# SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL
# NEWSLETTER

*Celebrating our amazing school!*



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*Friday 12th February 2021*



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# THE END OF TERM IS HERE

## Congratulations to everyone - from Mrs Olivier and Mr Currie

Today marks the end of yet another term with a difference but once again the South Borough community has risen to the occasion. We know it hasn't been easy, at times quite the opposite for some, but we couldn't be prouder of everyone for persevering and supporting each other. We want to start by congratulating the children. Whether you have been at home or in school, you have been awesome. We have seen some incredible learning on Google Classroom and have joined some Live Sessions, where you have contributed so much. Learning in this different way hasn't been easy for you - we know that - but you have approached it so well and made the most of the opportunities given to you. A huge well done must also go to the parents. Having done it, we both know how difficult it is to homeschool whilst working full time jobs. We empathise but also take our hats off to you for a good job done this term. And finally a massive virtual round of applause to the amazing staff team here, who have never veered from their role of putting the children and families of South Borough first. They too have had to learn to work in very different ways this term. Each and every challenge has been approached with optimism and enthusiasm. We feel extremely proud and lucky to be part of this term - well done to you all!

Finally we wish you all a well earned rest over this half term break. We will begin next term continuing with the majority of children at home. Hang in there - we are confident that it won't be too much longer before we are all back in school together!

## Racism assembly

As part of our theme 'Celebrating Difference', our assembly this week is themed around racism. At South Borough, we are committed to celebrating the diverse cultures of our school community and determined to stamp every incident of racism out by 'showing racism the red card'. Have a watch of Mr Clarke's assembly by following this link: Mr Clarke's Assembly. Rest assured however, that this is just the beginning on this topic - lots more work will be done over the coming terms to learn about different cultures and to further develop a shared understanding that racism is unacceptable.

## My Mum - don't read this bit mums/nans!!!

Normally at this time of year, children are asked to draw pictures of their mums or a female relative to go into a special edition of the KM Messenger. This is to celebrate Mother's Day and to tell mums, nans, aunts and big sisters how fabulous they are. This year the KM have decided to do this slightly differently, given that most children are not in school. They are asking for children to draw a picture of a female relative and send it into them online. Have a watch of this video to get more information.




## COVID-19 - testing positive during the half term

We are required to report positive cases of COVID-19 that occur 48 hours after the end of term. If your child has been in school and does test positive over the weekend, please email the school office, so that we can identify close contacts and advise them to self isolate.

**On behalf of everybody at South Borough, we wish you all a wonderful break. Our children have definitely earned some rest and I know all parents have too! Both our in-school provision and live learning sessions will resume as normal on Monday 22nd February and we look forward to seeing all children then.**

## REMINDERS

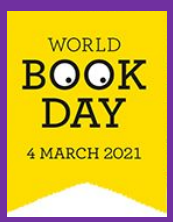
**Book Collection**

Children in Years 2-6 have been purchased reading books to borrow. Teachers will be planning activities using these books. If you haven't collected yours yet, please do so from the school office as soon as possible.



**World Book Day - 4th March**

So World Book Day is just around the corner. As in previous years, we will be celebrating this important day with a whole host of activities that families can join in with. We know that many children will not be in school on this day BUT don't worry - the activities will be designed to enjoy virtually. More info on this to come…




**Considerate parking**

Please remember to park considerately when using the parent car park at pick up and drop off. Only park in disabled bays, if you are registered to do so. Avoid leaving your car running - toxic fumes can cause significant harm to our children. Please also park in marked bays to allow everybody to make use of this luxurious facility. Thank you.



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## NURSERY



Nursery have been very busy with their learning at home and in class. This term we have looked at the topic of traditional tales. We have enjoyed reading the stories of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk and Little Red Riding Hood.

The children have settled back amazingly well and I am really proud of them all. In maths we have focused on counting with a one to one correspondence and soon we will be looking at 2D shapes. In phonics we have been looking at rhythm and rhyme and body percussion. For handwriting, we have used our bodies to make shapes of curves (waves) and zig zags.

