Beechwood Bulletin

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Week 3……

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move towards the end of Week 3 of remote learning for the majority of our children we hope that the changes in provision have supported you as parents and the children this week. We have had positive feedback with regards to the balance of pre-recorded sessions and the provision of a live zoom check-in on a daily basis where engagement has been high across the whole school. It has been absolutely wonderful for the staff to communicate face to face with the children at home and for them to have the opportunity to share what they have been doing and ask any questions they might have.

I just wanted to remind everyone that staff are only marking work that has been uploaded from the day before – if work is uploaded any later than this it will not be fed back on. This is due to the difficulty in keeping up with comments and uploaded work further back than a day. We would, therefore, like to request that work is uploaded, as much as possible, on the day of completion or at the latest the following day so that feedback can be given in a timely and constructive manner.

We appreciate that home learning is really tricky for some families and we really appreciate everything that you are all doing to ensure that your children continue to learn. If for any reason your child is unable to engage with the learning or the live zoom check-in meetings then please contact the class teacher. We totally understand that technology, work, home issues will get in the way on occasions.

The week beginning 1st February is Children's Mental Health week and it is even more important to recognise this given the current circumstances. Please watch this space and Google Classrooms for information regarding Children's Mental Health week as there will be some extra activities for the children to engage with.

Kind regards

Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher

Over the last week at Beechwood……

Butterflies *children have been busy retelling the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. They met Adam and Panda who taught them to use actions, song and story telling words.*

Year 1 *have been working so hard at home, we have all been enjoying our new topic of Victorians. Mrs Frain and Miss Pilbeam were blown away by the amazing fact files that the children created about Queen Victoria. It has been so lovely to see the children having fun with the afternoon activities as well. Well done Year 1, keep up the super work!*

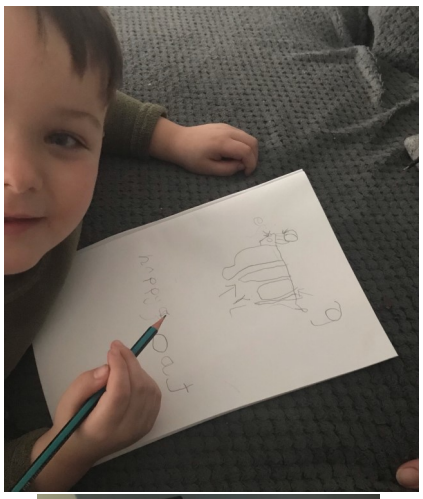
Year 2 *parents you are doing a wonderful job encouraging your children at home. I hope the children are enjoying learning how to write an African Tale and all your multiplication and division facts! The work submitted to us has been so well done. We look forward to more of it, as we continue on theme of The Carnival of Animals. Hopefully, you will have more fun learning as you research animal habitats and food chains over the next few weeks.*

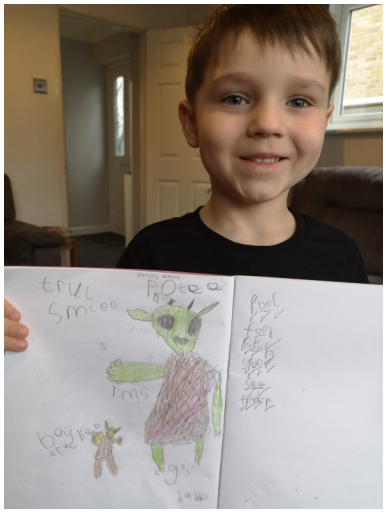
Year 3 *have been looking at their arithmetic knowledge to begin the new topic in Maths. Their work on descriptions in English has been exceptional and we have some really enthusiastic writers. Our artists have shown their fantastic skills in our afternoon activities and all of the children have made us really proud this week. Well done Year 3!*

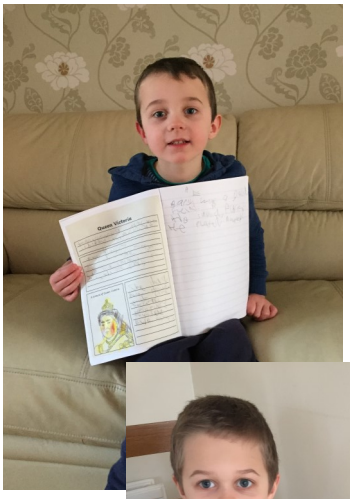
Year 4 *have been focusing on using speech marks within their writing, they have also produced some sentences that have simile openers and fronted adverbials. In math's they have been focusing on their 3, 6 and 9 times tables. Keep up the great work!*

