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Newsletter

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Spring Term Issue 4

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Those parents who are entitled to FSM will have received a voucher online for lunches until half term. Half term will be covered by Enfield Council as it was at Christmas time. If you are a key worker and your child is in school, or are a parent of a vulnerable child in school and are entitled to FSM, you will be offered either free school meals in school OR to receive a voucher. If the voucher is taken up and your child is in school, packed lunches will need to be provided for them.

PARENT SURVEY RE REMOTE LEARNING

Thank you to all parents who completed our remote learning survey. The comments and feedback can be found on Class Dojo and the school website.

PARENT CONSULTATION

Parent/carer consultations will follow a similar format to the autumn term. They will be held online via Microsoft Teams during the **WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 22ND MARCH**. Parent/carers will also have the opportunity, if they prefer to have a telephone conversation.

More information will follow nearer the time.

ANNUAL REPORTS CHANGE OF DATE

Normally, pupil reports for Year 3, 4 and 5 go out in the spring term. This year your child's annual report will be going out in the summer term at the same time as Year 6 reports.

FOTSA EASYFUNDRAISING

Remember next time you are shopping online, first please go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fotsa/ and help us raise even more!

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Dates for your diary:

- ***New Year 3 virtual Admissions Q & A sessions :*** *Monday 1st February 9.30 a.m. and Tuesday 2nd February 2.00 p.m.*
- ***Children's Mental Health Week:*** *week beginning Monday 1st February*
- ***Half term:*** *Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February*
- ***British Science Week****—Week beginning 8th March (More information to follow)*
- ***Easter break: Friday*** *2nd April (Good Friday) to Monday 19th April*
- ***INSET Day:*** *Monday 19th April*

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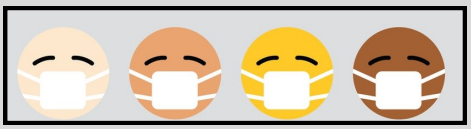

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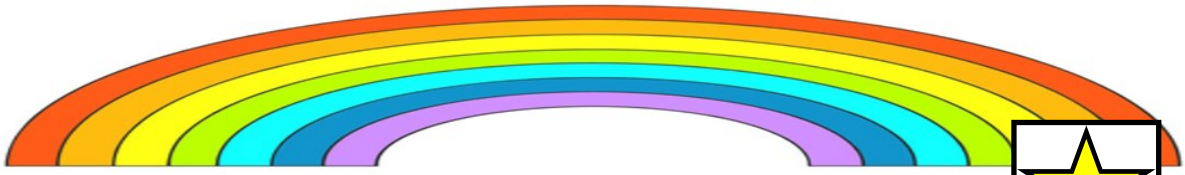
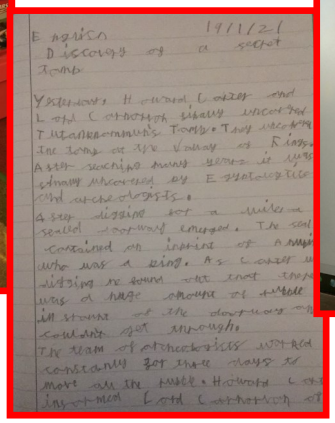


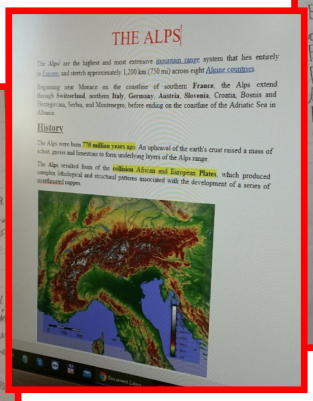
YEAR 3

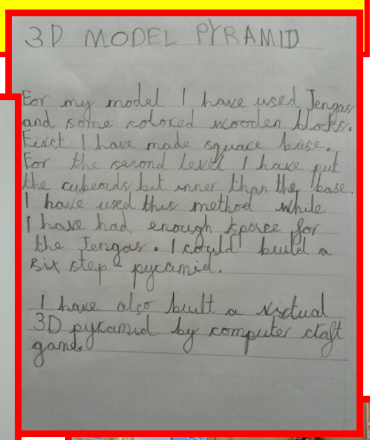
In RE, Year 3 are learning about Judaism. Last week they learned about The Shema, which is the oldest prayer found in the Torah. Stefan thought of his own prayer and wrote it on a scroll.