Nursery children have received so many Dojo points for being kind, making right choices, good talking, helping to tidy up and joining in with activities. Next term we'll be looking at superheroes. What superheroes do you know?

Have a lovely half term!  From Mrs Cluett, Mrs Nevis and Mrs Samways

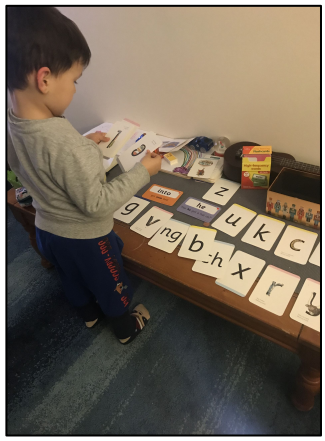
## RECEPTION

We have finally made it to the end of the term. Well done to everybody for all your hard work (parents/carers included) whether you have been at home or coming into school, you have done an amazing job. We are all really proud of all the learning that we have seen happening during this term. In term 3 we have covered Traditional Fairy Tales and have enjoyed looking at different stories such as *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *Little Red Riding Hood*. We have also had fun making our own stories and making our own versions of the stories that we have seen.



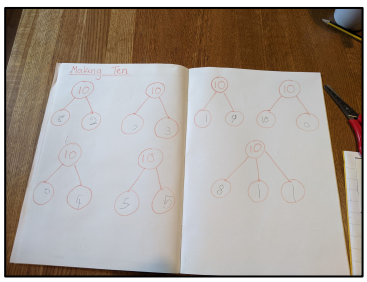
We hope that you all enjoyed having your very own set of phonics cards and high frequency words packs and that you have found them helpful to support your learning of reading and writing. We have seen you using them, being creative and making up games with them. In maths, we have looked at different ways of creating numbers and using them to practise adding and subtracting and saying whether it is 'one more' or 'one less'. We have also used our hands to measure and compare things around the house and in the classroom. We have even been lucky to get some snow and take our learning outside while playing with and in the snow. What a busy term 3 we have had. Hopefully soon, we will be able to go back to school and celebrate all our achievements together. Meanwhile, take care and stay safe.

Have a lovely half term!
Mrs Hunt, Mr Blanco, Mr Marsh, Mrs Field and Mrs Rammandala









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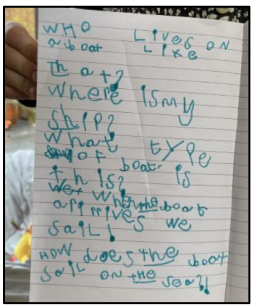
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# YEAR 1

**WOW Year 1s!!! What can we say? You have all been AWESOME during this different and sometimes challenging time, while we've all been learning from home. We are so PROUD of all of you and what you have achieved! Here are some of our FAVOURITE tasks you have completed:**

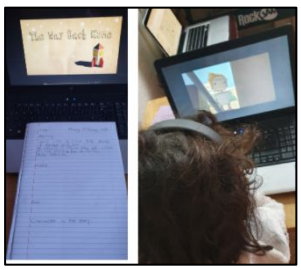
## ENGLISH

Using a combination of online learning and our new CGP Books we have been: studying traditional tales, practising and using all different types of spelling, punctuation and grammar, retelling stories and looking at a variety of writing techniques.



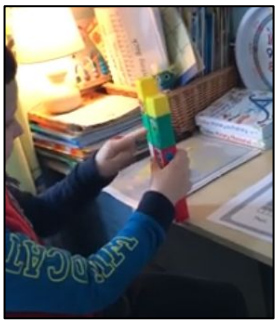




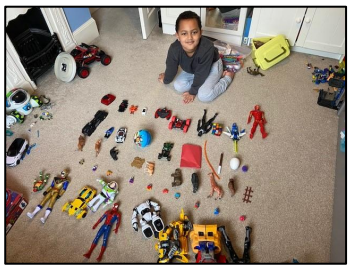
## MATHS

Using both online tasks and our new CGP Books, you have mastered addition and subtraction!









