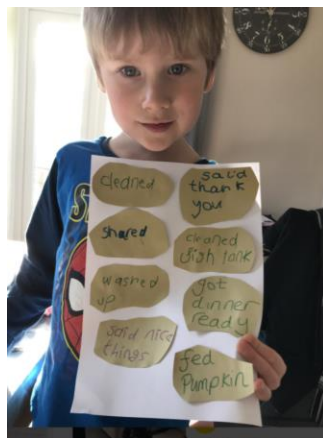
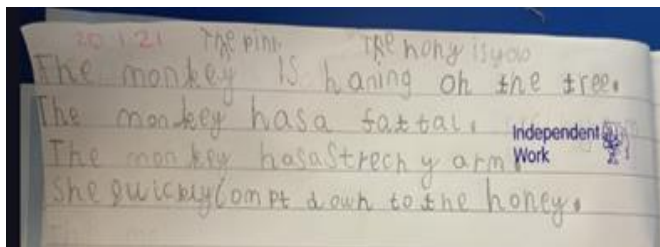
This half term we have been learning about space and this has meant we have found out about planets, the solar system and star constellations. We have looked at materials and also the weather and seasons. In Maths we have learnt how to subtract and found out about times tables. We have learnt about a story called 'Honey and Trouble' and learnt about nouns and verbs. At home I have seen you all go out on your walks, cycle rides and joining in with PE with Joe and in school we have been doing PE, dancing and the daily mile. I have also seen lots of cooking and fun playing in the snow! In school we have had fun singing space songs and playing in our class space station. We have all enjoyed our phonics zoom calls with Mrs Chamberlain and our Friday group zoom calls!



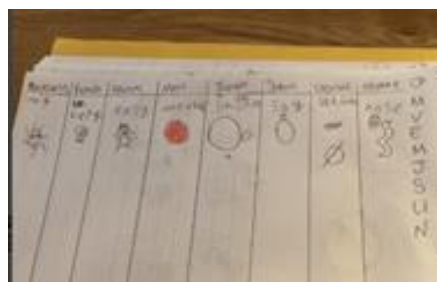
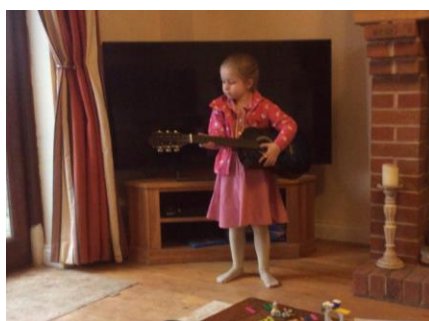
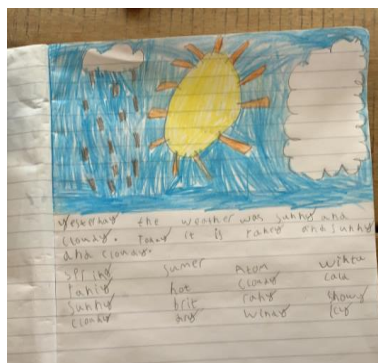
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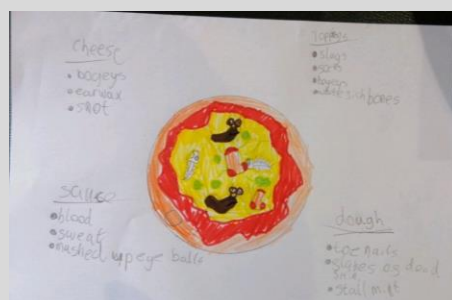
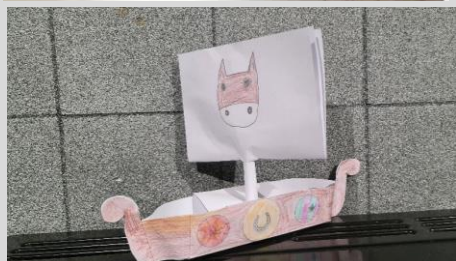
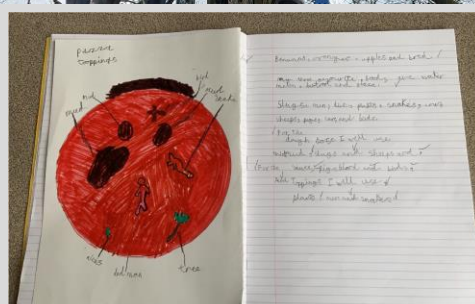
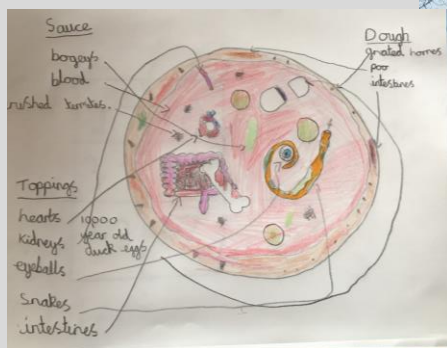