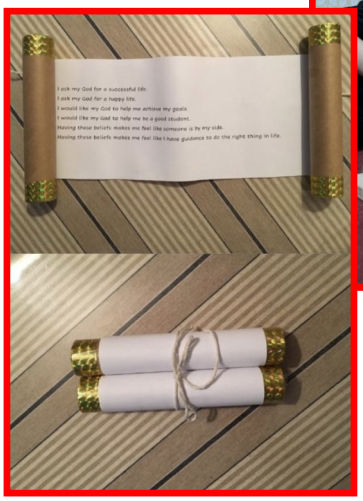
Year 3 have been studying mountains and in Art, they have been learning about Georgia O'Keeffe. Denitsa created her own piece of art which was inspired by the artist. Andras in 3T has created a presentation based on some of the discoveries he has made.

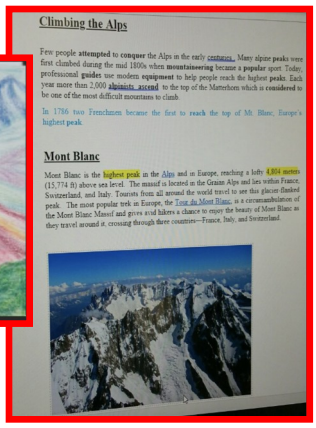
Year 3 have also been learning about the Ancient Egyptians and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. Christos has written a newspaper article about the discovery. Andras in 3T produced a model of a pyramid using different platforms, including using a computer software and bricks. Well done!











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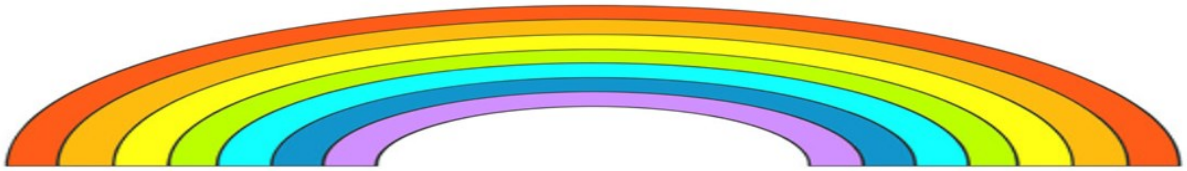
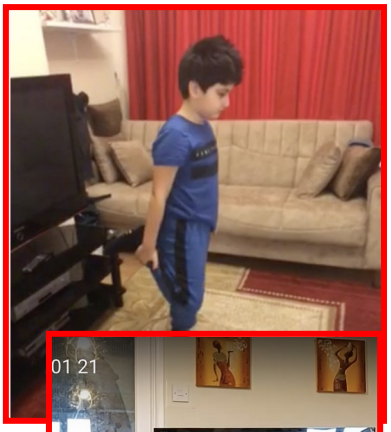
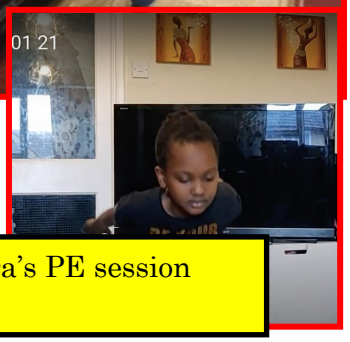


YEAR 4

There has been some fantastic home learning in Year 4! Some have been cooking for their family and others have been planting fruit as well as working hard to complete their daily remote learning tasks. Last week, they wrote book reviews about the book they are currently reading or one of their favourites that they have already read. In RE, they are continuing to explore the religion of Islam and they reflected on how they would welcome their loved ones into the world. Keep up the hard work Year 4!