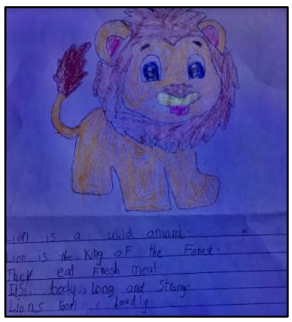
## INDIA

We have been studying a different culture, learning about a different faith, reading and hearing local stories, looking at the wide range of animals that live within India and comparing the architecture found here to what our towns and cities look like in England.







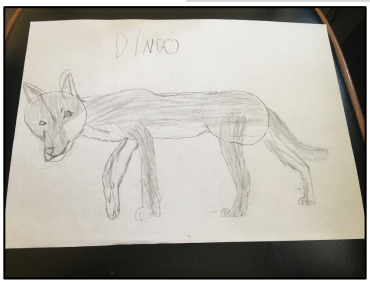



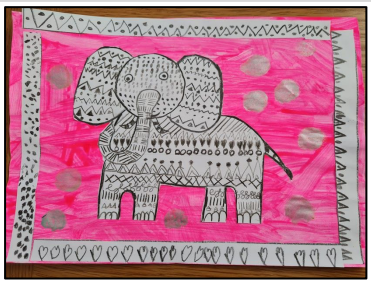
**These examples are only a drop in the ocean of AMAZING examples that you and your parents have been sharing with us and so we are celebrating ALL of you….students, mums, dads, brothers, sisters and any other family members that have been there helping and supporting you through this time away from school. THANK YOU ALL and we hope you ALL have a wonderful and well deserved break.**

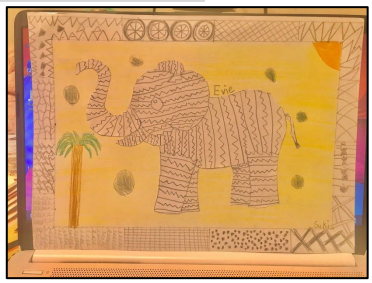
**From Mr Smith, Mrs Brough, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Walker and Ms Moore**

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It has been amazing to see the children working so hard at home, they have made us so proud and we want to thank everyone at home who is supporting them.

Seeing the children's ideas for the new chapter of 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat' was great. The children are so creative and imaginative and it was lovely to see them be able to spend time on this and explore their ideas. Next term, we will continue to work on improving the children's understanding of grammar and punctuation. We will be starting to look at our new reading book 'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Browne.

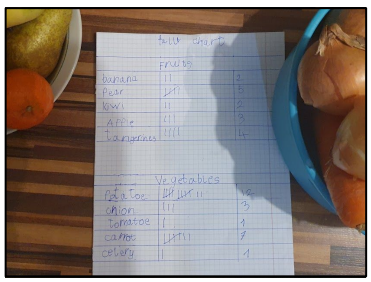
The afternoon lessons have been about discovering and journeying around the world learning all about the different continents. It has been wonderful to see the children really enjoying this and the work they have been doing has reflected this. We will be continuing this next term and will look closer at North and South America and Antarctica.

YEAR 2

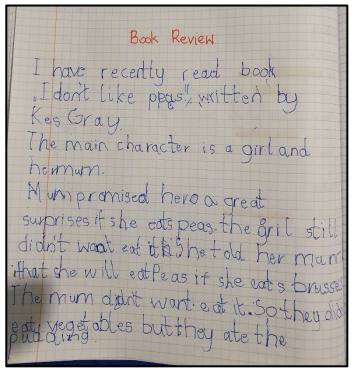
In maths, the children are working hard and making great progress learning about multiplication and division as well as different types of charts. Next term, the children will be learning all about measuring using cm and m whilst continuing to recap prior learning.

We are very excited to begin the new term with a number day and the launch of Times Table Rock Stars for the Year 2 children. On the day, there will be a variety of maths based activities for the children to complete which will be worth different points. It will be up to the children to pick the activities they wish to complete but the more activities they complete, the more points they will earn! Keep your eyes peeled for your child's username and password for Time Table Rock Stars which will be sent shortly.

