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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of our first week back in lockdown I would like to start my letter today by saying how much we miss you all.

First and fore mostly I would like to reassure you all that whatever challenges we face as a school, as a community and as a country we remain at all times determined that the education we provide at Madginford is absolutely first class.

I do not think any of us thought that the pandemic would reach a stage where schools would need to close for a second time. After a very successful Autumn Term where we were celebrating and sharing with you the children's fantastic learning in our focus areas: Art, Science and writing - we are very much looking forward to seeing this continue in the Spring Term albeit remotely!

We have adapted our provision and I am so incredibly proud of our staff who with very little notice at the tail end of the Christmas Break worked tirelessly to set up remote teaching for this week. I could not have asked for more.

As you are all aware we are now using our Learning Platform Google Classroom from Year 1 to Year 6 and Tapestry for Year R. Class DoJo also remains in place and I hope you all find it a useful tool for communication.

Our provision is developing rapidly as we all become more familiar with the technology. Myself and the leadership team are all very much looking forward to trying live streaming next week - we will be holding live story time sessions for all year groups. Each member of the team will read a story for each year group weekly, taking a different year group each week so over time we have contact with all children. The links for these sessions will be uploaded onto Google Classroom.

From Monday the 11th January a pre-recorded whole school assembly will be uploaded onto Google Classroom on a weekly basis (Mondays). This week's assembly will focus on one of our school values Kindness and children will have some home learning to do around this assembly theme.

Yesterday we received guidance from the DFE (Department for Education) around Remote Learning.



However it very important that the remote provision that we have in place is effective for our families and our community. To this end we would like to gather feedback from parents and today you will receive a short survey that can be completed online. The feedback from the survey will alongside the DFE guidance help us ensure our provision is accurately matched to needs of our children and families. Please can I ask you all to return the survey as soon as you can so we can act quickly.

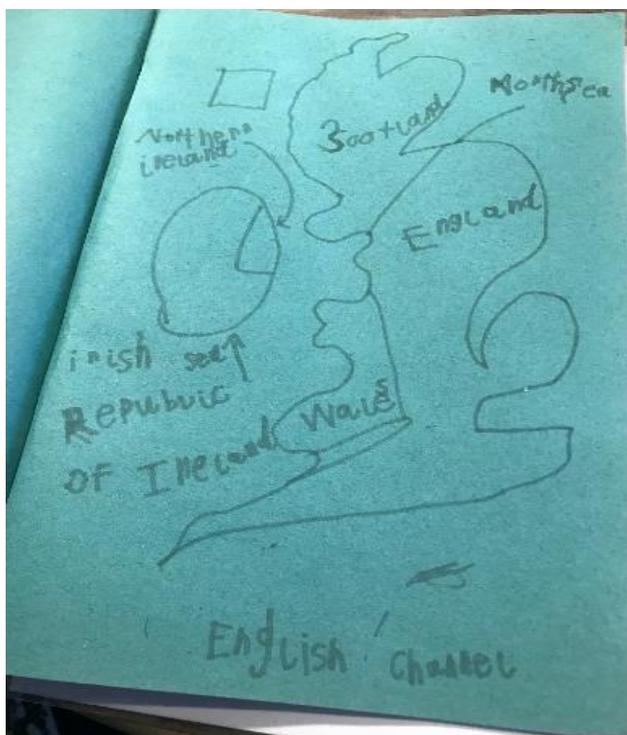
A few parents have asked about reading books for the children and we are very keen to find a way to facilitate this whilst ensuring we are keeping everybody safe. We have some ideas in mind and will be in touch with you all next week to explain further.

Already just five days in to Lockdown and I am again incredibly impressed with the enthusiasm the children are demonstrating. As promised I have some wonderful home learning to share with you all.

