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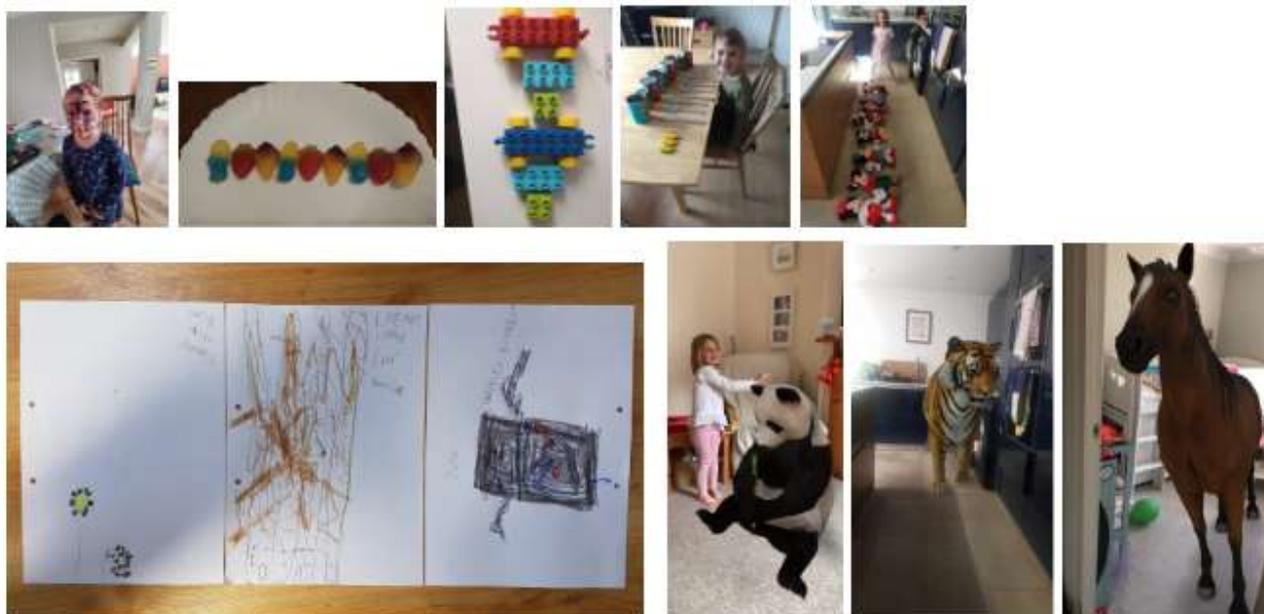
Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write to you today, more guidance has appeared overnight regarding schools re-opening for Year 6, Year 1 and Year R. Currently there is over 42 separate pieces of guidance, so for school leaders there is a multitude of information from the Government and the DfE to take on board, process and apply. When the situation is clear and risk assessments agreed, I will write to individual year groups with the plans for opening **from** Monday 1st June.

Other Sandfield news is that we are open from Monday 18th May for our key worker families again. We look forward to welcoming those children back next week. Sandfield is just too quiet without you!

This week's home learning highlights have been:

Year R have been learning about AB and ABC patterns this week. They have been continuing them and creating their own. I have loved to see the children's creativity in using objects from around the house to create their patterns. This learning led to them creating their own version of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' ensuring they had patterned language. Again, I was amazed at how well the children did this and used various props to support their story telling. At the beginning of the week we also had a VR challenge where the children were able to place life sized animals in their homes. They then found some facts out about their animals and created a picture of them.



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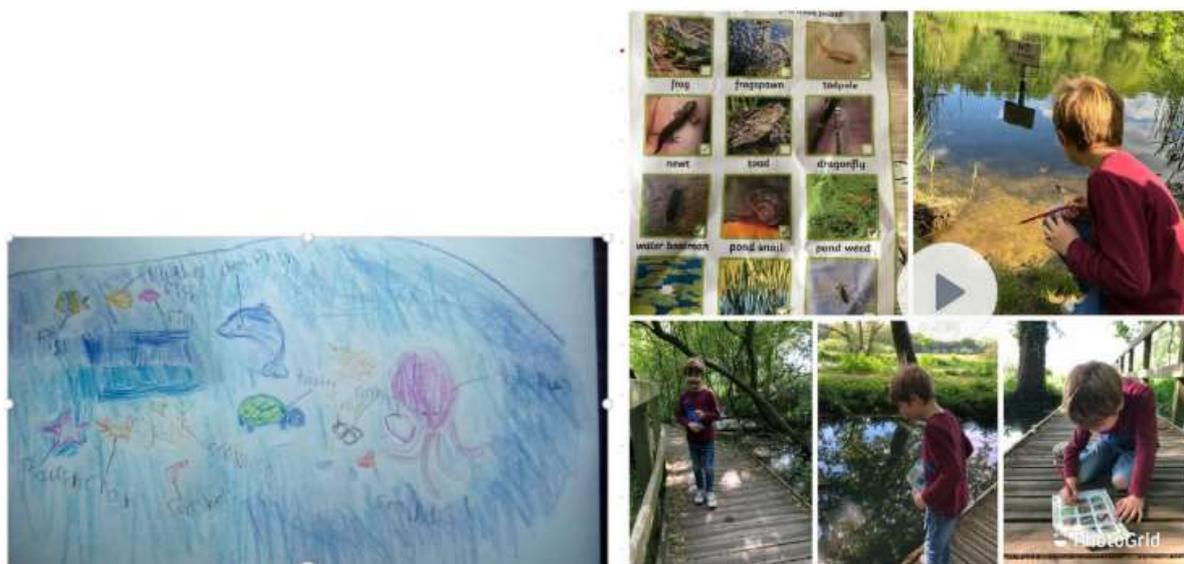
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Year 1 - We have had another fabulous week. Some of our families WWII stories and experiences were phenomenal and very touching as they talked about the heroic roles great grandparents played. We have continued our under the sea theme in English with the children describing their sea animals. I think that we have some future budding writers with their amazing adverbs. Finally, some photos and clips from "Well Being Wednesday" Act of Kindness, all of which show just what kind, thoughtful and amazing children you all are. Well done Year 1.