Have a wonderful break.
Mrs Ford & Miss Wright, Mrs Herath & Ms Sainz-Beranda








STARBURST PRODUCTIONS

StarBurst Drama club is a very popular club at South Borough and is now available weekly on the school's Youtube channel for all children. Performing arts and creativity is good for your mental health. Escaping into a different world and exploring a character can reduce anxiety and stress. Here are links to the first three sessions.

https://youtu.be/-2v-llquI-M
https://youtu.be/_UWogqjAbUc
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## YEAR 3

Despite being at home this term, Year 3 have persevered amidst rain and snow, and stayed committed to their learning. We've embarked on new learning, finding out about different types of angles, developing our knowledge on shape and expanded our understanding of the four operations.

With our new CGP books we've practised lots of comprehension skills through different text types and applied this knowledge to our own writing.

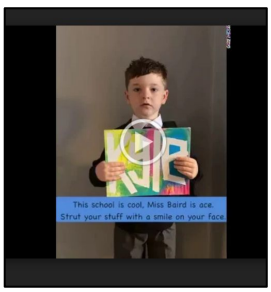
Looking into our term Topic - Invasions - we've looked into the Roman and Anglo-Saxon invasion of Britain and had the chance to explore writing, acting and thinking as one. Next term, we'll continue our learning on invasions looking at the Vikings and the Normans.

We are very proud of all of the children's hard work. Well done!

From Miss Walter, Mrs Gurung, Mrs Baird and Miss Huggins, Mrs Cooke, Ms Morfey and Mrs Fuller.










## YEAR 4

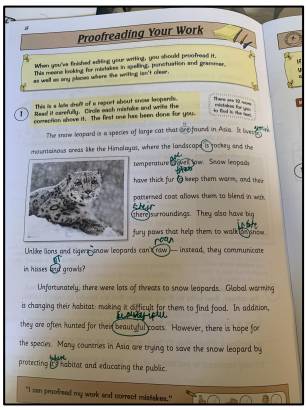
This term, Year 4 have dived into learning about Invasions and exploring the different tribes that invaded Britain. We have revisited the Romans and explored what life would have been like for the Anglo-Saxons, ready to explore Vikings and Normans next term.

In English, we have written a variety of different genre of texts, including a newspaper article and explored the meaning of fables. We are looking forward to diving into our next text *'How to Train your Dragon'*!

We have mastered 'Area' and have begun investigating 'Perimeter' of shapes, we will be continuing this next term! We are extremely proud of how adaptable Year 4 have all been this term with remote learning.

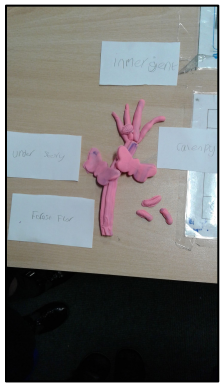
It has been fantastic to see all of your hard work, keep it up! We hope you had a chance to have fun in the snow!

From Miss Newman, Miss Ballard, Miss Collins, Mr Allchin, Ms Adamthwaite, Mrs Brum & Mrs May







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## YEAR 5

Year 5 have been working incredibly hard and we are very proud of how the children have engaged with their remote learning. We are particularly enjoying our Ancient Greek Topic. Our class novel, *Who Let the Gods Out* is extremely popular and the children are excitedly waiting to receive their very own copy to read at home. We are tackling fractions and decimals in maths - tricky concepts, but lots of practice and discussion is helping us. It has been wonderful to see the children taking part in both art and PE activities too: from virtual Olympic Games to table tennis, Greek temples to tasty snacks, Year 5 have embraced it all with their usual sense of enthusiasm and fun. Next term, we will be learning more about Greek life and culture and plan to write our own Greek play.



