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SCHOOL CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus

Help us to be strong like St John the Baptist.

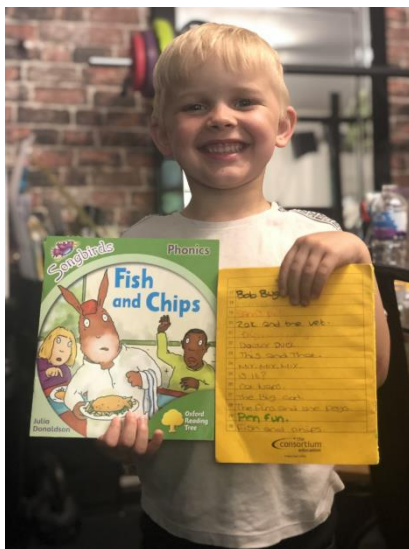
Let us show love, peace and kindness to all.

Encourage us to be the best that we can be and always show your love.

Amen

HOME LEARNING

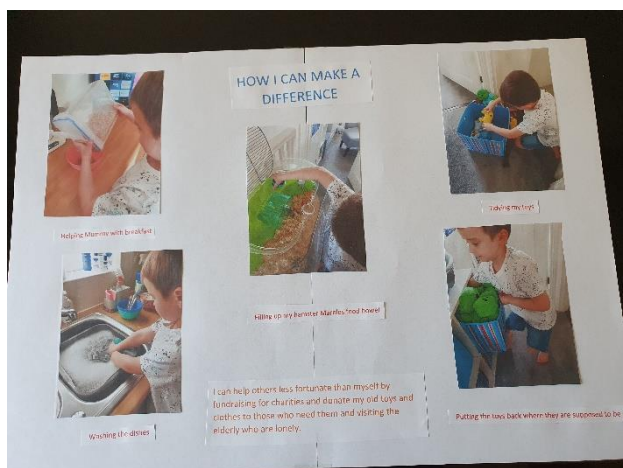
Thank you to the following children for impressing their teachers with great home learning. Please send any examples of work to your class teacher or admin and we can share your fantastic achievements. The work can also be found on our website under 'Home Learning Gallery'.



Austin's reading!



Rhys' stones



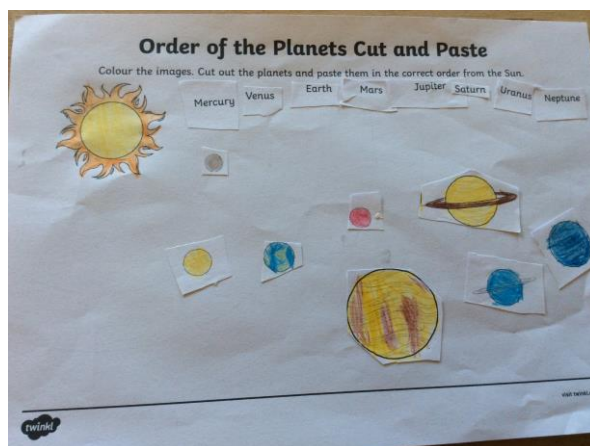
Riley's making a difference!



Jensen's Trinity Symbol



Joshua's painting



Joshua's planets

Home learning has been sent out for 22nd June - 3rd July. If you are struggling to access the learning online or would like a printed out pack then please telephone the school office to arrange a time to pick up a pack. Some of the children have met with their teachers this week on zoom. It has been great catching up and finding out what they have been doing during lockdown. The teachers have also continued to phone home but are not able to do this as often because they are teaching in their 'bubbles'. If you have any concerns then please phone the school office and a member of staff will phone you back. We are keen to support all of our families whether they are at home or at school.

YEAR 5

We welcome back Year 5 pupils that wish to return next Monday. We have relatively small cohorts in Year 5 and Year 6 so we are in a position to welcome back an additional year group. All bubbles still operate with up to 15 pupils, have the same staff with each bubble throughout the day and operate across several rooms, making use of the outdoor space as much as possible.

EASING OF SOME LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS

The 2m social distancing rule remains in place across all the schools in Plymouth CAST trust for the remainder of this term. We will reconsider this again in September as part of our risk assessment process once we are clear about the government's expectations for September.

CARITAS

Caritas Plymouth (A Catholic Charity) has been awarded a small sum of funding to support organisations providing food to individuals and families struggling during the Coronavirus pandemic. Caritas Plymouth would like to work through our schools, to support families in most need in the coming weeks and months. Schools would need to fill out a very simple online application form. If you are struggling then please either chat to your class teacher or Mrs Hamilton. All conversations will be treated as highly confidential.

WATER SAFETY

This summer, RNLI Lifeguards can't be on every beach, meaning a heightened water safety risk to beach goers. They are asking schools to help share some important messages to children and their families. With the easing of restrictions and the warm summer weather, people are heading to the beaches and coastline to enjoy the sun, sea and time with friends and family. In a normal year, the RNLI helps thousands of people who end up getting into difficulty in or close to the water when doing these types of activities.

Throughout the summer term, the local team of trained volunteers and Lifeguards from the RNLI would normally visit school. However, due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak they have not been able to engage with school communities as they normally would. Below, you will find out ways in which you can help at this time - Together, we really can make a lifesaving difference:

Please consider using these colourful resources with your children that are suitable for 4-11 year olds.

- **Download** and use our [education resource pack](#). Educating young people about how to keep safe, in on and around water is fundamental to saving lives at sea and a core part of the RNLI's water safety activity. This term we have put together two downloadable packs of resources focusing on **keeping safe this Summer**. This will help your teams engage young people with essential – and lifesaving – water safety lessons in schools and as part of home school packs.
- **Share** a link to our [Water Safety from Home resources](#) - If you're a parent or teacher looking for ways to engage, educate and entertain your children at home, play our Water Safety Wednesday series – perfect for primary school-aged children.
- Please help by **sharing** the RNLI & MCA's [Beach Safety Campaign](#) with parents, guardians and your wider network. Beach lifeguards cannot be everywhere this summer – although we are hoping to patrol around 70 beaches later this year – it is vital every one of us takes responsibility for our own, and our families', safety.

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND- HEALTH RELATED RESOURCES

[E-Bug](#) is PHE's evidence-based, educational resource to teach about microbes, hygiene and antibiotics.

There is a [COVID-19 page](#), which has:

- age appropriate **activities** to teach about hand and respiratory hygiene
- 'Hand hygiene' and 'Cover coughs and sneezes' **posters** to display in school bathrooms, handwashing stations, classrooms and shared spaces
- Antibiotic Guardian Youth Badge to support **home-schooling**

Currently being finished is a "My Back to School Bubble", a **storybook** to help school children understand new COVID-19 protective measures and tackle anxiety about returning to school. This may be helpful to use with your child just before they return to school.