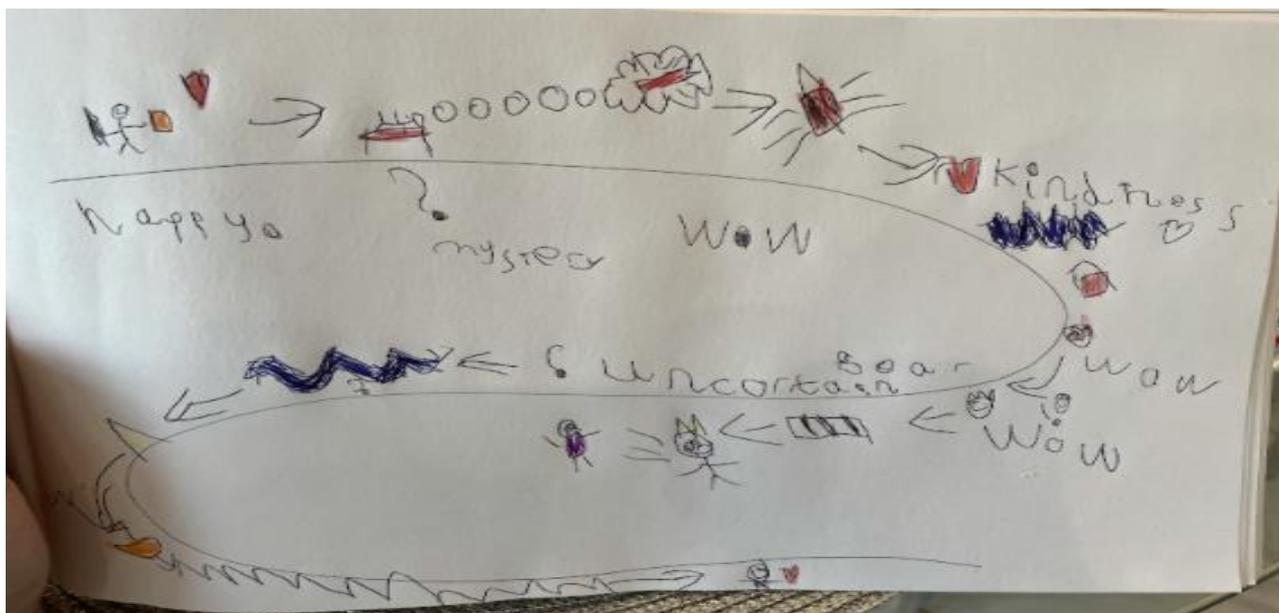
This excellent piece of art work is from Rowan (4C) - He has looked really carefully at where the shadows are and the detail is lovely especially in the soil.



In Year 1 children have been learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom. Some of the children have had a go at drawing their own maps! Mrs Cross has been very impressed! And so am I!!!



Year one have also been learning all about a story called The Magic Paintbrush and have retold the story using mood story maps.



Our very busy Year One children have also been science detectives, looking for materials around the home! I love this picture!!!

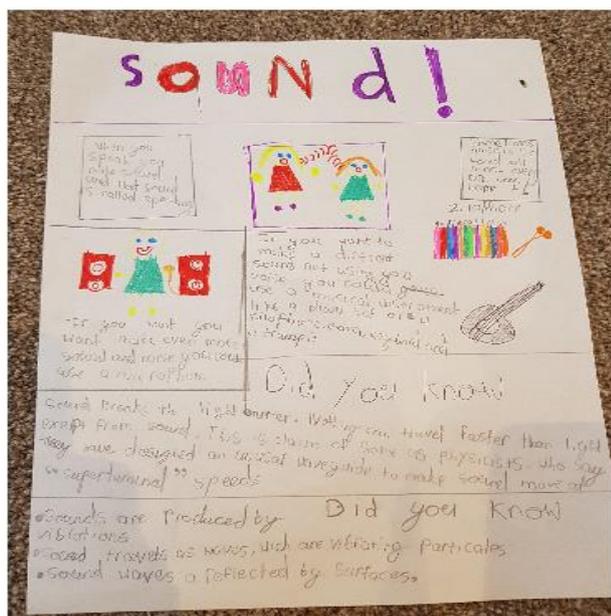


And I have news from Mr Bevan who teaches 3B!!! He is very proud of all his class and would like to give a special mention to:

Isaac who has worked hard on his 8 times tables and is keen to achieve his millionaire reading award. He is currently on 300,000.

Siena who decided to make a video presentation to explain what she already knows about sound. She spoke confidently for 4 minutes!

Bella who worked really hard on her science poster to show what she already knows about sound.



An enormous well done to Isaac, Bella and Siena - you are all Super Stars!!!!

As always this is but a small selection of the fantastic home learning that has been happening this week. I am so looking forward to seeing more!

Thank you all for your continuing and very much appreciated support. My thoughts are with you all. Please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Woolcombe'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end.

Mrs A Woolcombe
Headteacher