

Head teacher's Comment

We hope you have all enjoyed the VE Day activities this week and managed to have a garden picnic on what has been a beautiful day. It is lovely to remember the Second World War generation by spending time with our families. We look forward to showcasing your photo's next week, there may even be some staff ones in there!

We have decided that as we are probably still going to be facing lockdown for a few more weeks, next week we are going to have a well-being week with the activities teachers set being about relaxing and having fun. We all need to draw on our Resilience in these very strange times and so activities that encourage well-being seemed like a good idea. Check out your classes website page on Monday for more information.

The Diggle Star



Friday 8th May 2020

What have we learnt?

KS1

Class R This week we have been looking at all things zoo. We started looking at a new topic book 'Poo in the Zoo' by Steve Smallman and the children had lots of fun creating their own zoos at home and some animals masks. The children have also been researching different animals you might find at the zoo, through the Chester Zoo - Zoo Days videos, and drawing and labelling their favourite animals. Lastly the children have been preparing for VE Day by making or putting up bunting and preparing a tea party to have with their family and teddies. Thanks again for all the wonderful pictures and videos of your learning Class R. Keep up the good work!

Class 1 This week in Theme we have been learning about early locomotives. We found out about the life of George Stephenson and his most famous invention-The Rocket and wrote a diary entry as if we were taking our first ride on a steam train in 1830. We also wrote a newspaper report about the Rainhill Trials and how the Rocket was the only engine to finish. In Maths we have been working on fact families, addition and subtraction on BBC bitesize as well as working on our own targets in Maths Whizz. In English we have read more of the Naughty Bus and have completed some vocabulary and comprehension tasks. We have ended the week learning about VE Day and making decorations and food to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of it.

Class 2 This week Class 2 have continued their history theme about travel and transport by investigating cars old and new. They looked at how cars have changed through the years from the very earliest steam carriages right up to cars of today. They also had a challenge to make an old or new model car, we have had some great pictures. Maths this week has focussed on Maths Whizz but were very impressed last week how hard children worked with Mastery challenges for money and change using BBC Bitesize maths. Our spelling focus has looked at alternative ways to spell the long vowel sounds oo and ow. We finished our week with finding out about VE day and trying out some VE day activities including making special VE day 'Great British Bunting' to display at home, designing a poster to share the good news or even setting out your own *in-house tea party and inviting everyone who lives in your house (toys included)*.

KS2

Class 3 This week we have been completed a VE wordsearch making flags and bunting for VE day and some of us have made scones. We have written diary extracts as Sophie and also the Giant from BFG and had fun using Giant Speak. In Maths, we revisited addition and subtraction in the form of word problems and used Purple Mash to support our maths learning.

Class 4 We did some problem solving this week in maths by solving The Great Diggle Race conundrum this week. We had to work out the finishing position of all the teachers' cars based on clues. We created a symbol to represent peace and forgiveness for Mrs Cocker's RE work and we recapped the meaning of evaporation and condensation in science. In English we finished another chapter of *The Witches* and we produced a mini-project on the county of Kent (which is where the boy and his Grandmother live). Thursday was all about VE day and we had fun creating secret coded messages, making a delicious street-party menu and filling in a 1945 map of Europe with Allies and Axis countries.

Class 5 This week, children have continued to read the book, 'The Boy with One Name'. They were asked to write their own postcard from Jones' parents. They were also asked to write a description of Maitland's house - they were asked to use different strategies and techniques as well as some conversation. They then had to edit these descriptions to improve their writing. Class 5 have also spent some time on Maths Whizz and have completed their weekly mini-maths

Class 6 This week, children have been asked to read more of our class book, 'The Girl of Ink and Stars'. From this, they had to answer questions based on what they have read and draw their interpretation of a Tibicenas (a creature that attacked villagers) based on a description they have read. They were also asked to research and draw constellations of stars and try to spot these in the evening. In maths, they were completed work on simplifying fractions as well as adding and subtracting fractions.

This week's star!

STAR OF THE WEEK



GEMMA HEYDON

Nominated by:

Charlotte Heydon

in recognition of :

Gemma has started work at Fairfield Hospital this week as a volunteer for part of her final year Mental Health Degree to carry out an extended placement to help during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Year 2

The children have been really busy with their history theme work this week.



Thomas sorted all his cars into new and old.



