



TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 4TH MAY 2020

A message from Mr Hodgson

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to this week's edition of our school newsletter. I do hope you are all still keeping safe and well and have managed to get outside for your daily exercise without getting too wet!

All the staff at Templemoor hope that the home learning activities, emails, weekly newsletters and the weekly video challenges are helping the children to keep in touch with us and to remind everyone that we are thinking of you and miss you all. The Templemoor team have started to write messages for our weekly newsletter. We hope that you enjoy reading some of them in this week's issue.

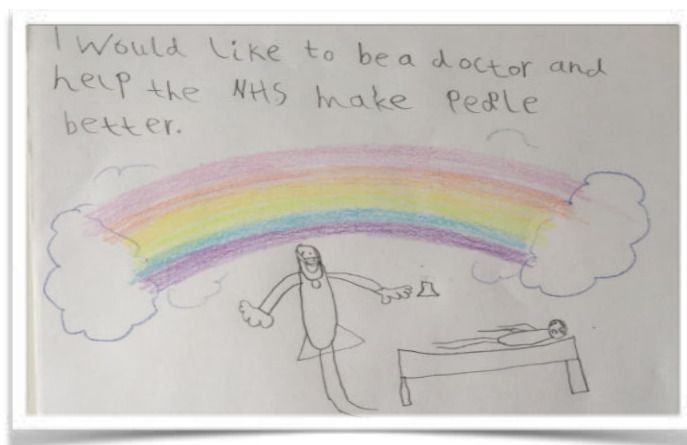
The home learning inbox has been flooded with lots of photographs of children learning and being busy at home. It has been so heartening for the teachers to see lots of the smiles that we are all missing - it really has provided a lift for staff so thank you. Please remember that there is no pressure to complete every single home learning activity that we give you, it is to guide and support you. Family wellbeing comes first and is the priority for all of us.



I know many parents are repeatedly asking us to pass on our thanks to our wonderful staff - all of whom are keen to make sure that our key worker children can still come into school; and that our children at home can continue with their learning. Thank you to all of the team, you are all truly incredible.

Finally, once again I thank you all for your amazing support and understanding you have shown, which demonstrates just what an amazing community and school we have. We will all be back together again when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, please keep in touch, stay safe and keep going, because you are all doing a fantastic job.

Very best wishes, Mr Hodgson.





School Closure Update

There is a lot of information in the media regarding when schools might be able to re-open their doors to children. At the moment, we have not received any information regarding partial or full re-opening of the school.

Please be reassured that we are keeping up to date with all government announcements and are working closely with the Local Authority and will inform parents and carers once we know of any changes to current arrangements.

StarLine Home Learning Helpline

A new national free telephone helpline for parents and carers has been created to provide personalised support and advice on home learning to support pupils until schools re-open.

StarLine, a sector-led initiative supported by voluntary sector partners and the Department for Education, offers parents and carers personalised advice and support from a team of qualified teachers, education and parenting experts. Available to all parents and carers of school

children nationwide, the team will share tips, techniques and resources to help children continue their learning while schools are closed, and to support family wellbeing. Parents and carers will be guided to help their children create regular routines and study habits, offering practical steps to take and access quality resources.

StarLine covers all areas of the curriculum across all phases of education. In addition to qualified teachers, callers can speak to experienced education and parenting experts who can provide support and advice on behaviour, wellbeing and help for pupils with special educational needs or disabilities. All calls are confidential, and advice is available six days a week by phoning 0330 313 9162. For more information visit www.starline.org.uk or follow @StarLineSupport on Twitter. The team behind StarLine will also be broadcasting a weekly programme on YouTube. In each episode of StarLive, a guest presenter will share practical ideas for home learning. Further details can be found on the StarLine website.

Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs Marson

I would like to let you know that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Marson at the end of this week, as Mrs Leigh will be returning from her maternity leave. I would like to thank Mrs Marson for her dedication, commitment and support to the school. Let's hope that we can return to a little bit of normality soon (whatever the new normality is) so that we can properly say 'goodbye' to Mrs Marson, and properly say 'welcome back' to Mrs Leigh!



A message from Mrs Marson



Hello Children!

