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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year. I hope you are all safe and well. It has been wonderful to welcome back our fantastic Year 6 on Thursday and Friday of this week. We have missed their smiles and laughter so much. All the staff have been so impressed with the way they have come into school, confident, positive and full of energy, after 10 weeks away. Many thanks to the parents for preparing your children so well, which has helped them settle quickly into the new routines and school environment. Our drop off and pick up is becoming very polished!

I must thank all our dedicated, positive and supportive Sandfield staff, who have worked so hard to ensure our "school expansion plan," is a success. For me, it is a real privilege to work with such a committed staff team, supportive and understanding parents and amazing children.

Next week, our welcome extends to children from Year R and Year 1, as they participate in "come and play sessions," which will be a great opportunity for the children to see their new classrooms, reunite with some of their classmates and staff, and begin to learn our new school routines.

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For other year groups our remote learning continues, and the teachers are working very hard to make sure that the tasks set are creative, engaging and fun. We will await further government guidance on schools being able to open for other year groups, and will keep you updated with any future news.

As the school is closed for deep cleaning on a Wednesday, except for our key worker children, Wednesdays have become our "Wellbeing day." Teachers will set a range of different tasks to support mental and physical health.

Some ideas are:

Happiness jar - the children write down something that has made them happy each week and put the slip of paper into a decorated jar or box.

Yoga - use of Cosmic kids

Singing - selected videos to singalong too

Outdoor activities - Look outside, e.g. look for shadows, spot some birds/trees/flowers etc.

An act of kindness - children to do or say something kind for everyone in their family

Art/DT - something 'mindful' and creative

Hopefully, these activities can be enjoyed by all the family, as we take time out to look after ourselves and each other.

This week's home learning highlights have been:

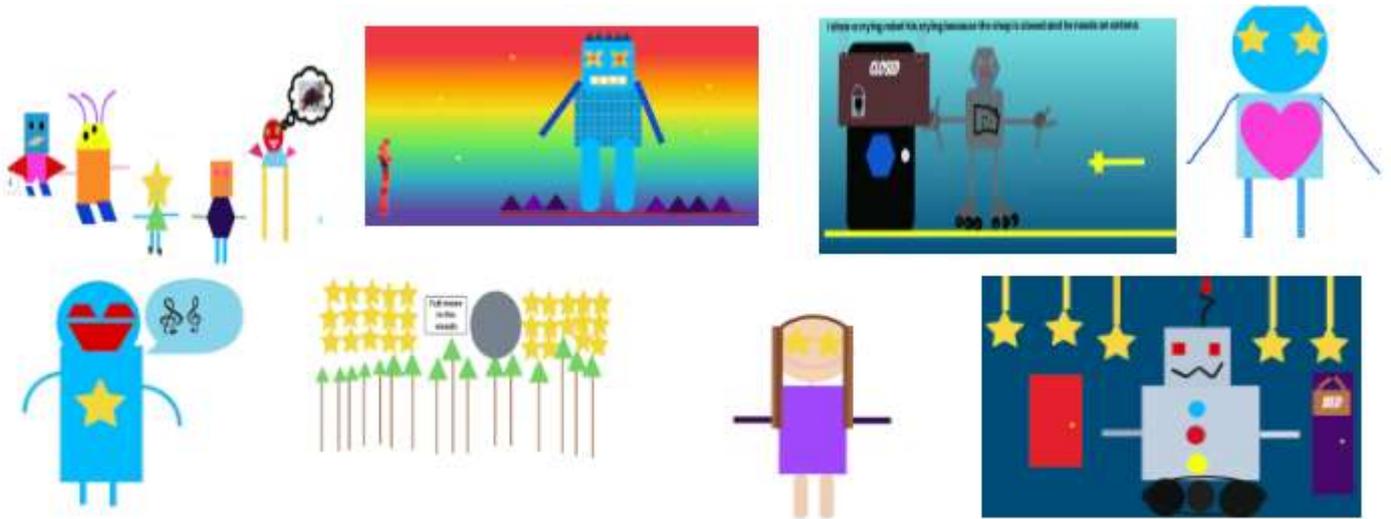
Reception Class: This week the children have been on a minibeast hunt and learnt a range of facts about the creatures they found. Later in the week, the children were so creative and made their own minibeasts! The children ended the week by making their own minibeast hotels, I love how imaginative they all are! In maths, we have been working on counting on when adding. The children have played lots of different games at home to practise this skill. Finally, everyone has worked really hard on their phonics this week and I am amazed at how well the class is doing!