Noah's Temple



Asma's Healthy Snack



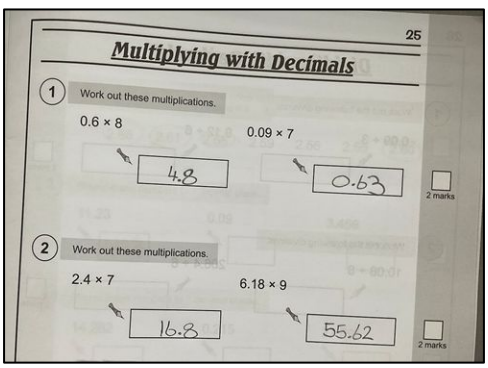
Greek Temple Making

## YEAR 6

Hi to all of the fabulous Year 6 children and their parents. We cannot believe how amazingly hard you are all working under what is another term of difficult circumstances. Even with the snow, you have continued to work hard as well as making the most of the fun that the snow has brought, so a huge WELL DONE! We have really enjoyed the Percy Jackson and Who Let the Gods out stories we have been reading and this has inspired us to do some fabulous writing too.

We hope that we are back in school together again soon. But we are looking forward to reading your story competition entries during our holiday and will let you know who has won the prizes in the first of Term 4.
Have a great break. You deserve it. From Mrs Paterson & Mrs Kotiah







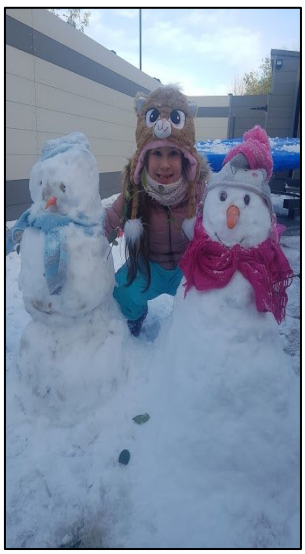

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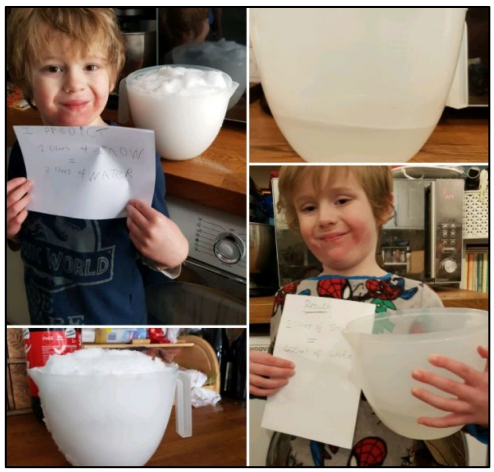
**Snow has certainly been falling all around us this week - something that happens very rarely. So it has been great to see pictures of children both at home and school enjoying this. Snow men, snow angels, snowballs and footprints - we've had it all. See below a small selection of the fantastic pictures you have all shared with us this week.**





















