



28 January 2021

Dear Parents,

The snow on Sunday was a most welcome boost to the spirits for many in the Dolphin community. The children eagerly regaled their class teachers and classmates with stories of the fun they had had being out in the snow, making snowmen and having snowball fights!

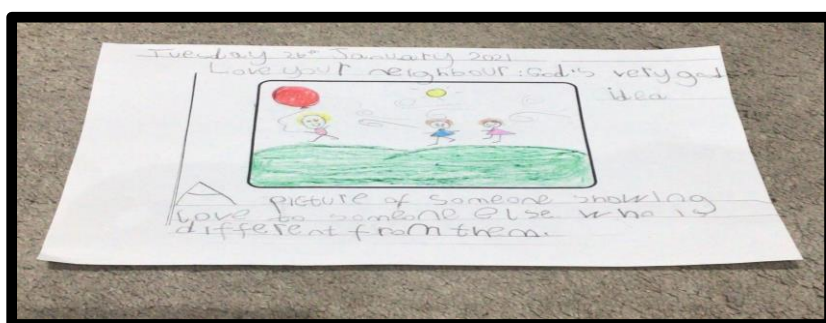
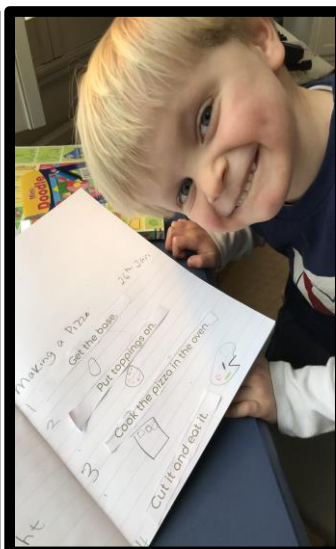
What a beautiful reminder of the joy of childhood that can be experienced in the natural world. It is also such a pleasure to see some of the creative ways in which our children are enjoying their remote learning. Very many thanks to parents at home, and teachers remotely, for helping the children to engage so positively.

Reception – Diamonds

This week, as part of our 'World and Me' topic, during a Google Meet, the Diamonds shared souvenirs from their special places which included: Spain, Australia, Sussex, Cornwall, Portugal, Nigeria, Brooklyn, St Lucia and Kenya!

We learned to sequence the story behind the Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated, read and wrote instructions for how to make Italian pizza and designed Venetian masks. It feels like we have been around the world and back again!

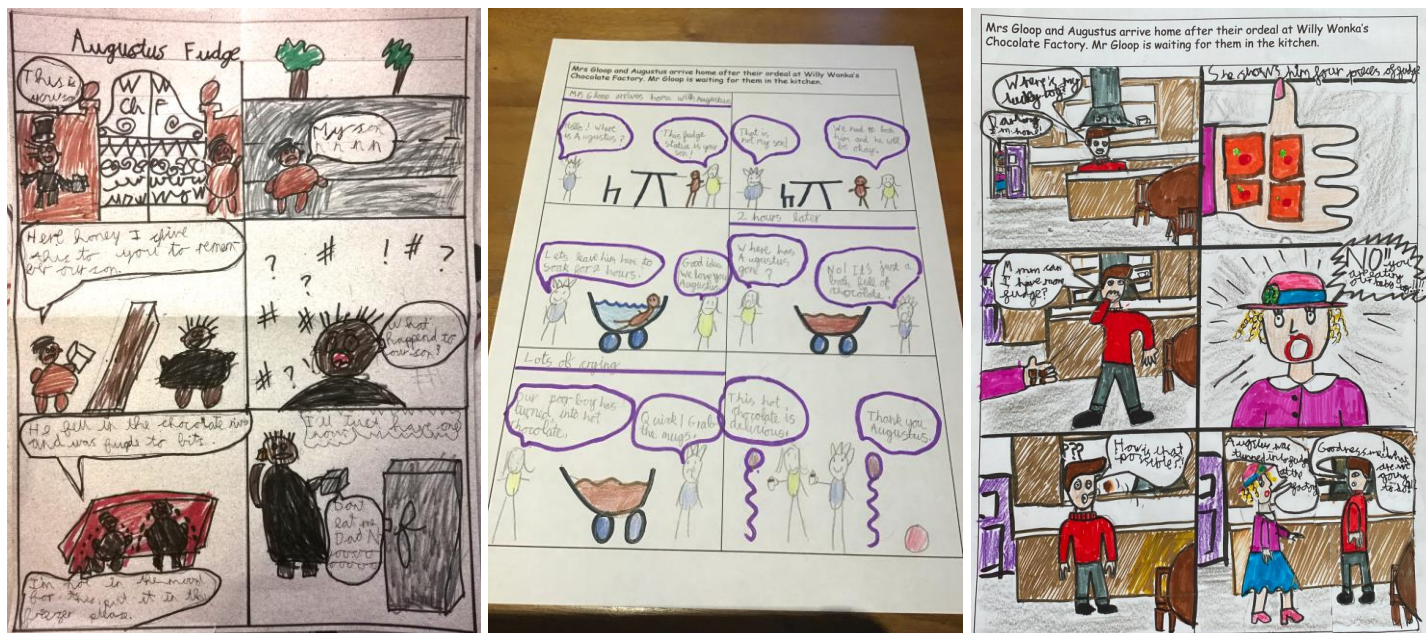
We also drew pictures linked to our memory verse of people being kind to someone who is different from them. Here are a few examples:



Year 3 – Rubies

Over the last couple of weeks, our Year 3 Rubies have been enjoying a well-known scene from Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* - when August Gloop goes up the pipe! We have been imagining the conversation that was had between Mr and Mrs Gloop following this ordeal, presenting our ideas as eye-catching comic strips. It was up to us to decide poor Augustus' fate and whether or not he was really turned into chocolate-coated fudge! Here are just a few examples plucked from a wealth of very amusing pieces!



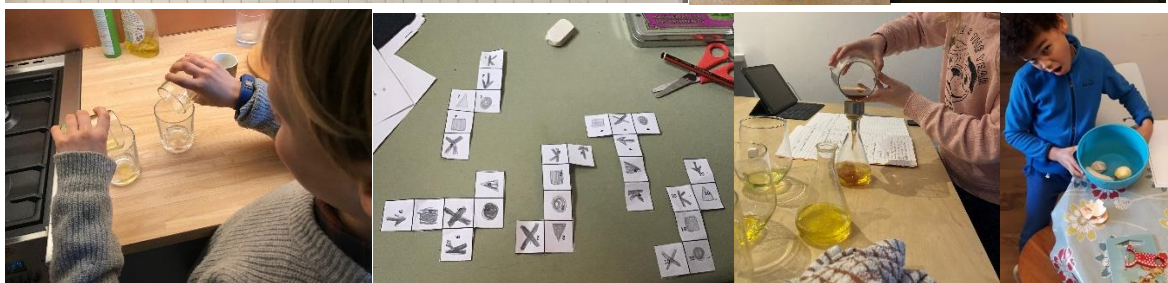
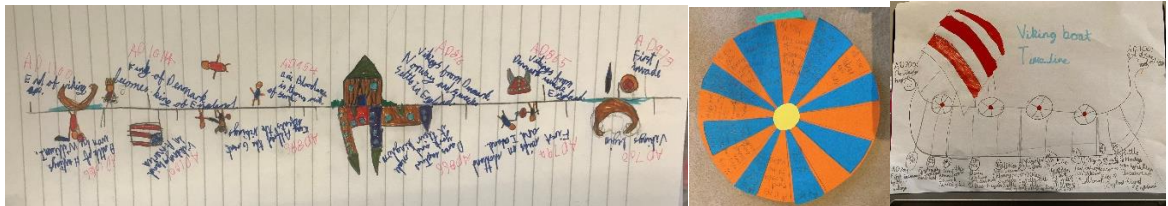
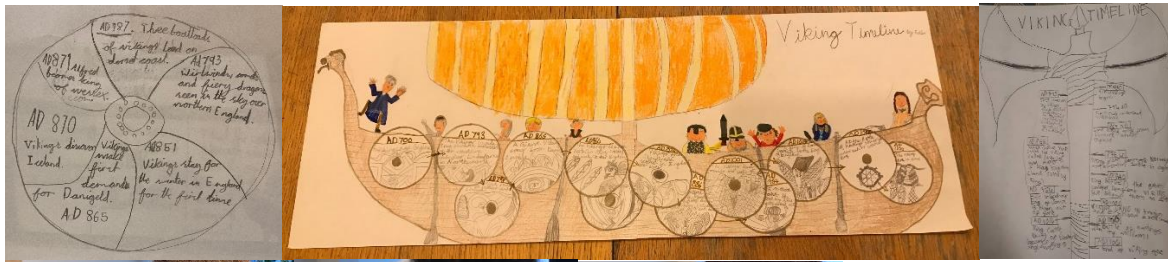


Continuing in the chocolatey theme and inspired by our Wonka comprehension activity, we then indulged in a little baking to end the week on a high! If these pictures don't get your mouth watering, then your resilience to these things is far stronger than Mrs Colman's! While she could only look at the photos and drool (as if lockdown wasn't already hard enough!), the Year 3 families were tucking in to warm cake dripping with delicious oozing chocolate fudge icing. We can only imagine the empty plates, happy tummies and sticky faces!



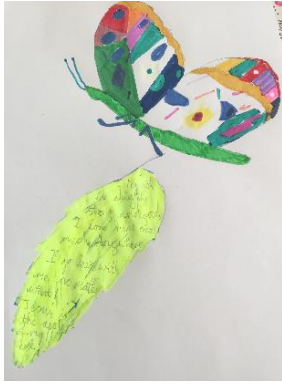
Year 4 Emeralds

Look at the fantastic effort from Year 4 to persevere in their learning – what lock down?



God thank you for looking after me
 You help me grow like an apple tree
 You keep me safe all day and night
 And you show me the way with your shining light.