In some ways it feels like such a long time ago that we were all together at Templemoor, and yet in other ways, time seems to have passed at super speed! I have missed you all so much and think of you often. It has been wonderful to see all the lovely photographs of everything you have been getting up to at home. My goodness, you have all been so busy and I can tell how hard you are trying and just how much you are learning. You are all amazing! I know that like me, you will be missing family and friends, but remember this will all come to an end soon enough and just think how wonderful it will be to be reunited with them all. I hope that when you look back on this time when you grow up, it will be with happy memories of sunshine and seeing lots of Mum and Dad!

Even though we aren't able to do many of the usual things we get up to, somehow we have managed to still be very busy in the Marson household! Just like you, my children are trying hard with their home learning and I have been helping them as much as I can. We have been doing the Joe Wicks workout every day, although the first time I did it, my legs hurt so much, I couldn't walk up the stairs the next day! We try to make sure that we get out for our daily exercise, sometimes going for a lovely walk around the local area, playing football or visiting our allotment.

As the Year 1 children know, we were planning a trip to the Winstanley Road allotments, as part of our Science learning on plants. Our trip was sadly cancelled, but last week, we took the potatoes that we were preparing in class and have planted some of them in our plot. Here are some pictures of us planting them. I promise to take good care of them as they grow and will be sure to bring into school what we produce, later in the summer.



I have still been going into school, to look after the children whose mums and dads are doing very important key worker jobs. These children have also been working very hard on their home learning at school and have adapted really well to lots of changes, like having to stay in the hall and not their normal classroom! Well done to all of them too.

Shortly, Mrs Leigh is coming back to school after having her baby (which is very exciting!) and as I have been looking after her job whilst she was away, I am sad to say, I will have left Templemoor before you return back to school. I would like to take this opportunity to say a great big goodbye to you all. I have loved my time teaching at your wonderful school and will miss each of you enormously.

Don't forget to keep working hard, but even more importantly, keep being kind to each other.

Take care, stay safe.

Lots of love,

Mrs Marson x





A message from Mrs Merryman



Hello to all our lovely Templemoor children and their families. I hope you are all keeping well and have been enjoying the sunshine. I've been sitting in the sunshine crocheting (it's similar to

knitting). I started to make a blanket for myself but half way through I realised that I didn't have enough wool, so it's going to be a very small blanket for my very lazy cats to sleep on! I'm not quite as lazy as my cats though, I have been working from home checking all the emails, processing voucher payments and keeping up to date with all the lovely photos that you have sent in. It's been a real treat to see all your great art work and cards for Captain Tom (now Colonel Tom)!

I can't wait for us all to get back to school. I'm really looking forward to seeing you all again very soon as I'm missing you all.

Stay safe and take care, Mrs Merryman.

A message from Mrs Phoenix



Hi children and your lovely families. I hope you are well and smiling. Now let me think, what have I been doing since I last saw you? Well, when I have not been in school I have been staying at home with my two



small girls. Mr Phoenix is busy working so my main job has been keeping my girls away from disturbing daddy! To do this we have been completing home learning packs, I've been learning about Romans, fractions, Trolls and decimals. Depending on the day and how everybody is feeling depends on how much learning gets done!

We have been trying to keep active by completing Joe's PE and I have been running round my kitchen and garden (my girls find mummy very funny when I am doing this!).

The best activity we have been doing is lots of baking (we love cooking in our house) our favourite so far has been these amazing chocolate chunk cookies (see the photograph below), our biggest whoops was making bread with out of date yeast, that really didn't go well, we had a raw rock hard brick of dough!

Anyway, I better leave you to it. I really miss having giggles and reading stories with you all. I look forward to seeing you very soon.

Bye for now, Mrs Phoenix.



A message from Mrs Brown



To our lovely Children, Parents and Carers,

How are you all? I really hope that you and your families and friends are all safe and well. We are all missing you lots and life is very strange without you all in school. I hope that you are all enjoying yourselves at home with your families. I am loving seeing all of the work that you are sending in and looking at all your photographs. It really makes me smile to see your happy faces, so keep them coming in!

I've really liked it when I've been going into school and seeing some of you and I'm so looking forward to you all coming back. I am missing all of you, especially working with all of our brilliant phonics groups, our wonderful Year 2 children and our brilliant Rights Respecting Work.

