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Dear parents and carers,

We are very impressed with the effort that the children have been putting into their home learning. We would like to celebrate this by showcasing some of the brilliant pieces of home learning we have received below. Well done and keep up the fantastic work!

## **Broadening provision**

Last week we welcomed Year R children back into school, along with additional children of key workers. Interestingly, prior to the recent change in government advice to schools, we had been operating a rotation of staff to cover care for children of key workers. The current advice, as schools open to other year groups is to have 'bubble groups' with consistent adults attached and not on rotation. So, this is the model we have now adopted in line with government advice and we will evaluate how that goes. It has been challenging to make plans only to have conflicting guidance and then have to adapt.

We hope to be able to open to Year 1 pupils next in June and more information will follow to parents soon with dates and timings.

## **Online and remote learning**

The school actively sought parents' views in a recent survey and it was a really beneficial way to actively capture your thoughts, concerns and questions. We had more responses than ever and it is clear that there is a wide range of opinion on schools opening to more pupils.

It is no surprise that some parents would like the possibility of online lessons with the class teacher. Obviously, this may prove to be more challenging as some staff are also physically in school with other children for whom they are now planning and teaching.

As I have mentioned in my previous newsletters, we will soon be moving over to Google Classroom and have been working tirelessly in the background to push this. We have set up a school login and passwords for pupils and staff members which will avoid the use of staff/parents' personal accounts. More details will follow shortly and pupils will need to login in on a suitable device. We hope to roll this out for pupils initially in Years 2 to 6. So do look out for an email with your child's login and password shortly. We also have the facility to integrate Google Meets into the Classroom feature. It is important that any platform we use is sustainable and a safe long-term solution. We will also strive to provide home learning activities on our website during this term.

