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# A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND MAKE FRIENDS

#### Message from Mrs Hunkin

When we came back to school after Christmas, full of excitement for the year ahead – exciting learning, trips, school camps, summer production – even the SATs tests. Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined the changes that have taken place because of Covid-19. For 7 weeks the school has been closed to all but Kea workers' children. We had between 7 and 18 children in each day. Teachers have worked hard to produce home learning plans and we have all looked forward to seeing photos of children's work e-mailed in each week. Since last Thursday we have welcomed back pupils from YF, I and 6. It took a surprisingly long time to get things sorted out - risk assessments, timetables, moving furniture, removing soft furnishings (cushions/toys etc) creating signs, creating individual resource packs for pupils etc. Although we are lucky with the size of our classrooms, to create any degree of social distancing, we are unable to have more than 15 pupils in any room. We now have two bubbles of Y6 pupils, a Y1 bubble, a YF bubble, a mixed YF/I bubble and a bubble of key workers' children from other year groups.

Despite the government's initial suggestion of having all primary pupils back in school for four weeks before the summer holidays, unfortunately there is no likelihood of us being able to accommodate more children than we currently have in school as we are using all classrooms and all available staff. I know this will be very disappointing to pupils in Y2, 3, 4 and 5 – we'd really love to see everyone and to have the school back to normal. We will keep up to date with government advice and will keep you posted of any changes. It is our intention that after this week, our newsletters contain pictures and details of activities in school as well as from pupils who are learning at home - so please keep sending in pictures.

Best wishes Katherine Hunkin

#### Bubble Two - Foundation/Year I

Bubble two have had a lovely few days! We have enjoyed writing cards for Mrs Walker; we have played fun social distancing games in the court. Our topic in bubble two is 'under the sea'. This week we're going to do some exciting under the sea themed art, including sea themed coffee filter sun-catchers to decorate our windows. Our bubble all got on really well and are working very hard.







## Bubble 4 -Year Foundation and I

We are settling in very well in Bubble 4. We have been writing riddles, counting in 2s, sharing objects equally between 2 and eating lunch in our acclaimed restaurant," The Bubble Four Fine Food"!



We had to guess Arvid's riddle!





We shared the counters equally and counted the plimsoles in 2's

There were 40 altogether!

# "The Bubble Four Fine Food"



Bubble 5 & 6

It was great to welcome back the delightful Bubble 5, they were all very pleased to see each other and spent much of Thursday morning chatting!



Our joint topic with Bubble 6 is "Water, water, everywhere" and the girls have already started a display on the topic by creating sea themed lettering for the title. We have also learned some socially distanced playground games, and written some special messages for our colleagues in Bubble 6. We absolutely did not pull silly faces at them through the window and disrupt their lesson!!

We have started our PSHE lessons which this term are all about transition to secondary school and are looking forward to our first busy week of learning.



### Home Learning

Children have been emailing in some brilliant work and news from home. Below are a few photos of some of the fun things you have been getting up to. You will find lot's more photos on your class web pages. Home learning morning and afternoon activities will now be uploaded weekly on the class web pages.



Sayan from year 3 has enjoyed playing his paint can drums for NHS workers



Tristian from year I enjoyed making a new friend!



Tammy from year 3 made some drums using plastic tubs!

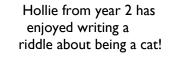


Someone has lost a tooth! Daniel from year 3



A lovely thank you letter to Mr Miles from Romilly year 6!

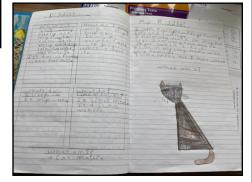
Oscar year 4 has written a lovely piece about Jupiter!

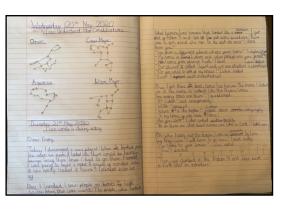


Dear Mr. Miles,

Thank you for putting so much effort into putting up work and videos for us, it has helped keep me motivated having something put up every day. The lessons have been fun even though we have been stuck inside. I'm sad we are missing sats, but I'm glad we are still learning every day, thank you -Romilly.







Maisy T year 5 has done some great writing!