Like many of you, life in the Brown household is very different at the moment too! Samuel (7) is enjoying having lots of time to play football with his big brother, but is missing his football club. I'm sure many of you are missing your clubs and activities as well. Also, Sam's not very impressed with having his mum as his teacher and much prefers his real Year 2 teacher! Eleanor has been very busy baking for all of us and has applied for Junior Bake Off while she has been off school! Eleanor is in Year 6 and is really hoping that she can get back to her lovely primary school soon. William (13) made me laugh the other day when he said, "I never actually thought that I would miss school.....but I really am!"

We are all trying to keep busy at home doing our school work, doing Joe Wicks and lots and lots of playing! We are enjoying going on bike rides, for our daily exercise, whilst the roads are nice and quiet. I'm also spending lots of time in the garden but have to keep moving my plants so they don't get knocked over by a ball!

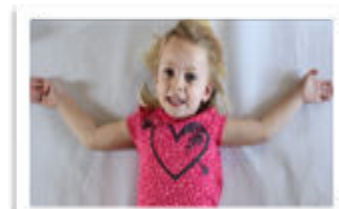


I hope that you are all finding ways to keep busy and manage everything. Some days are smoother and more successful than others in this house! Please take care everybody and stay safe. I'm looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

Sending my warmest wishes to you all. Mrs Brown.

Communicating with friends and family

One thing many children and adults are missing at the moment is being in touch with friends and family. We have been hearing from families about the different ways they are staying in touch. Some are having 'Zoom' parties with their friends or using 'google meet'. There are lots of different tools available for online video calling, most of which are free so please do take a look if you haven't already done so. There is also plenty of advice online about how to stay safe when using these communication tools. Below is what one family did - 'Mail a hug', which I thought was a lovely idea!





Congratulations Colonel Tom

Congratulations to Colonel Tom Moore who turned 100 last Thursday. I know many of you sent him a birthday card and your warm wishes. So far, Tom has managed to raise nearly £33 million pounds for the NHS.

Rights Respecting Article of the Week

Each week we will be looking at a different Rights Respecting Article. This week it's Article 12, that *'Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously'*.

In some stories children's views are ignored. Have you read 'Not Now Bernard!?' If not you could watch this story. What would you say to Bernard's parents if you had the chance?

Can you think of any stories or films in which children's voices are really listened to and it makes a difference? If you think of one, tell somebody at home about it or let us know.

Have you ever thanked people at home who are good at listening to you? You could design a card or picture, or write a letter to them for hearing your voice.

Could you find out about a child or young person who made sure their voice was heard? You could choose Malala Yousafzai or Greta Thunberg or see if you can find out about somebody less well known.

Could you draw a picture, make a model or write a creative story with the title 'Hear my Voice'? Send any of your work or pictures into us, we would love to see it!

Bank Holiday Friday

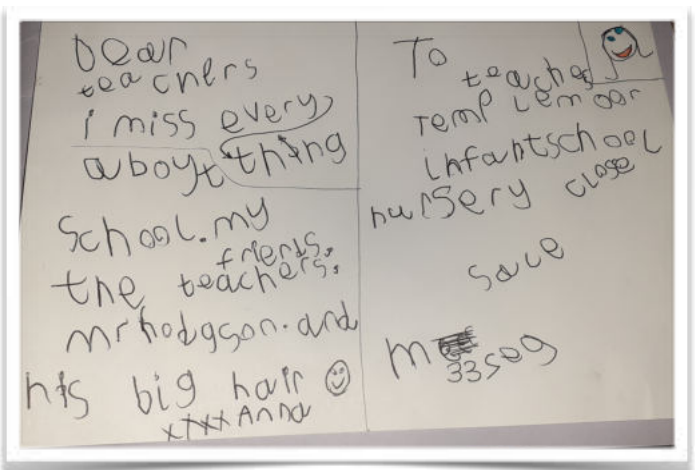
Friday 8th May is a Bank Holiday to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the end of WW2. It would be great to see pictures of you all enjoying time at home together or any work/crafts you have completed for this special event. Pictures can be emailed to the year group home learning address.

And finally...

As always, you know we are here to help and support you in home learning, key worker childcare provision and keeping in touch.

Until next week - stay safe, stay positive and continue to take care of yourselves and your children.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team.



