

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School

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Dear Parents/Carers

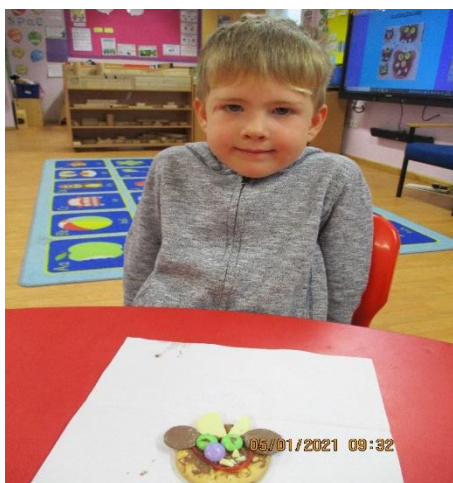
I hope you all managed to have a peaceful Christmas and New Year and spent time with your families. We have had an interesting start to the year and find ourselves in another period where the school will be partially closed. We will not let this dampen our enthusiasm and commitment to the childrens' learning. We still went ahead with our WOW day (even though it was on a smaller scale!)



Year 3 researched different ocean zones



Roman chariot racing in year 4



Year 1 made biscuits using a range of materials



A clay avalanche in year 5

As usual our staff have met this challenge with creativity and spirit - we all appreciate how difficult another period of lockdown may be for some - but we will do all we can to offer help and support. We have a number of our vulnerable and key worker pupils in each class and our home learning will reflect the learning that is taking place in school. Please do keep a look out on the class pages for the weekly home learning and we will of course, share our experiences on our school facebook page. Teachers will also be offering weekly catch up slots for individuals/groups so please check the class pages for details of how these zoom sessions will operate. If you would like some reading books for your child's range, please let the class teacher know and we can arrange for you to pick up 3 books from the school office. It is really important that we keep up the focus on reading - the children will have to complete a STAR reading test when they come back to school! It is vital that the children complete their reading quizzes independently so we have a clear picture of their ability. If your child is in years 3-6 Miss Brown has set up a 'Battle of the Bands' on Times Tables Rock Stars so make sure they log in to join in the challenge.

The school health team have shared a link for parents to help build children's resilience. On the Kent Resilience Hub there are some really useful webinar chapters if you follow the link below - please have a look as some useful tips on supporting your child with healthy eating, friendships, emotions/feelings and reframing language:

[Resilience Webinar for Parents - Kent Resilience Hub](#)

Aptly, our value for this term is perseverance. Our big question is:
'If you could take a pill that would make you always happy, would you?'

We are still awaiting guidance on the arrangements for pupils who receive FSM and are not in school. As soon as I have clarification, I will let you know.

Please make sure that you continue to share your child's learning with their teacher - we will still be celebrating our 'Star of the Week' and birthdays in each class. We will be putting key pieces of home learning in the children's books.

Take care and stay safe. Remember that I am in school every day if you need any help or support. Mrs Wilkinson is still available on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please reach out if you need us.

Best wishes

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Headteacher