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Week 3!

Week Three and we are all still going strong! A short and sweet update this week.

I hope that you have all had a good week and are continuing to stay safe and well?

We have now carried out all the parent forums and we are very grateful to those that could attend. Thank you for your kind words of support and suggestions. We are continuing to develop our skills in the use of Teams and we hope that it is now also becoming easier for you.

We are aware that many of you have now got good routines and a timetable set up to support the home learning particularly if you have limited ICT equipment. I have to say, I have had a few funny stories come my way around the use of Teams, setting it up and things going wrong, I wish I had written them all down as I could have written my own comedy sketch show by now!

I am hoping to do a whole school assembly, but in the meantime I am hoping to join some of the live lessons next week to say hello to individual classes as I am missing all the children's lovely faces terribly!

Mrs Munday

Lateral Flow Testing of Staff

You will have received a letter this week around Beaupre staff now being part of the Lateral Flow Testing scheme. These tests are to be carried out by staff at home to check if they are asymptomatic (have the virus, but no symptoms). In the event that one of the tests is positive, the adult will need to isolate and have a PCR test to confirm.

In the event of this, the bubble will need to close and normal isolation procedures will need to be followed. This will not affect those children at home, online learning will continue, but for those in school they will need to isolate at home and begin learning at home.

We know that for many Critical Workers this is going to be difficult with regard to childcare and we will try to get the information of any bubble closures out to you as soon as possible, although this may not be until the morning of the test results. At a time of schools re-opening, again we will try our best to get the information to you as quickly as possible.

We thank you for your continued support.

Covid-19 Positive Test/Isolation

We are still required by the Government to report daily about attendance and COVID related absences. Could you therefore continue to let us know if your child has a potential or confirmed case of COVID or if they are having to self-isolate due to contact with another person. You can do this via an email or phone call to the school office.

This is to ensure that correct coding is used to record attendance. If your child is unwell for other reasons and is unable to complete home learning, please email to class teacher to advise them of this.

Rainbow Class learnt about Buddhism. We looked at photographs of temples around the world and learnt what it meant to be a Buddhist. We made a Zen garden, a lantern, coloured the hand of Hamsa, made a Mindful Monster Stone and joined in a yoga and a meditation class.

Red Class enjoyed learning about Sikhism on RE day last Friday. We found out about the 5Ks that Sikhs believe in and also learnt about the Diwali festival of light. The children got stuck in to lots of creative activities at home including baking naan bread, making a Kiirpan (small symbolic knife) out of tin foil and making Rangoli patterns to welcome visitors during the festival. Myself and Mrs Connell were very pleased and proud to see how hard the children and families had worked on these tasks.















To celebrate World Religion Day Blue Class looked at Christianity and they learnt about the story of Noah's Ark. They were then asked to design and / or make a boat of their own. I was very impressed with the creative skills shown by the children and hope they enjoyed their extra RE task for the week. Well done!



WORLD RELIGION DAY 2021









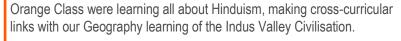




The festival of Purim was the focus for Green Class' World Religion Day. In Judaism this festival day remembers Esther and her saving of the Jews in Persia. They were singled out because they were seen as different – we thought about whether that still happened to people today. She had to hide her identity from the king, so masks are worn as part of the celebration.



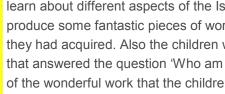
We all made masks for our live lesson, where we shared them with each other. Here are just some of our marvellous masks. Do you recognise anybody?





We were all very impressed by the enthusiasm and creativity of our children, well done Orange Class.





During World Religion Day, Yellow Class were able to research and learn about different aspects of the Islam faith. They were able to produce some fantastic pieces of work, sharing the new knowledge they had acquired. Also the children were able to create something that answered the question 'Who am I?' Here are only some pieces of the wonderful work that the children were able to create.