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## Wrens

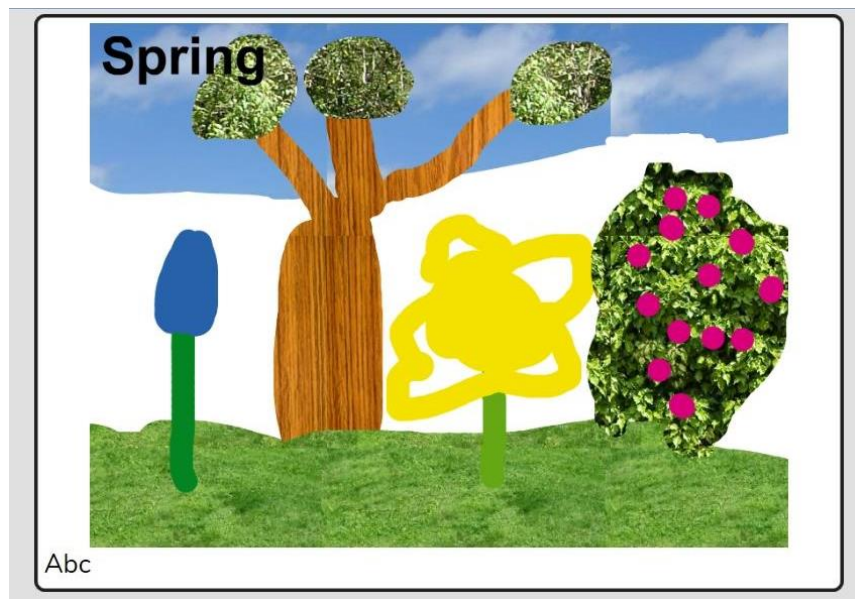
Rio C - A letter to Baby Bear



Margot J – Retelling



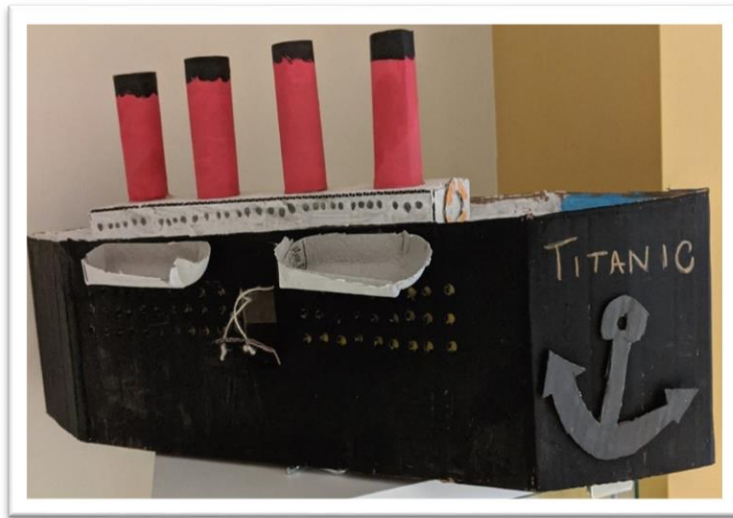
Phoebe S - A Spring Picture



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## Puffins

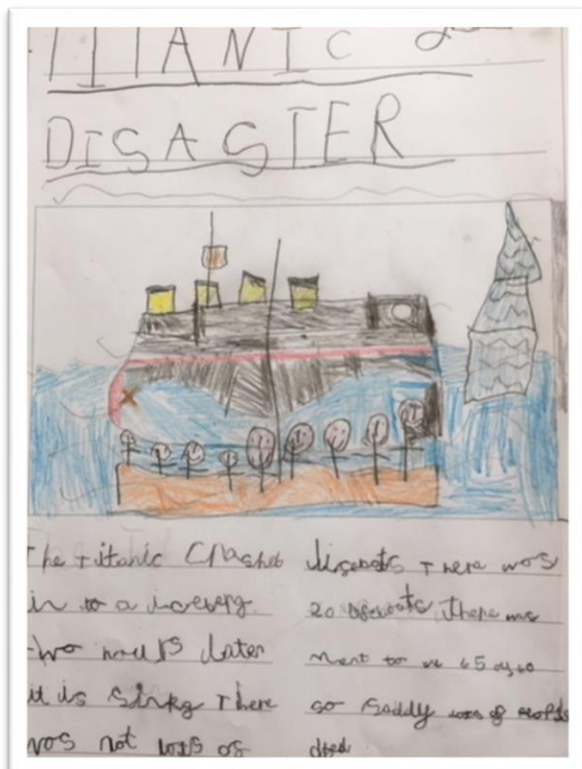
Evie – Titanic model



Charlotte C - Titanic Model



