

Newsletter



Friday 24th April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are all keeping well. This week, we launched our Virtual School, and I am really pleased to see that almost 95% of families have been able to engage with Class DoJo and upload some of the work completed by children. All of our teachers are enjoying speaking to you and your children and are really pleased with how children are engaging with learning. Over the coming days and weeks, I am confident that all of the logistics of working with Class DoJo will become easier, and we thank you for your patience, while we all become familiar with it.

If there is anything that we can do to support you, as families, please do get in touch. This week, the Trust has launched a Hardship Fund, to support any families who may be in need, during these very difficult times. If you feel that you may need to access this, please do email me on admin@placefarm.org.uk or call the school on 01440 702836 and ask to speak to my PA, Mrs Sarah Franks. There is a simple form to complete, and, providing you meet the criteria, you may be provided with Tesco vouchers. I have added the criteria at the end of this newsletter.

We are seeing slightly higher numbers of pupils from Keyworker families requiring places at school, as the summer term begins. Place Farm is able to meet this need, and I am very grateful to all of our staff who are working in school. The vast majority of our staff are working from home, to support the children engaging with the Virtual School. As we heard last weekend from Gavin Williamson, this situation is likely to continue for some time. If and when we hear of any changes to the way that school is open, I will keep you informed.

Keep safe, everyone!

Kind regards,

Jane Sendall
Headteacher

Well done for all your hard work this week! Mr C and I have been really impressed with the hard work and perseverance you have shown.

We have enjoyed seeing your hard work; we have also been thrilled to see some other examples of what you have been keeping yourselves busy with.

Well done Dougie who produced a great Easter garden (picture below).

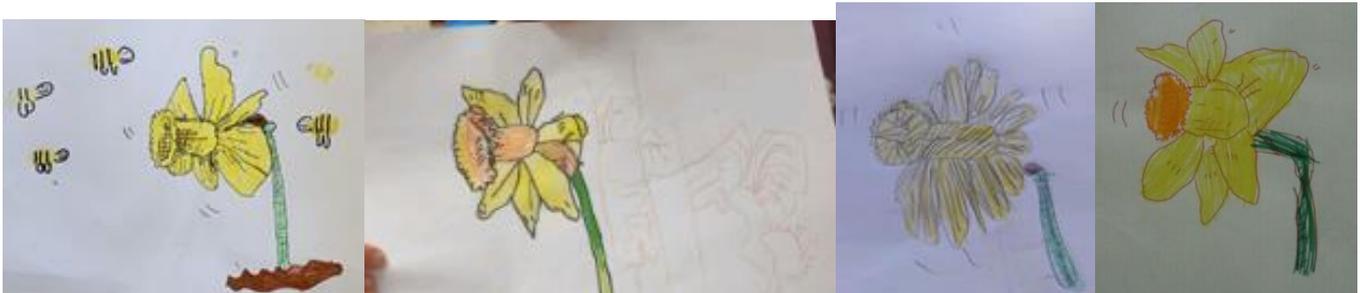
We have also enjoyed hearing about Lillie's gardening, Sophia's creativity in watching a tutorial about how to draw a rose (see picture below) and Keeley's bracelets!



Year 1

This week we have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the learning that pupils have been doing through Class Dojo. We are especially impressed with how much pupils have been embracing their home learning, including the optional learning tasks. We would also like to thank their parents for all of the support that they have given their children with their learning! In addition to all of the English, Phonics and Maths tasks pupils have been busy completing, they have also been doing lots of other tasks e.g. making nature photo frames, bug boxes, drawing daffodils etc. Below are some photographs of their learning. Keep up the good work Year One!

Mrs Pullen and Miss Bailey 😊



One of the pupils in 1SP even challenged Mrs Pullen to spot the ladybird in their bug box.

Can you find it too?



Key worker pupil provision Summer Term

The children have embraced Class Dojo with super enthusiasm. They have very much enjoyed listening to their teachers each day, reading their class story, and are learning how to upload their own work. Fantastic resilience and perseverance is being shown by all, as well as children supporting one another with the challenges of learning about this new approach.