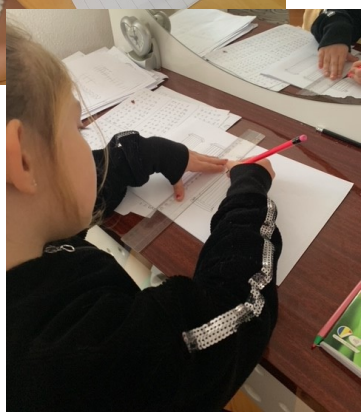
Years 5 & 6 *have been so motivated, and we are so incredibly proud of them! These year groups have just started a newspaper unit in English and have been breaking down the features of a newspaper article. In Maths, year 6 have been learning about decimals, percentages and fractions, while year 5 have been working on multiplication and division. Even though school looks very different right now, our 5/6 year groups have persevered and are doing an amazing job.*

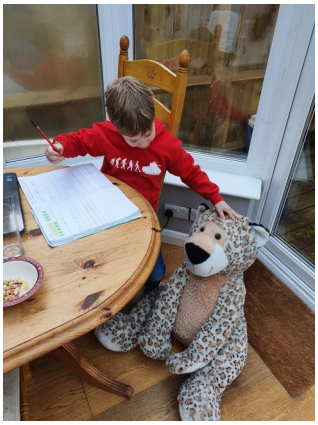
In your homes this week…….1 of 2 pages

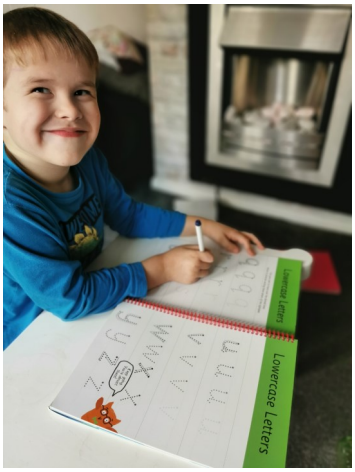








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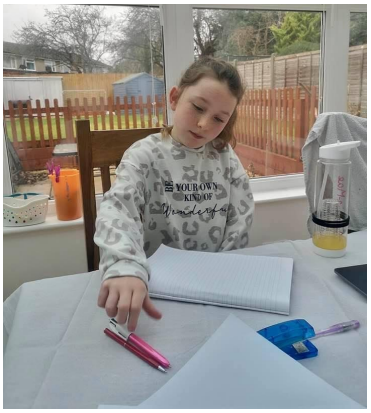
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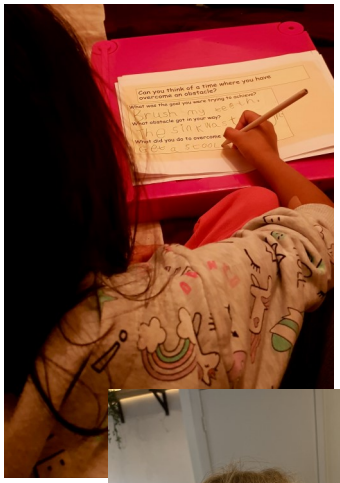
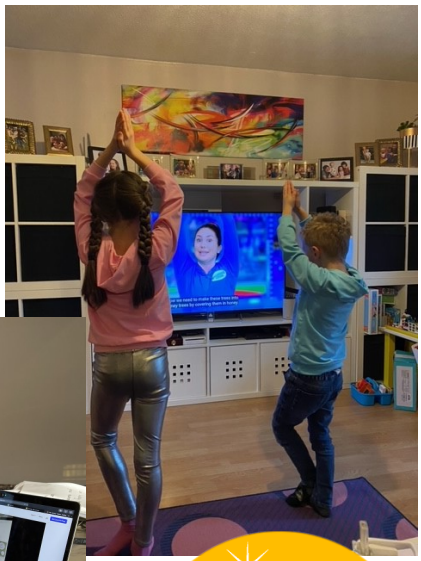
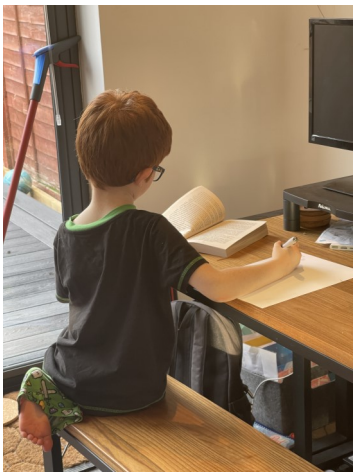






Super Effort
Well Done!

Picture News at Home

18th January 2021

What's going on this week?

The celebration for NHS staff, formally known as 'Clap for Carers', returned under the new name of 'Clap for Heroes' on the 7th of January, announced by the initiative's founder, Annemarie Plas. The weekly applause for front-line NHS staff and other key workers ran for 10 weeks during the UK's first coronavirus lockdown last spring. This time the initiative is celebrating not just NHS and key workers but also extends to home-schooling parents, those who are shielding and all who are pushing through this period.