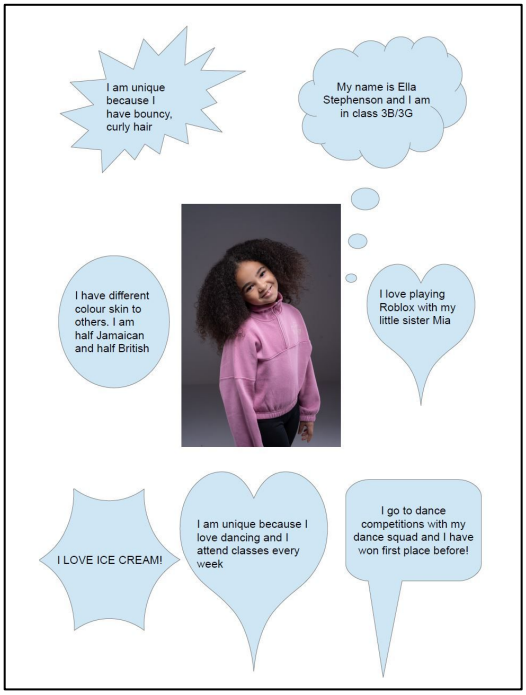


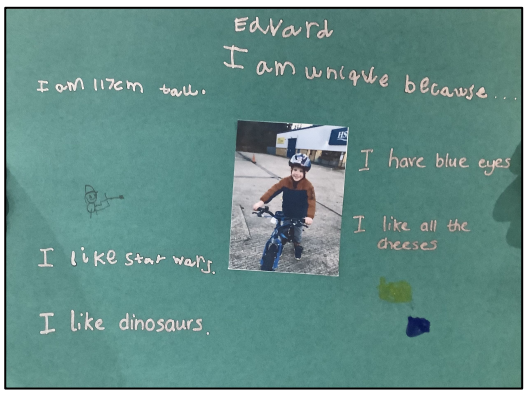
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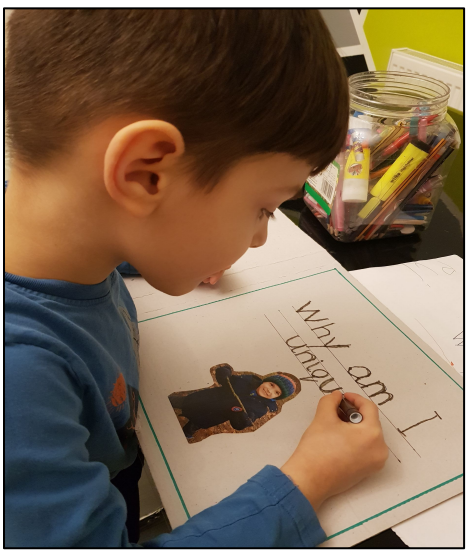
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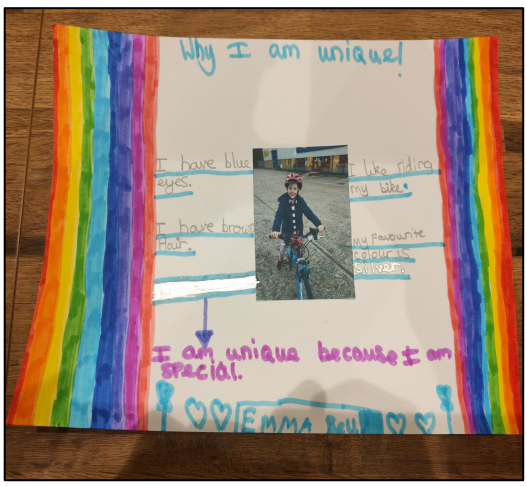
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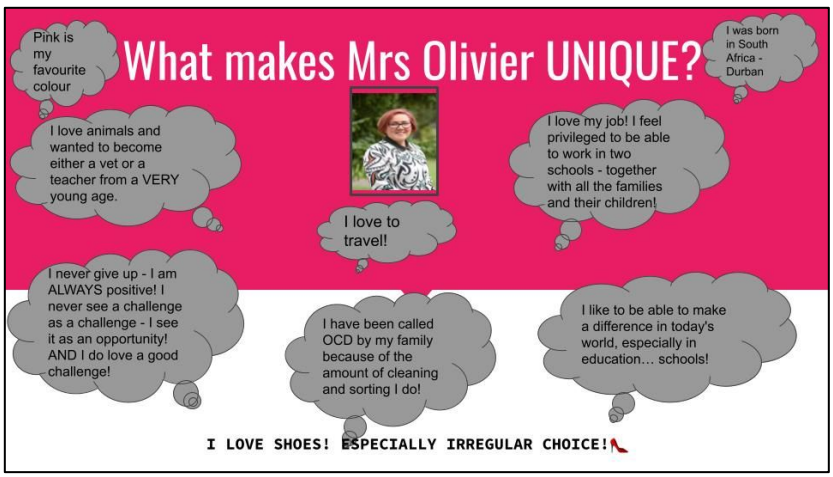


