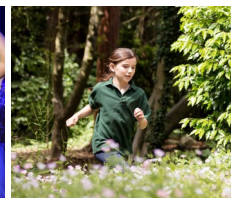




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 5th February, 2021



Dear Parents

REMOTE LEARNING

Hopefully the small changes made to class timetables have had a positive effect on everyone. We are now in the process of planning for the next half term. Teachers will have time on the Inset Day (12th February) to plan but we are, in the spirit of optimism, planning for remote learning in the first two weeks of term only. If classes have packs to be collected, these will be available on Saturday 20th February (further details to follow). In the event that the Government's plans change, and remote learning needs to continue beyond 8th March, teachers may require more time to prepare. If this is the case, live lessons will stop for two afternoons to enable them to have time to get the next phase of remote learning packs ready. We are hoping that this won't be the case and that we can have all children back in School.

Following the last lockdown, when we were able to have children back in the classroom, there was a period of time when some children remained at home and some returned to School. In all honesty, I think many teachers would say that this 'mixed classroom' was the most challenging of all. It is incredibly difficult to teach with the majority of the class in front of you and a few children at home. Whilst I completely understand the anxieties that parents may have about sending their children back to School, we will need to focus the live teaching on those in the classroom. Should parents choose not to send their child back to School when we re-open, learning will be provided via Showbie. There will be a timetable of Zooms so that the child can see their teacher and their classmates but it will not be the same as the current remote learning provision. When the time comes to return to School, any parents who have concerns are welcome to contact me to discuss these so that we can try to address them.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD TEACHER?

In assembly this Monday we talked about what makes a good teacher. It was lovely to see some of the responses that the children emailed in to share with me. Hairstyle and footwear featured highly! But it was also wonderful to see the qualities and attributes that the children value in their teachers. I would like to thank all our teachers for their hard work, including all the parents who have supported their children with their remote learning during lockdown.

STAFFING NEWS

It is with great sadness that I need to tell you that Ms Torlesse, our wonderful Marketing Co-ordinator, will be leaving Rydes Hill at the end of this term to take up the post of Head of Admissions at Claremont Fan Court School. We are incredibly sad to say goodbye to Ms Torlesse. She has been instrumental in ensuring that Rydes Hill is known in Guildford and the surrounding area, and that our image really reflects our wonderful School. Her superb photography and ability to capture the special moments of School life will certainly be missed. Her shoes will be incredibly hard to fill, but if you or anyone you know would be interested in the position, the advert can be found on our website via the following link: <https://www.rydeshill.com/about-us/vacancies>

SAFER INTERNET DAY

This year, Safer Internet Day this year will be celebrated globally with the slogan "Together for a better internet." So here in the UK, the focus is all about exploring reliability in the online world. We will be celebrating the amazing range of information and opportunities that are presented to us online - which we are all discovering while working online at the moment!



However, not all information on the internet can be relied upon so in our Computing lessons next week we will be investigating how we can decide what to trust online and enabling the children to challenge and question what they see. Our younger children will be joining Detective Digiduck on his quest to find out how to search the internet safely and check information. Higher up the school, the children will be discussing 'Fake News' and the emotional impact misleading information can have on everyone.

We hope, by the end of their lesson, the children will be more aware that they cannot trust all information presented on line and how to challenge it. If you would like to find out more, do visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Mrs Norville



Happy Birthday!

12th February

Alana W



The link to this week's 'The Wednesday Word' is below: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=17.8>