Things to talk about at home…

- Did you take part in 'Clap for Carers' or 'Clap for Heroes'? If so, what was it like taking part?
- As the 'Claps for Heroes' initiative thanks many different roles, can you think of those who may have helped you and your family during this time? Can you think of a way to thank them?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here…

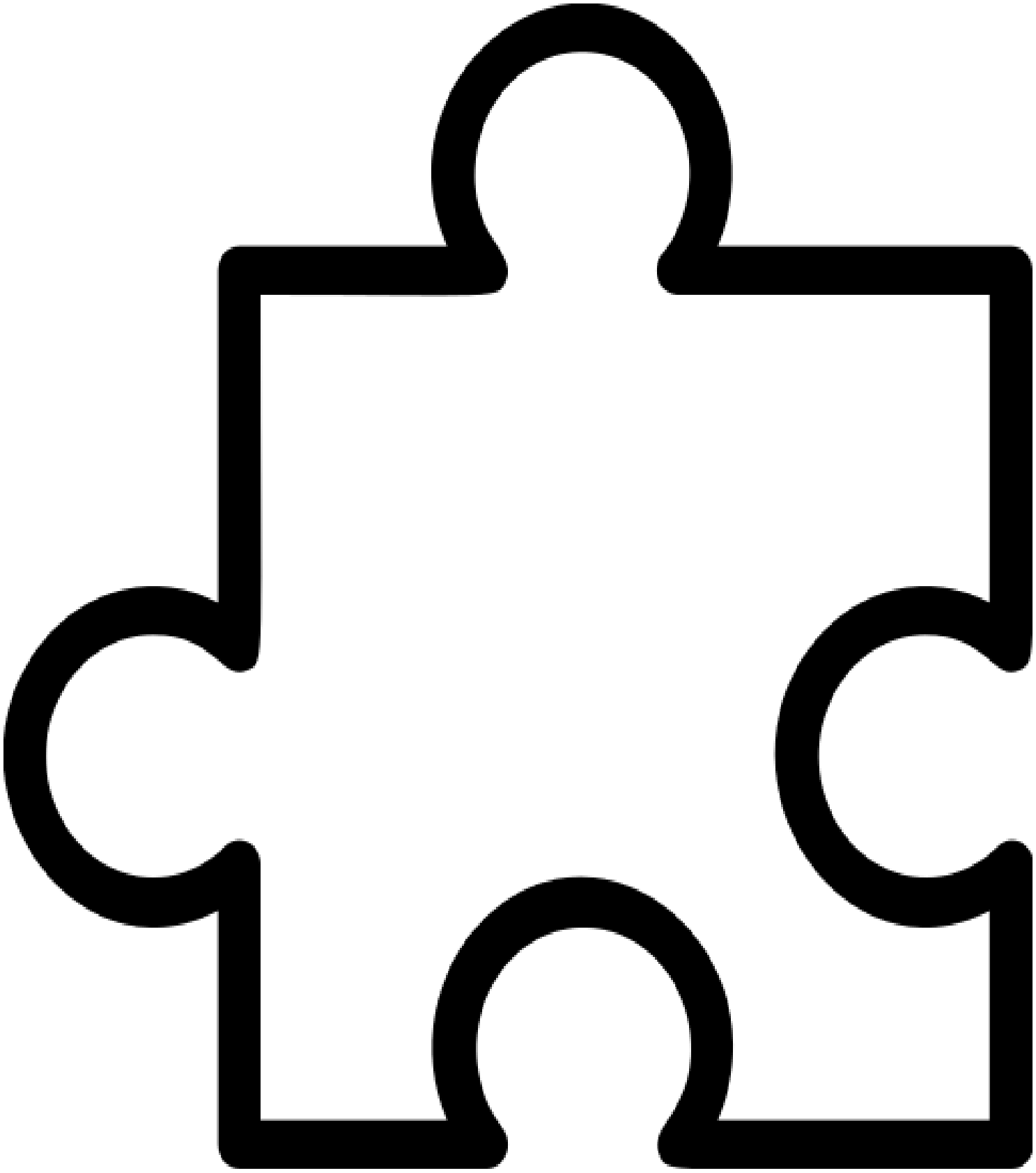
Part of the puzzle

Fill the puzzle piece below with words, drawings or colours that represent you. This will symbolise that we all have a part to play during this difficult time and we are all part of the big picture.

When you have completed your piece take a photo of it and email to **help@picture-news.co.uk** and to your school, then **display it in your window** and see who else has shared their part of the puzzle in their window!

To be part of the gallery (available to view on Picture News Facebook and Twitter) please email photos by Friday 5th February.

#partofthepuzzle



Picture News

18th-24th January

How can we show our thanks to those who help us?

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