Huseyincan and Ira's PE session with Miss Bell.

Rianna & Damian's completing the Music Cup Game.

Dog Man
Lord of the Fleas
By Dav Pilkey

Dog Man is my favourite type of comic book because its silly and hilarious. This book is an extremely good and there is different types of Dog Man comics which are super funny. When you read this book, you are going to laugh because there's a lot of jokes. This book is about three hero's who save the day and they are called The Supa Buddies who are Bark Night(dog man), Cat Kid(li'l petey) and Lightning Dude(80-HD who is a robot). Also, its about three bad guys which are called the Fleas who try to destroy the city with a giant robot brontosaurus. In the story, they had a robot fight with Petey's robot which he built by him self. At the end the Supa Buddies saved the city and won the fight.
I prefer this novel for children who likes to laugh a lot.

YEAR 5

Year 5 topic this term is the Romans. As part of their learning, this week they have been finding out more about one of Rome's conquered provinces, namely Gaul. Artur in 5L produced this well-researched and imaginative account of ancient Gaul and its people. He also has written a brilliant diary entry describing life in the Roman army. Ola (5E) has compiled a fact-filled report on their enemies, the Gauls. Laurie (5A) explores the antics of Rome's first emperor by giving a light-hearted recount of how once lowly Octavian eventually became mighty Augustus. Well done to these three, who along with many others, are doing excellent remote learning in Year 5.

WOW

Everything I know about the Gauls

In ancient times the area of Northern Italy, France, Belgium, Western Switzerland, and parts of Netherlands and Germany was called Gaul. Gaul was divided into three main parts Gallia Celtica, Belgica and Aquitania.

The Gauls were making things out of iron and bronze. Those Iron Age people were masters in metal work. They were producing out of metal everyday items and also jewelry and art. Gauls were making weapons too, and it was much better quality than the Romans' weapons.

Gaulish women had a very different life comparing to a Roman woman, and I think in Gaul woman lives were easier and they had more rights and choices. Roman woman couldn't join the army and it was the opposite for Gaulish women. A Gaulish women could also choose to divorce their husbands and the Roman women couldn't do that.

Everything what we know about Gauls comes from archaeologists, things that have been found and Romans books, as Gauls didn't have their written language.

For me seems it like Gauls were living a more simple and poor life then Romans, but I like it more. I imagine their lives as living in the village or farm. I would like to live in the Iron Age and learn how to make all these things and I would make myself a sword.

By Artur

January 10th 49BC

Life has been very intense and busy for the past two years. After losing many friends, fighting in so many battles, I think I'm not the same person anymore. But I wanted to be a legionist and I do want to protect the Empire.

Last month Aloysius, my best friend, was killed by the Gaul's chief. He killed him with an arrow in a battle. We've joined the army together and became best friends. He taught me how to swim, and I helped him with bow and arrows. I remember, when we were at the beginning of building the road up to the North, and look now...We are going back home and we beat the Gauls.

We were working so hard, like a machine, walking 20 miles daily, then building huts, also practice fighting, shooting, building the roads and aqueducts. We've fought many battles together, from now I will be fighting in Aloysius's name.

Our Century lost best Centurion in history. He was strict, and he will punish for a smallest mistake, just so we have our lesson. At the same time, he was best friend and he was looking after each legionist. I'm hoping the New one – Brutus will be at least honest and fair.

Our Commander Julius Ceasar decided to cross the Rubicon. We passed the point beyond which no army should go. But he is so strong, Pompey and the rest of senators know that and that's why they are scared. As much as it was against Roman's law, I have faith in My Ceasar and I will follow him!