Lucy A - Titanic Newspaper



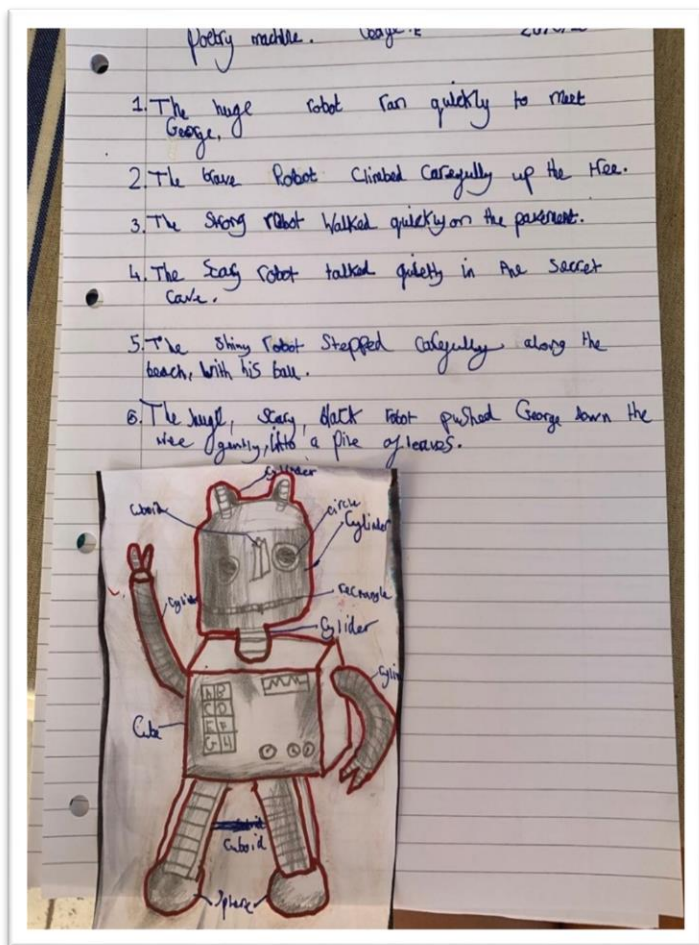
Joseph G - Titanic Newspaper



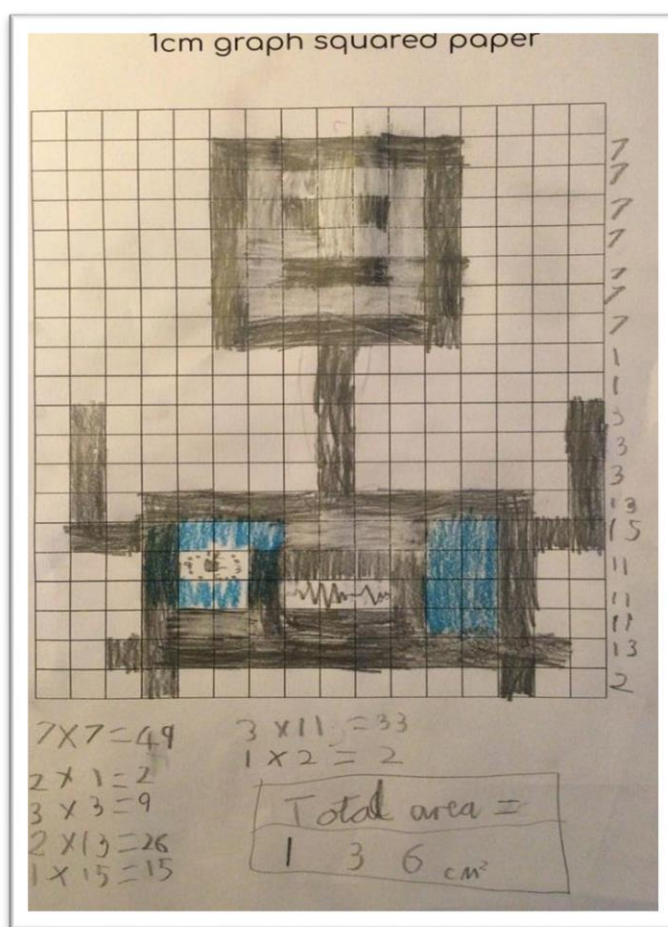
## Owls

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George E – Poetry

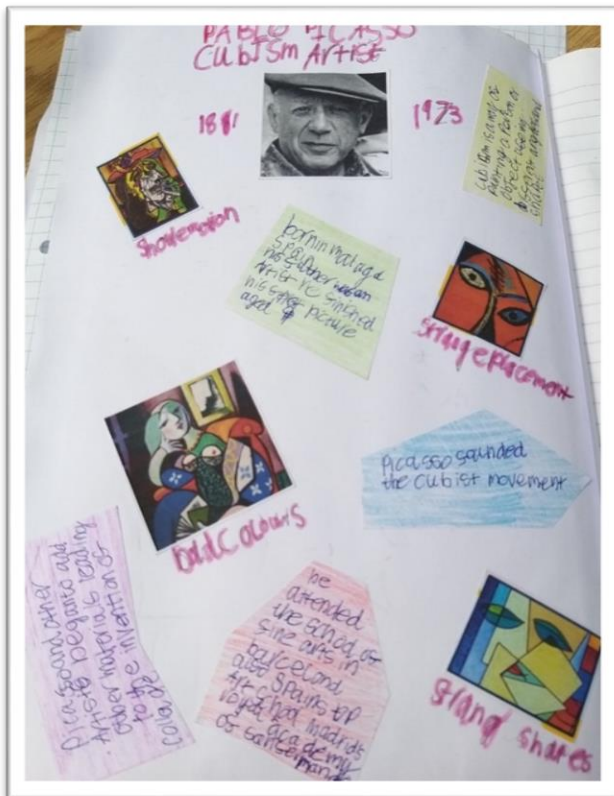


George A – Mathematics

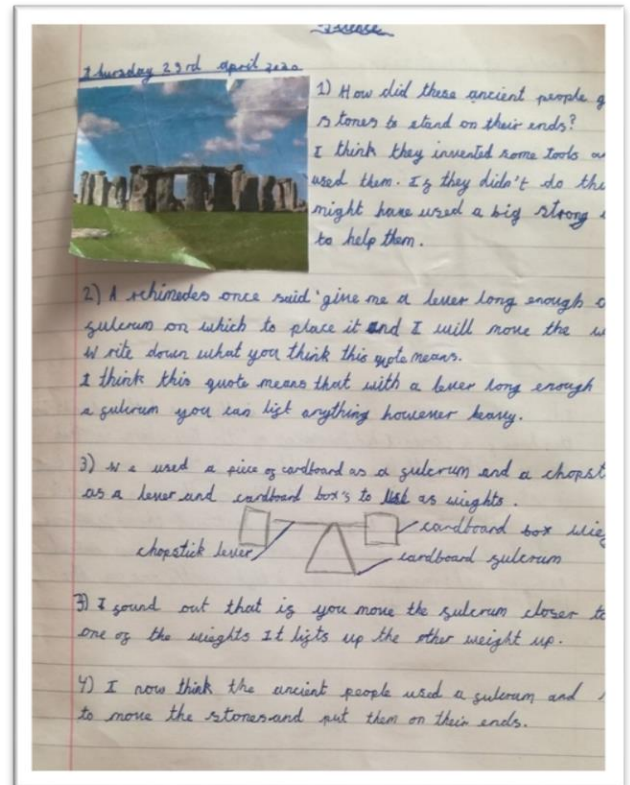
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## Robins