Year 2 has been busy this week looking at different habitats around the world, they have researched which animals would live there and how they would survive. They have enjoyed looking at video clips or all these habitats and have drawn and labelled their own. I have been so impressed with their art work and clear understanding of what habitats are and which animals, creatures and plants would survive in them. Well done everybody.



Write why the animals or plants you have chosen can survive in these conditions.

The animals which live in the Sahara desert can survive without any water for a long time and they like hot places.

Draw your own desert habitat and label it



Year 3 and Year 4 have had an exciting week with some great posts and ideas sent to us to think about. We are starting our Egyptian topic next week and the children have come up with some interesting questions they would like to investigate and research.

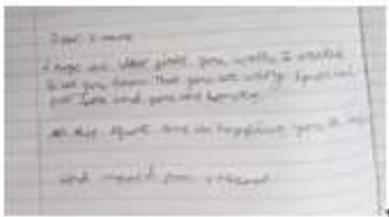
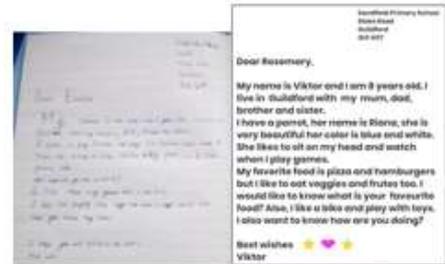
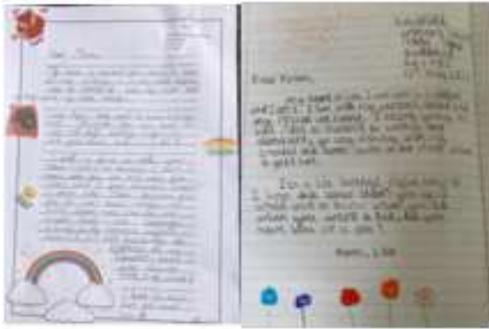
How did they build those pyramids without technology?

Why are cats so important to them?

How did they mummify bodies - and do they still do that?

All will be revealed over the next few weeks...

But, our amazing highlight from both classes has been the letters they have written to the residents of Stoke Hospital. We all should be so proud of their sensitivity, selflessness and wonderful caring attitude as they wrote to people who are isolated due to their age. These will be delivered on Monday, and we have attached a few here - but they are all wonderful!



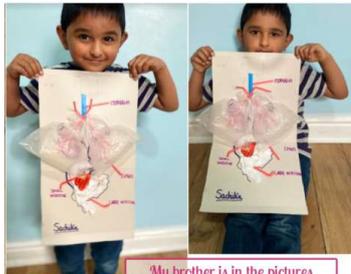
Year 5 had a science focus in English this week and were finding out how we change as we grow older. The children showed their creativity, scientific knowledge and most importantly their imagination, and drew pictures of what they think they might look like when they are older. There was a range of hairstyles or lack of hair and even beards :-)!



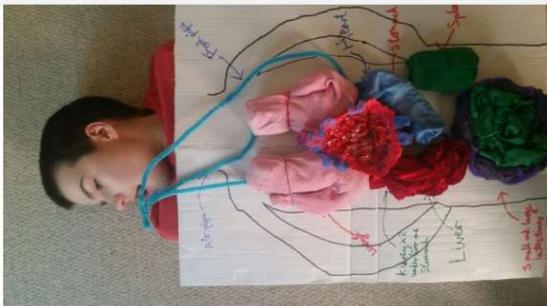
After researching about the respiratory, circulatory and digestive systems Year 5 created their excellent junk models of the human body and the organs:



Year 6 - It's been a funny old week this week. The SATs tests have been the easiest in my memory.... I sent out to the children a few tests that had already been completed for them to check, mark and return. Thank you to the bright spark that replied 'Mr Godber, I couldn't do this test, it has already been completed!' A facepalm moment for me. Still, some excellent junk model human body organs gave me heart (see what I did there?) as children sent in their photos! A particular favourite being the living box version that actually wee'd and could breathe. Well done to Seren and her helper for that video! Other highlights have been the famous quotes that Year 6 have related to this week. Interesting to see a range of significant quotes and how the children interpreted them in their own lives.



My brother is in the pictures because he helped me!



"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear."
- Rosa Parks

The quote was said by Rosa Parks and she was an American activist she is also very famous for protesting for womens rights.

Reflecting on the quote:



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Wishing you all a good weekend.

Take care and stay safe.

With best wishes from all our Sandfield Staff

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