Tuesday 5th May
What do you notice about:
1. The wheels
2. One is bigger one is smaller
2. How many people can use it
2 and 4
3. What would happen in different types of weather
The old car would get wet in the rain
4. What safety features are there?
Brakes, seatbelt
What speed does it go?
11 mph

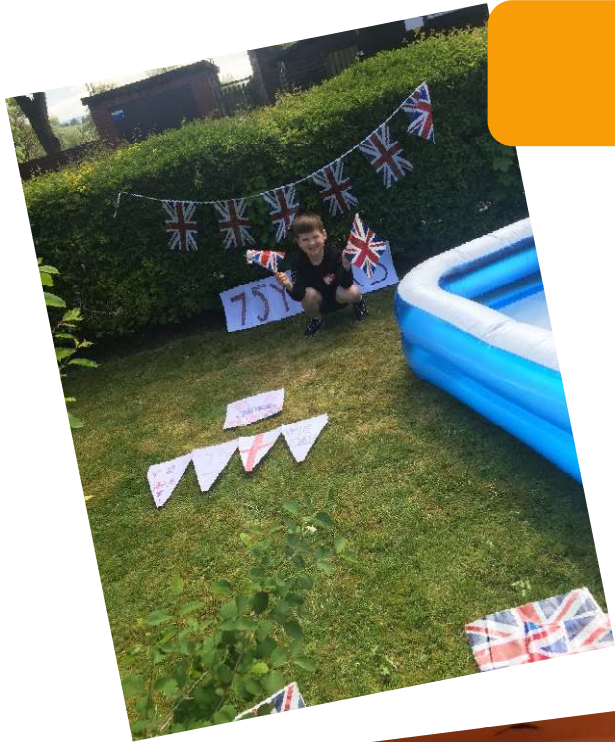
5 May
1. Old cars had these wheels and new cars had spool wheels some owners had thinner wheels than new ones
2. People in the old car upto 1 people in a new car
3. In the old car people will get wet and in the new car people will not get wet
4. The old car does not have a seat belt, the new one has like an air bag and seat belt
5. The old car had a top speed of 11 mph new cars could go 50 mph



Year 1

Our children have been very busy getting ready for VE day

Fabulous bunting!



Scarlett has been painting stones and leaving them on her garden wall for people to collect as they pass. What a lovely idea!



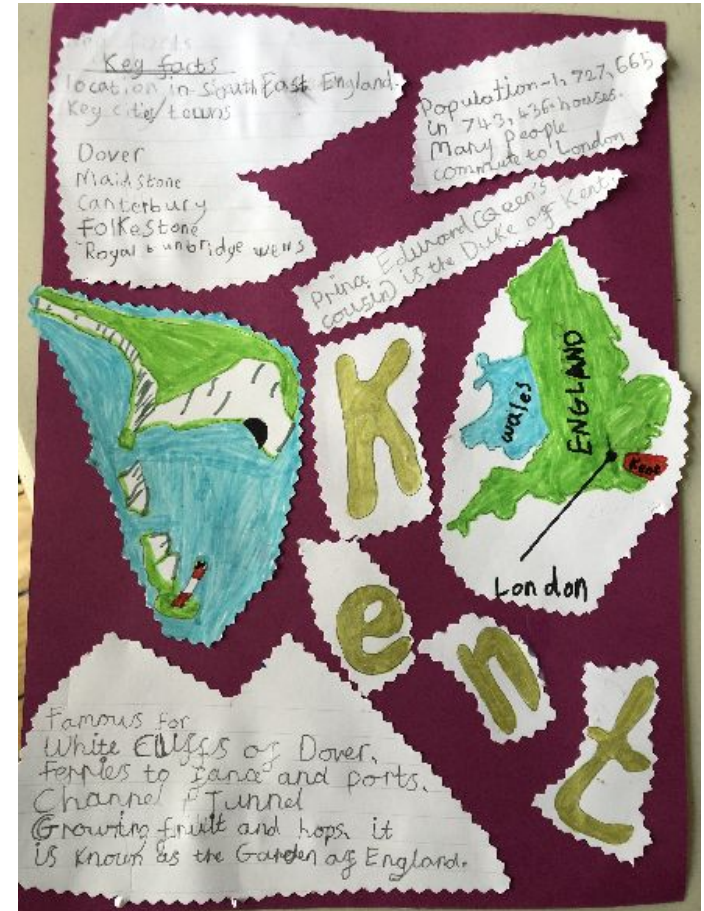
Year 3

Having fun preparing for VE day.



Year 4

We wanted to share Jack's brilliant work about Kent. You obviously spent a lot of time on it. Well Done Jack!