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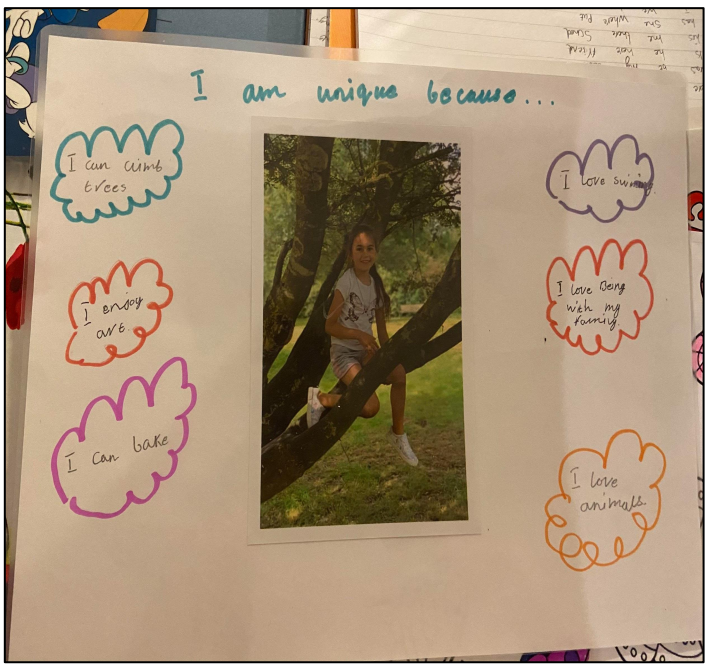
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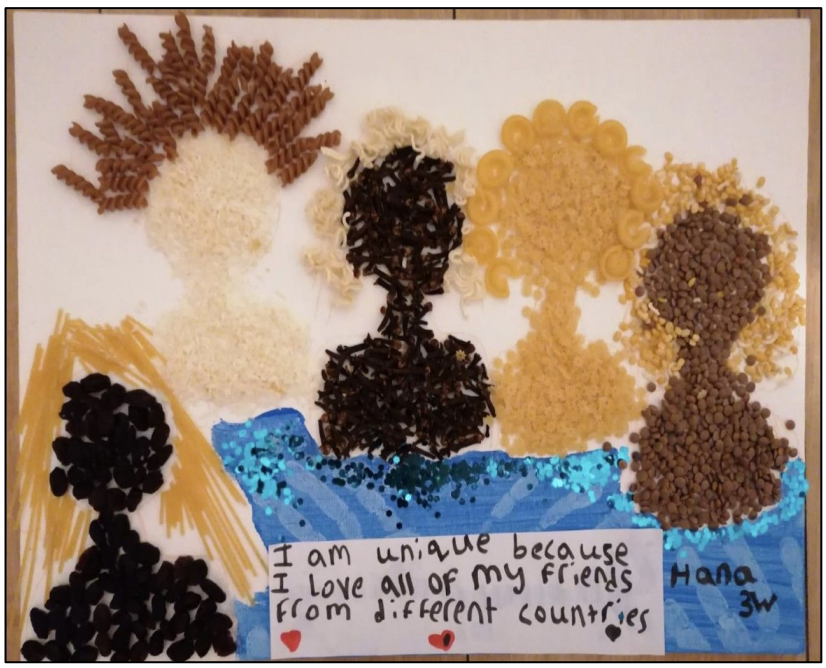
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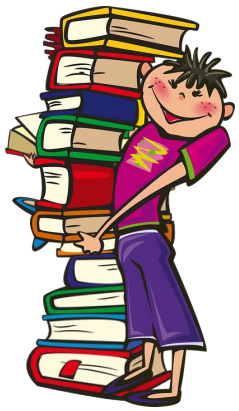







# SHARE THE LOVE OF READING



**We are always looking for ways to encourage children to 'read for the love of reading' as well as building confidence as they read to an audience So who might they read to?**

**Why not encourage your child to read to a pet (hamsters are great - contained in a cage, so unlike cats, unable to wander off), or perhaps read to a toy or favourite object.**

**It would be great to hear who the children have read to - please share short clips or photographs on Google Classroom next term. We would love to see them. Happy reading!**