Year 1: The children have been working so hard this week and we continue to be delighted with how well they are all doing. In Science they have been looking at plants and labelling different parts of the plant, some of them doing fantastic collage pictures. It has been great to see everything they have been doing on Well-Being Wednesday, writing their names using natural objects has really shown their amazing creative skills. Well done Year 1!



Year 2: have been working hard on fractions in Maths and have shown some great knowledge and understanding. It has been lovely seeing lots of pictures of different things the children have been doing, camping in the garden, going to the beach, baking cakes, cooking dinner and lots of different art activities. We are starting to look at the coral reef and the children have been on an adventure with the octonauts and have watched a National Geographic film all about the coral reef. They have created pictures using shapes which have been fantastic and they have also shared their book reviews.



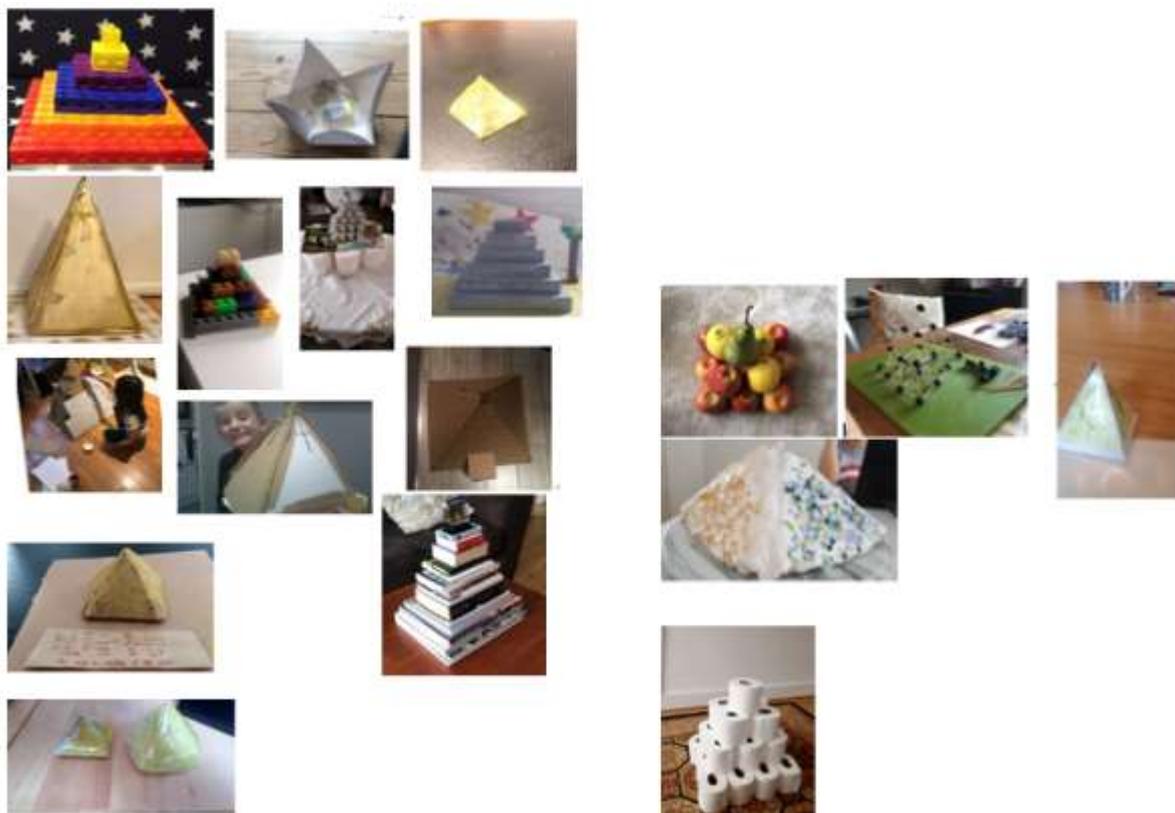
Year 3 & Year 4: The children came back to their home learning after a refreshing but busy half term. It was great to see some photos of Year 4's virtual residential, with sleeping dens under tables and in corners!

This week, the highlights in Year 3 and 4 are definitely their Egyptian posts with flat bread baking and building pyramids. They have certainly risen to the challenge of finding items around the house to build with and making neat careful models that gleam and shine like the original pyramids would have done.