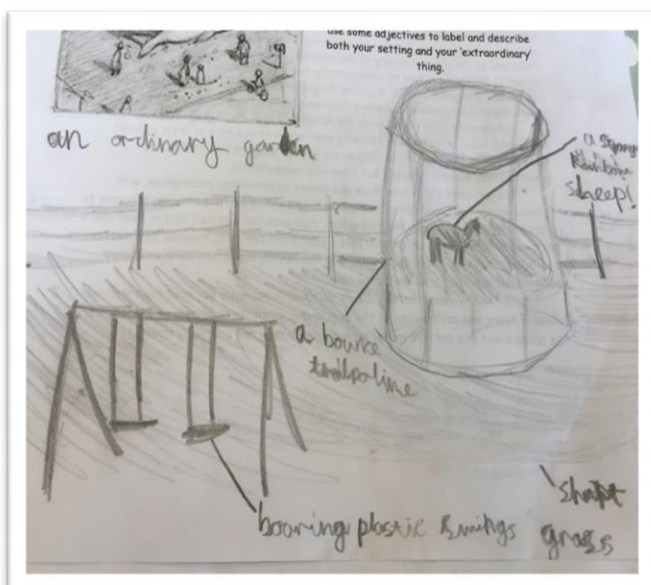
Connor L– Art work researching Pablo Picasso



## Isabelle C – Science work on forces



## Oli J – English work on setting descriptions



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## Kingfishers

Lorna T – Poem

What is uplifted?

Uplifted is the sound of birds singing,

The love and joy of a gift being given.

In times like these, with anger and stress,

Uplifted gets you through this mess.

Uplifted smells like the early morning air,

Or something extraordinary, beautiful and rare.

The colour is a pale, pale pink,

It's like gliding through a river on a boat that will never sink.

George LH – PowerPoint



Henry B – A Thoughtful Letter

Dear Doctors and Nurses,

Thank you for keeping us safe, for going to work for us, for being brave when you may not feel it and for working long hours when you may be very tired.

In your job I think you must be very caring and show compassion to everyone that you are helping and I hope that you know how important this is. I know that some people are in hospital without any of their family and that must make them feel very sad and maybe lonely but I think that with your help they will feel happy that someone is there by their side.

I broke my arm when I was 5 and I remember the nurses when I was about to be operated on. They were very kind, held my hand and I remember that I did not feel scared.

I hope that you can hear us all clapping on a Thursday evening to show we care about you all but I wanted to say a BIG thank you for all that you do everyday.

Thank you!



Connie L – My Ambitions

**My Ambition**

I have many ambitions, but one of my main ones is to become a writer and illustrator. I enjoy writing my own stories and drawing, sketching and painting. I hope that in doing this, I could inspire people and try and teach them how to do this.

I would like to also do volunteer jobs, like volunteering at events or at schools.

I hope that I could achieve all these things, by working hard and practising. I want to be able to look back at myself and think, "Wow, I wanted it, and I became it." and to be proud of myself. I am currently writing a story, and it is taking me a long time but it is probably one of the best stories I've ever written!

What's your ambition?

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### Whole school photography competition

Well done to those children who took part in the whole school photography competition. In particular the following pupils for their imaginative entries.



Tabby L



Talia F



Ally C



Emma K

### Summer Reading Challenge message from the School Library Service

*The Reading Agency have recently announced plans for the Summer Reading Challenge 2020. Silly Squad will be going ahead, but due to the national response to Covid-19 coronavirus we are encouraging those that can to sign-up online and borrow eBooks from our extensive digital collection.*

*We have a dedicated webpage for Silly Squad, which gives families a chance to sign-up for the Summer Reading Challenge, join the library online and borrow eBooks and online comics and magazines. The page also features additional resources to support and encourage participants, including book recommendations, videoed story times, downloadable quizzes, colouring sheets and, in keeping with the theme, lots of silly jokes!*

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<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

*The challenge will run until mid-September and subject to schools being open, we hope to award most of the certificates and medals through our local partner schools in the autumn term.*

### **EBook library reminder**

We emailed parents access details for joining the eBook library with your child's annual report. It really is worth exploring the site as it is like having a library in your own home. We are paying for this as part of our library service subscription and during this time whilst libraries are closed it is a great option. A big well done to the pupils who are borrowing books and reading.

Please contact us if you have any questions and we will do our best to help.

With best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway  
Headteacher

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