

Newsletter



Friday 15th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are well.

This week we have been seeking your views about Remote Learning. Thank you very much for all your responses. As a result of some parents feedback we will be 'trailing' a few 'live' lessons/sessions next week in Year 6 and Year 1. Mr Wade and Mrs Pullen will be in touch about these on Monday.

Today we have also sent out a short questionnaire, via InTouch (email), for parents to complete if they do not have access to a device to support home learning, do not have a quiet space for your child/children to complete Remote Learning or your child/children are struggling to engage with Remote Learning. If this applies to you, please do complete this as soon as you are able. Thank you.

As always, if there is anything that we can do to support your family, please do get in touch: admin@placefarm.org.uk

Keep safe everyone.

Best wishes

Jane Sendall
Headteacher

Free School Meals

The Government have now launched their National Scheme for claiming Free School Meals vouchers for families in receipt of benefits. From next week those families entitled, will receive vouchers managed centrally by the Department of Education and provided by Edenred (the company used in the last national lockdown), not by Place Farm/Trust. You will be issued vouchers to the value of £15.00 per eligible child and these can be redeemed in a much wider variety of stores (as before).

Vouchers will be issued for the next four weeks up until half term.

If you are unsure if you are entitled, you are able to apply via the Suffolk County Council link below.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Calendar

January

Friday 29th January: PD Day (school closed to children)

Friday 12th February: Last day of the half term (school open to children)

February

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February: Half term (school closed to children)

Monday 22nd February: First day of the half term (school open to children)

PE News

We wanted to say a massive thank you to Mrs Polley for making our new PE boards look so great!

The boards celebrate both individual achievement and also working as a team, even if it's remotely!

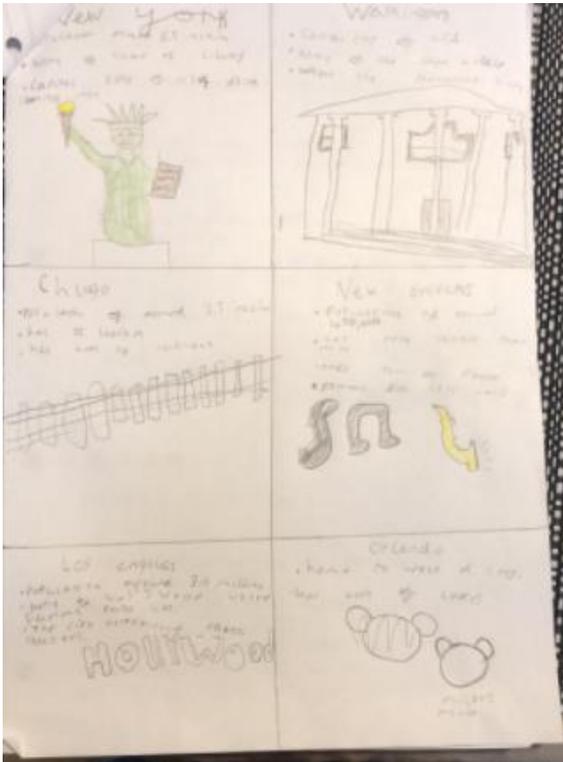
We look forward to adding more PE stars for those children in school and those working so hard from home.

The 'House' points will be starting from Monday as well. House points can be earned for not just PE, but also in all other areas of learning as well. Teachers and support staff will be awarding them daily and we will count them all up at the end of the week to add to each 'Houses' overall tally.

Mr Withington and Mr Jones



Year 4 news



Congratulations to all our Year 4 children who have got used to a “new normal”. Some of you are working extremely hard at home. We would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to parents. We appreciate the complexities of working from home, sharing devices with siblings and trying to home school. You and your child have been amazing!

We would like to show case some work that has been uploaded:

This is *Harry's* Geography work on American cities!

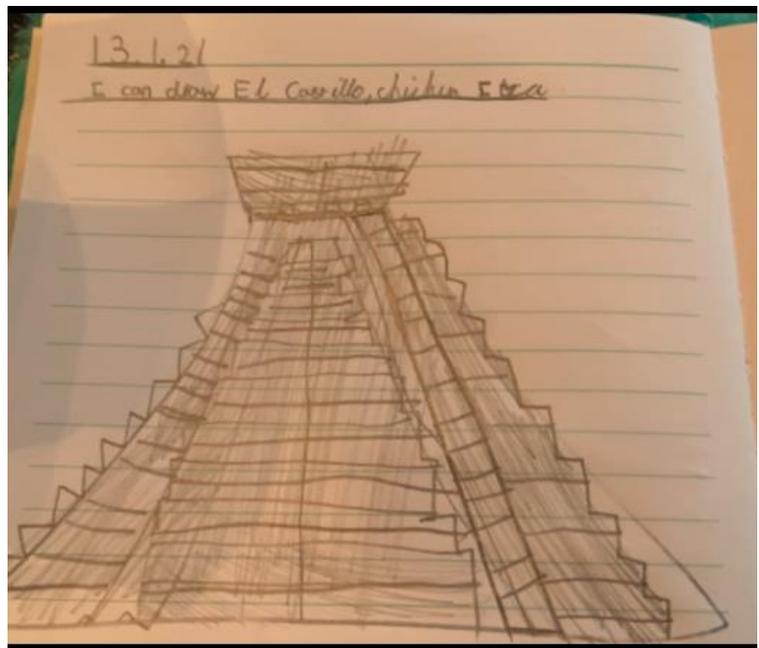
We have lots of budding artists also!
This is just one example of some great sketching! *Scarlett*

The critical worker children have also been working hard in school.

In PSHE we talked about challenges of change, but some of our children in school are able to see some positives “It is quieter, so I can concentrate”, “it is calmer” and “I am not bored as I get to see some of my friends”.

Thank you again and keep it up Year 4!

Year 4 team 😊



RAINBOW CLASS



In Rainbow class we have welcomed the children back and they have settled in beautifully.

We began by making calendars to start the new year. We drew a seasonal picture for each month and made tiny flip books. It really tested our fine motor skills to draw so tiny, but we were amazing!

We also worked on our fine motor skills as morning activities with peg boards, pick up sticks and mindfulness colouring to get our writing hands back to full strength!

In Maths this week we have looked at sharing and grouping, and some of the children looked at how to share equally using fractions. We made ourselves hungry thinking about pizza and cake!

This week in our Rainbow Learning -History work we have been looking at the Romans. Today was Roman roads and after learning about the construction, we made an edible one!

We also followed instructions to draw a sausage dog with Rob Biddulph, from his story 'Odd dog out,' a story about being different and owning it, which we loved!

We have started our Rainbow learning Science unit on Rocks and we linked this with Rome and made silhouette volcanoes, using black paper, pastels, crayon and oil. We're very proud of them!

We have also been listening to the story of Roz in 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown which we love!