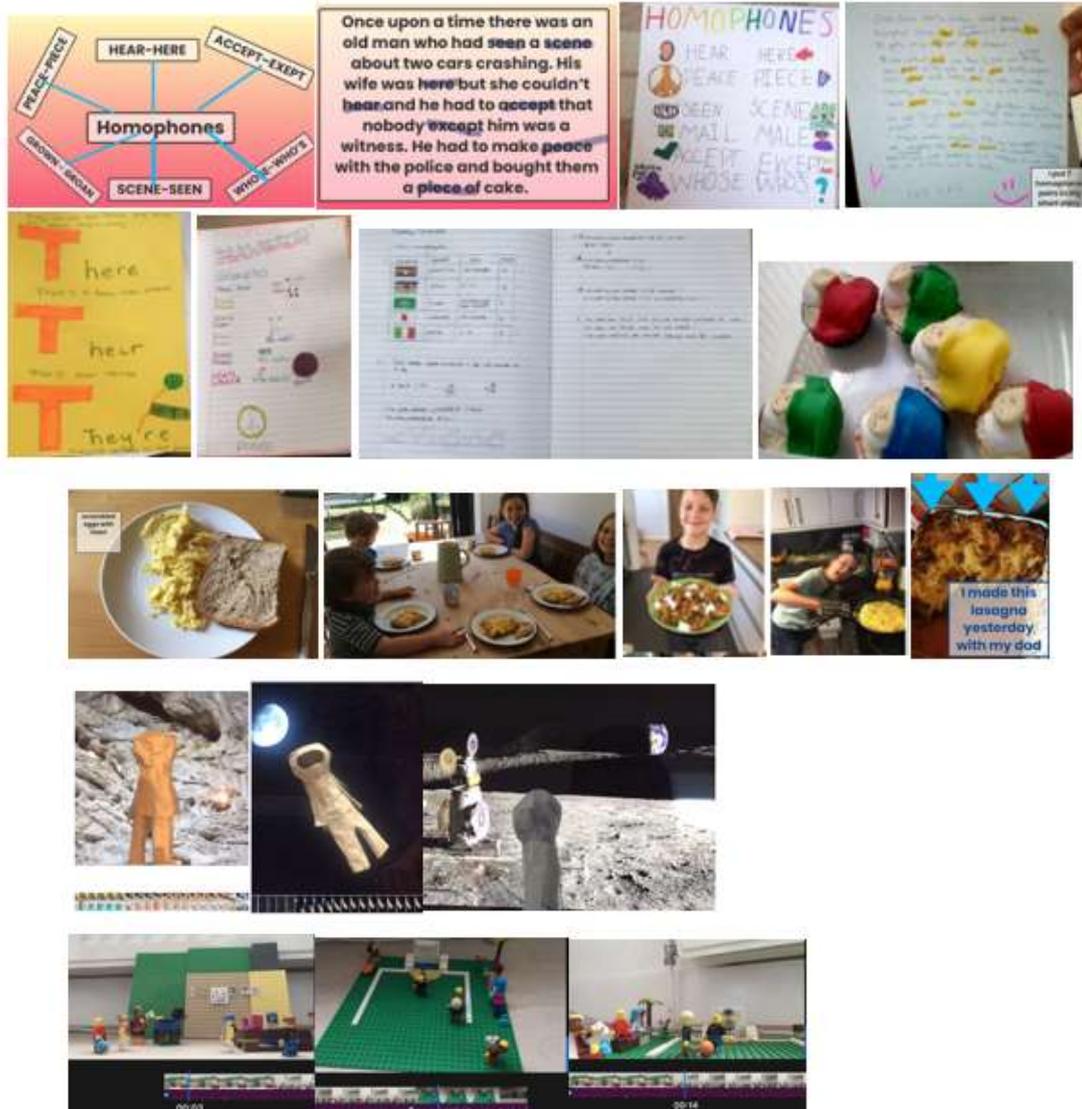
The children also tried a new way to read - ping pong reading! This gave them a great chance to read with an adult taking turns with pages, paragraphs, sentences and even words!

Another family task that everyone enjoyed was the family handshake and we had fun watching their videos of the routines they devised.

Well done everyone - great learning!



Year 5: A great start to this half term, with children sharing all the fun things they have been doing in the half term break: building lego structures, having water fights, camping in their gardens! This week, Year 5 have been finding out about healthy living from Jamie's Farm team, creating their own healthy routines, setting themselves challenges, being creative and expressing their feelings and lockdown experiences through songs. Some of the other highlights of the week were the delicious meals the children prepared and the useful cooking skills they've learnt. Their maths and English work was amazing as usual and their homophone posters and stories were excellent. Some children continued working on their brilliant Stop-Motion animation during half term break and should be really proud of what they have achieved – well done Year 5!



From 1st June, our Sandfield office is now staffed, so you are now able to phone the school (01483 566586), or as before use Studybugs or email - parents@sandfield.surrey.sch.uk

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe

With best wishes from all our Sandfield Staff

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