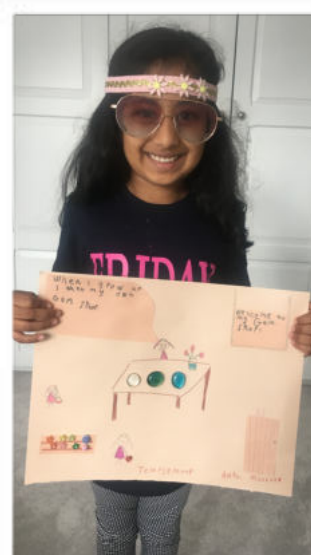
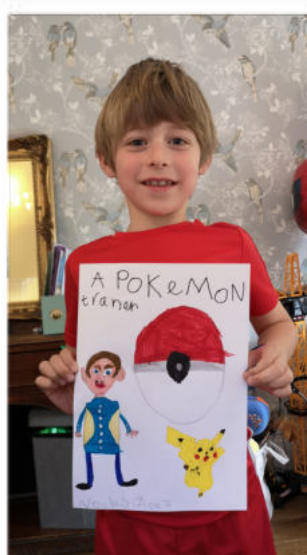
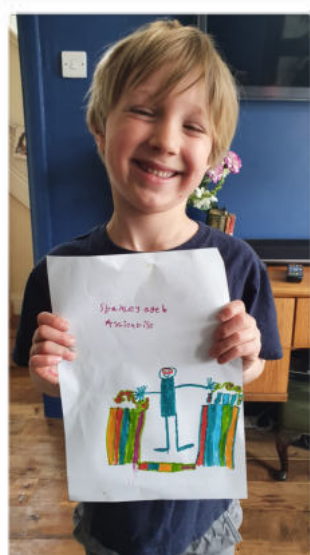
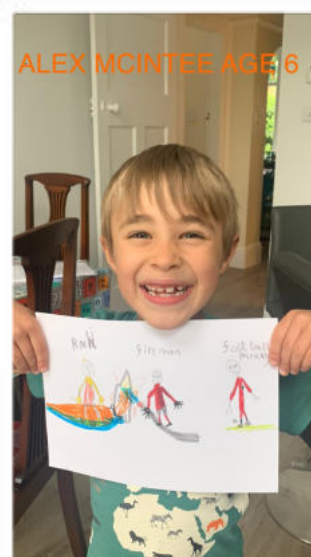
Respectful Racoon's Challenge

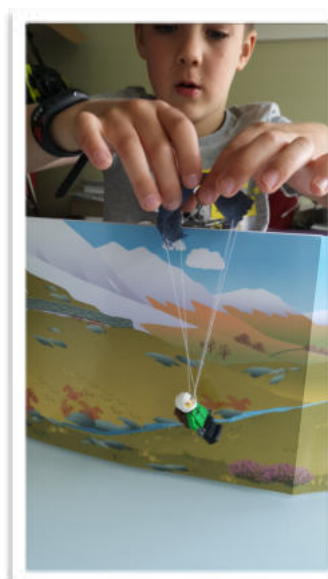
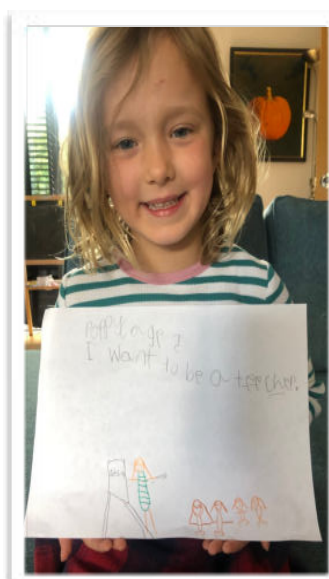
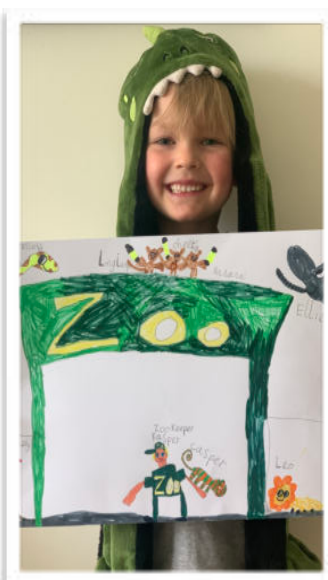
Last Monday, Mr Hodgson and Respectful Racoon set the children a challenge. The challenge was to draw a picture of what you dream of being when you get older. Wow! We had lots and lots of different jobs! Well done children. Keep following your dreams! Look out for this week's challenge on our website!