This time I am writing about the super-cunning Augustus Caeser, who always got his way. He even made everyone believe that not only was he descended from Romulus, but related to the Roman goddess Venus, too! Now, the Romans weren't stupid, so they didn't believe that shifty Augustus at first, but after someone got executed for laughing at him, even though they thought it was dumb, and stupid, they believed him! Or pretended to believe him. Now, this wasn't Augustus' most cunning act. After all, it was all down to shiftiness to change his name from Octavian to Augustus! This happened when one of the senators decided to announce in a meeting that they should change Octavian's name. Now, being shifty to the max, he said "Oh no, don't give me that name, I've already got a load of power, I don't need any more..." but the senators held a vote for it anyway. And you know what? It got more votes for him to change his name to Augustus, which means the high one! That sneaky fiend! Back a few years, and Octavian was fighting Mark Antony. He was 17 at the time, but doing pretty well for someone of his age. And then he BEAT Mark Antony! After this (and a horrific defeat) Mark Antony fled to Cleopatra, the Egyptian Pharoh at the time, and joined forces. But Octavian, still 17, beat Mark Antony for the 2nd time, earning him a title for most impressive Roman ruler- ever.

WOW

By Laurie

What I know about the Gauls

By Ola

The Gauls were a hated enemy of the Romans and are one of the tribes of a large group called the Celts. They originated from modern- day France, Belgium, Luxembourg, most of Switzerland and some parts of Northern Italy. They were recognized as long-haired fellows with trousers and were said to be brave and fierce warriors by the Romans; they said that to convince people that they were beating up strong warriors. The Romans thought of the Gauls as 'barbarians.' However, the Gauls were just as civilized, for they were master blacksmiths and weaponsmiths, considered to be better than the Romans.

There were many tribes in the Celts, but they're a lot similar. Sharing the same culture, clothes and art. Speaking of art, Gaulish and Celtic art was characterized by repeating patterns and abstract elements, including geometric and curvilinear patterns. It was not based on realism and they were keen on drawing fictional animals, exaggerating the features.

The Book of Kells is an illuminated manuscript of the four gospels of the Christian New Testament, currently housed at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. It is full of bible scriptures and spiritual creatures that represent the four evangelists; a man for Matthew, a lion of Mark, a calf for Luke, and an eagle for John.

Celtic and Gaulish women were very different from women in Rome. They were a lot less restricted and were allowed to join the army. Roman women could not choose to be divorced and were their father's property before marrying: then they belong to their husband. Celt females were quite the opposite. Roman aw stated that women could not be leading Rome. Due to Gaulish law, strong queens such as Queen Boudicca and Cartimandua who lead their armies to fight the best they could.

YEAR 6

In Year 6, their History topic is 'World at War'. Here is an amazing collage created by Justin and a diary entry from the trenches written by Kelvin 6B.

14th September 1915

Dear diary,

By Kelvin

Sorry I haven't written that much-it has been very stressful here! We have been here for what feels like an eternity. How are you doing? I have had a nightmare here; I don't know how to write what I just felt in words.

As soon as I woke up, I knew immediately that something was wrong. I could see the fear in my colleagues' faces. Then out of nowhere, a strict Walter Tull came forward to us with frightening intensity, he shouted,'Looks Like you're going Over the top today!' At that moment I felt like I could shatter into a million pieces. No man's land was the hell that every soldier avoided going near, everyone knew that there was nothing worse than going to No man's land even Walter Tull would agree.

When we were approaching no man's land, I felt my stomach churning. My heart was beating as fast as a cheetah and by now I was almost completely suffocated with fear. As we climbed the ladder, I felt immense pressure from the soldiers below me. Then out of nowhere, the heavens opened up and bucket loads of rain began to pour down on to the ladder which made it 10x harder to climb. I can't bring myself to write about it just yet

Goodbye for now,
Kelvin

By Justin