One sunny morning, a goose took her goslings out for a swim. Happily, they were swimming around on the pond. When they were walking back home a ferocious fox jumped out of the bushes, trying to steal one of the goslings. In a panic, they started to run in circles and quack loudly. But, the mother bravely protected her children. She pecked at the fox, flapped her wings and hit him! But, the fox hadn't succeeded yet so he continued to attack. The gander heard the commotion and quickly waddled over to help his wife. Together, they eventually drove the fox away, saving all their children.



God loves us with all his heart
Like a mother bird with all her chicks
He shines like the sun all day and night
He knows the difference between wrong and right
He puts his wings around our arms
God loves us with all his heart

God protects me like a lion protects its cubs. He protects me like a gardener protects her flowers. I never feel scared or lonely when I know God is protecting me. I never will.

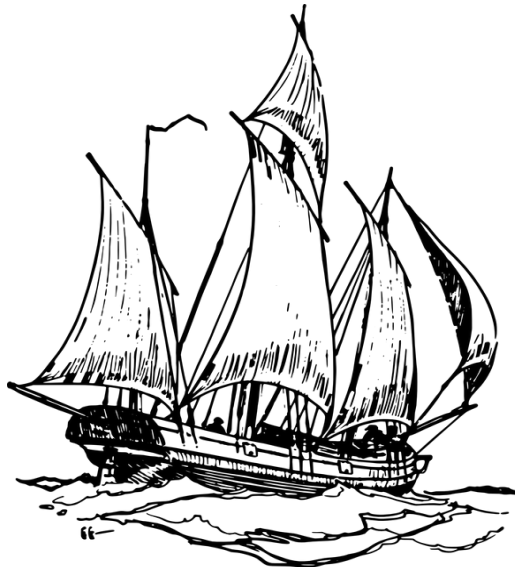
Year Four's 'Sea Shanty'

*The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born.
Love him as yourself. Leviticus 19:34*

Sing along with our new lyrics to: 'What shall we do with the drunken sailor?'

Chorus

**Way hay, love 'em as yourself
Way hay, love 'em as yourself
Way hay, love 'em as yourself,
We show love at Dolphin!**



Verse 1

What will we do with a brand new classmate? (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 2 by Abigail

Ask them to come to your birthday party (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 3 by Amelia

You'll have the best time learning at our school (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 4 by Ameya

You can be someone's new friend and teammate (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 5 by Felix

Offer them a place right 'ere next to me (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 6 by Genevieve

We'll treat them how we want to be treated (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 7 by George

Show them our biggest smiles as a welcome (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 8 by Hugo

Invite them to play with friendly pupils (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 9 by Isabel

Show them around and be kind and helpful (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 10 by Kitty

Would you like to play 'Forty Forty Home'? (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 11 by Layla

Put them in a class with Dolphin pupils (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 12 by Lila

Do not be afraid you will like it here (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 13 by Milla-Jane

Come on in, we're so happy to have you (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 14 by Noah

Show them how to do Science and English (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 15 by Reuben

Show them some maths and be like a teacher (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 16 by Sofia

Help them round the school so they don't get lost (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 17 by Tami

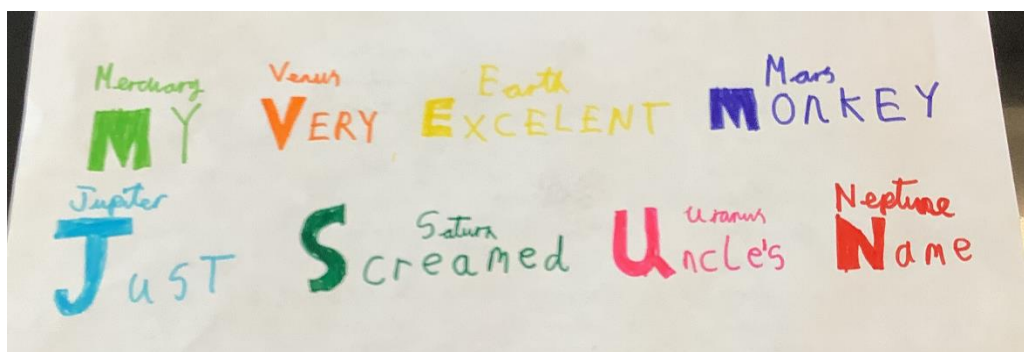
Don't worry, have fun and you'll make best friends (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Verse 18 by Zoe

Let them learn the best they can and be smart (x3)
We show love at Dolphin!

Year 5 - Topaz

Our Year 5 Topaz have enthusiastically embraced their new Science topic for this half term: Earth and Space. We have researched planets in our Solar System, compared planets' orbits and in last week's Science lesson we created imaginative mnemonics to help us remember the order of the planets.





As you will know the Prime Minister announced yesterday that schools will not return straight after the half term break.

The earliest date being mooted is now 8 March. No information has been given as yet indicating whether this would be a full, partial or staggered return. There is much that is still uncertain. Once more detail is clarified we will be able to share plans for the return to school. We are all looking forward to a safe return to school as soon as possible, but there are currently no guarantees as to when that may be.

With best wishes for your continue good health.

Yours sincerely

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