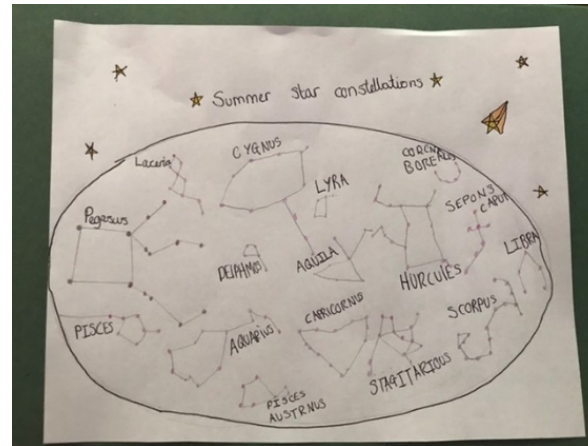


Class 6

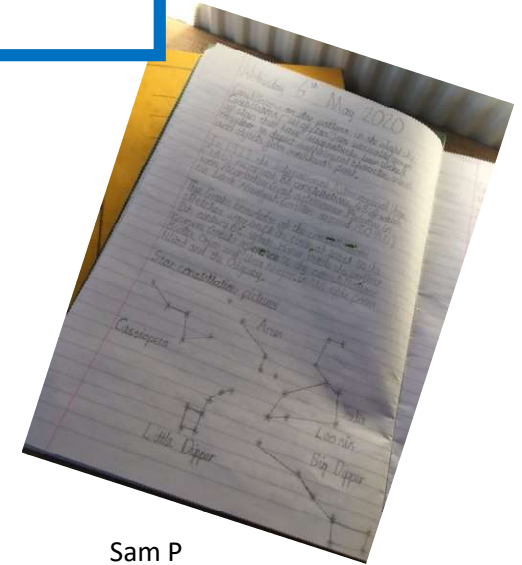
In the book, 'The Girl of Ink and Stars', positions of the stars are used to help with cartography - the art or drawing maps. They give more accuracy to the scale of the map as the position of different landmarks. There have been some fantastic efforts of drawing the constellations by the children.



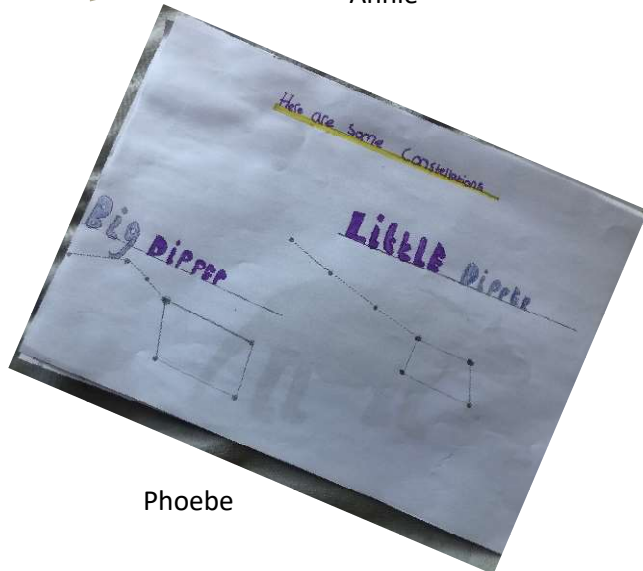
Annie



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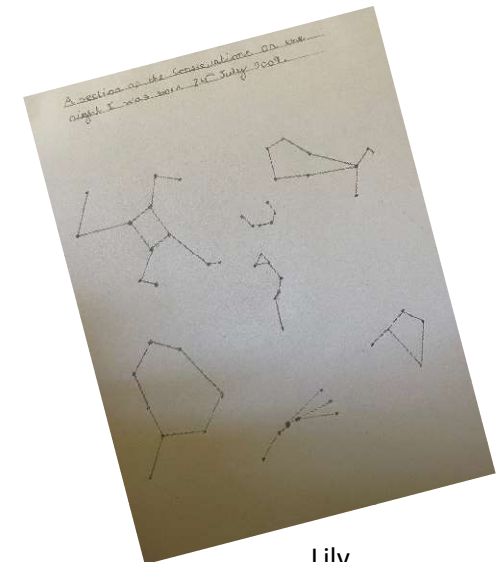
Sam P



Phoebe



Lizzy



Lily

Class R

Fabulous zoo work from Reception children