Planet	Fact
Mercury	hot
Venus	brilliant
Earth	home
Mars	red
Jupiter	big
Saturn	rings
Uranus	spin on its side
Neptune	wind



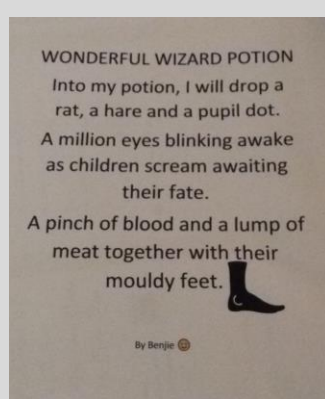
Class 2

This term Class 2 have been learning about myths and legends. We have researched what the Ancient Greeks and the Vikings believed and what their Gods were like. We also found out more about what their lives were like. In English we have been designing and writing instructions to make pizzas for monsters with disgusting toppings! We have been focusing on multiplication and division in Maths and will be continuing this after half term.



Class 3

Year 5 and 6 have been working hard with their remote learning. We are so impressed to see their commitment to learning. We have been working on creating gadgets, superheroes and magical potions. The vocabulary has been incredibly impressive. Our topic is Sow, Grow and Farm so Y5 and 6 have presented research projects on how different foods from across the world are produced - some typed, some handwritten, some in poster form and some in Power Point form. Class 3 are really showcasing their maturity, contributing well to Zoom calls, sharing with us their different interests and ventures, keeping active and taking responsibility for their learning.





Mealtime Assistant Vacancy

We are seeking to appoint a permanent Mealtime Assistant, £9 p/h, Monday to Friday, 7.5 h/w, during term time, within the Primary phase of the Federation of Tiverton Schools, to be based at Rackenfords Primary School. Applicants must be supportive, reliable and adaptable in order to meet the daily needs of the school. Please contact the school on (01884) 881354 or email admin@rackenfords-primary.devon.sch.uk for an application form or further information. Closing Date: noon on Friday 12th February 2021.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This role requires a DBS disclosure.

This role requires the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.

What should you do if your child tests positive for Coronavirus during half term?

If your child tests positive for Coronavirus having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (i.e. on or before 14th February) we can assist in identifying close contacts and advising them to self-isolate. We will also support a staff member who tests positive in this way, and therefore will ensure any pupils or staff who were close contacts are informed.

Please email us on admin@rackenfords-primary.devon.sch.uk and we will call you back.

Term Dates



15 – 19 February
Half Term

31 March
Spring Term Ends

19th April
First day of Summer term

3 May
Bank Holiday

31 May – 4 June
Half Term

23 July
Summer term Ends

School photos that were due on the 24th February and 22nd March have now been cancelled.

Zoom Calls

Could we please ask that if your child is unable to attend a zoom call, that you let your child's teacher know; even if it's a last minute email just so the teacher is aware. Thank you