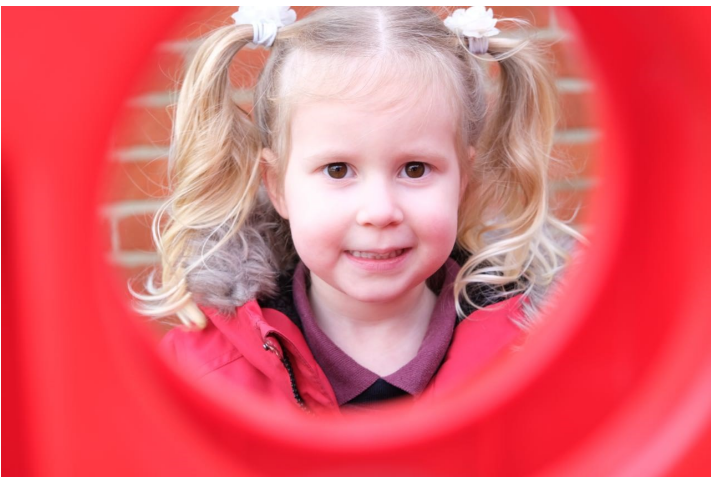
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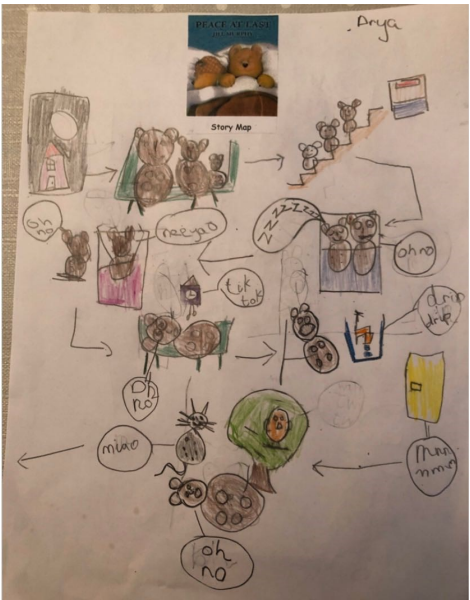
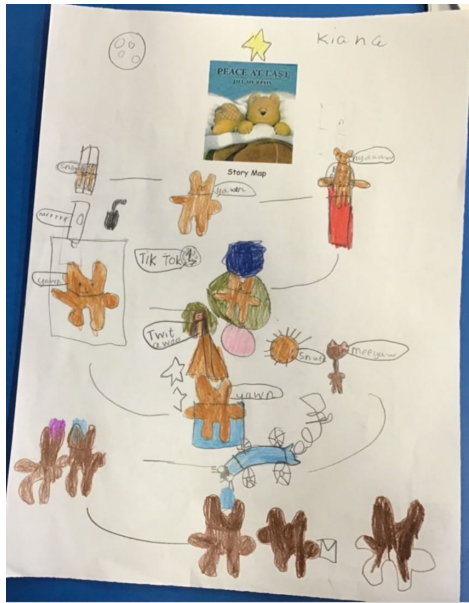
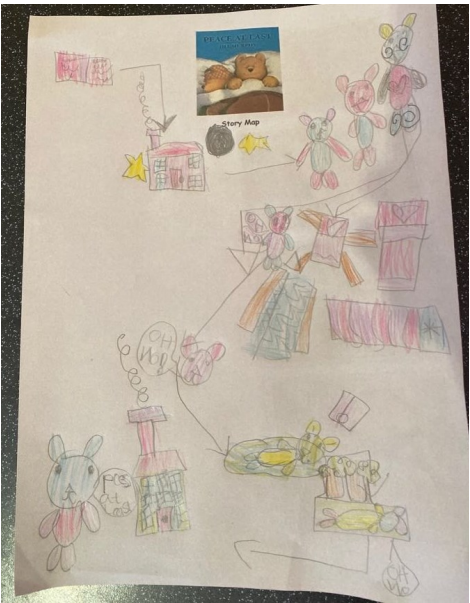
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Visiting Planet Dazzle with Miss Quinn!



'Peace at Last' Story Maps with Lower Transition



A wonderful poem by Vera (MP) and touching note from Leah (KG)

“What if you Slept? By Vera-Tam

What if you slept

And what if

In your sleep

You dreamed

And what if

In your dream

You went to a hospital

And there found a vaccine and vaccinated everyone

And what if

When you awoke

The News said that Covid was gone

Ah, what then?"