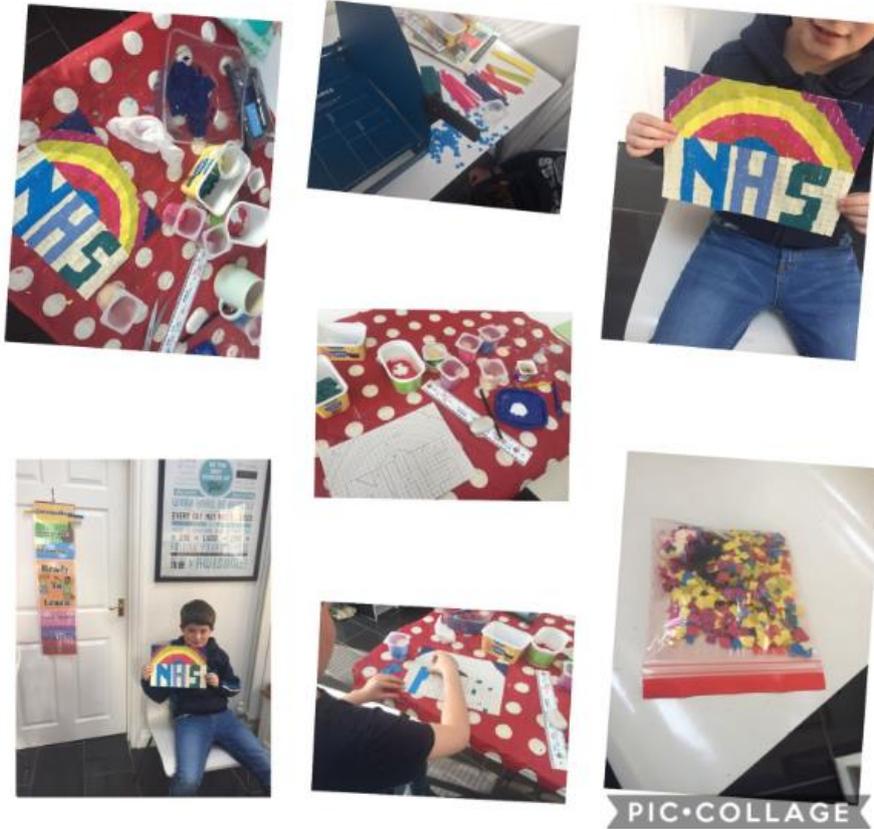


In addition, the children have taken advantage of the continued good weather, and undertaken lots of sporting challenges. This includes taking part in the Fitness Club Fitness test, to see what they could score on each activity in 30 seconds. The children are all keen to see if they can improve these scores, when they re-test themselves at the end of the half term 😊



Toby Sutton NHS Rainbow

Toby has been working hard to create a beautiful rainbow mosaic in support of the NHS which he is going to put in his window. Well done Toby – Miss McCarty is super proud!



Miniature Gardens

Here are some examples of the miniature garden created by two children in Year 4 over the Easter holidays. Miss Mason is very proud of your work!

Lilly



Oliver



Miniature Garden

Bromliey has been working super hard over the Easter holidays to create his very own miniature garden!

On one side of the garden, is a fairy house, some flowers, some animals and a swing to play on. On the other side of the garden, is a man-made waterfall made out of tin foil with fish and a man-made pond with sequins.

Bromliey has also planted some seeds and is waiting for the flowers to bloom.

Well done Bromliey for your fantastic creativity, Miss McCarty is super proud.



It has been lovely to see so many pupils in 5RB interacting with Class Dojo and uploading their work! It is brilliant to see how well you are embracing the change of learning at home and I am extremely proud of you all! Keep up the hard work 😊 Miss Beal



Isabelle worked hard on her baking skills and produced some delicious looking treats!

It is lovely to see the children working on a range of other skills, as well as their Maths and English!

I have also loved seeing videos of children taking part in my Fitness Club! Your enthusiasm is fantastic! Keep it up!

Miss Beal 😊

Unity Schools Partnership – Hardship Fund Criteria:

Applications that fit within any of the following criteria will not be unduly rejected. If evidence of applications is available this may help to speed up the approval process:

-  Families entitled to FSM, but where vouchers have genuinely been lost or delayed due to the Government Scheme, this would be a supplementary token to address any shortfall.
-  Families who have applied for Universal Credit but are waiting for this to be approved.
-  Families whose circumstances have changed due to Covid19 and are now financially affected and need some immediate support.
-  Families who may also be applying to foodbanks to supplement their family's meals.