What do Templemoor children dream of being when they get older?

A teacher, a lollipop lady, a fairy, an astronaut, a footballer and a firefighter and an RLNI volunteer, a gem shop owner, a Pokemon trainer, a scientist, a ballet dancer and a footballer...

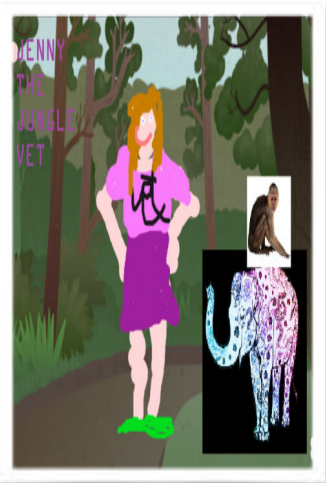
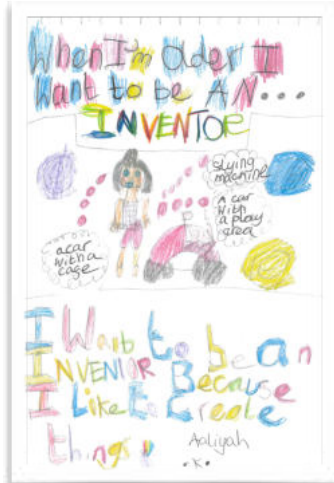
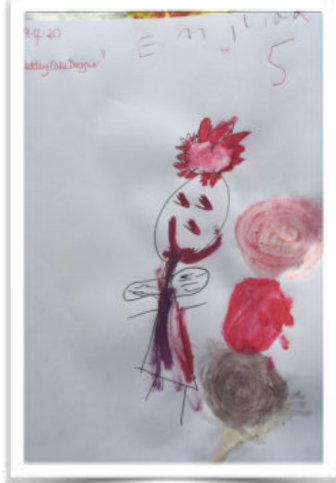




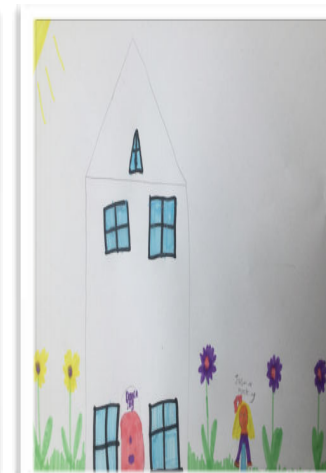
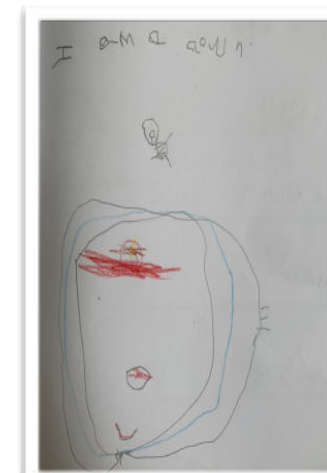
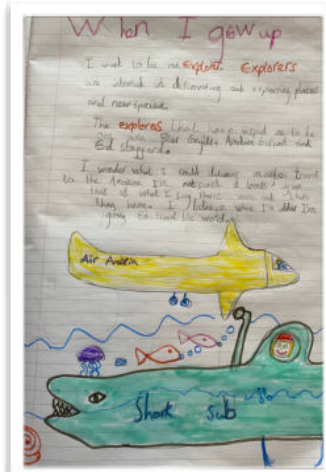
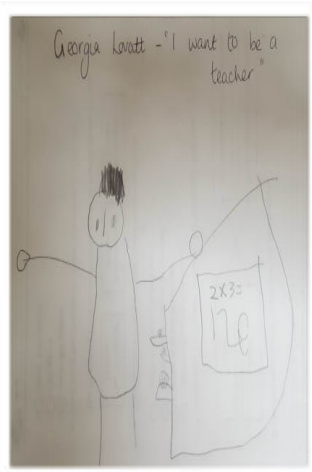
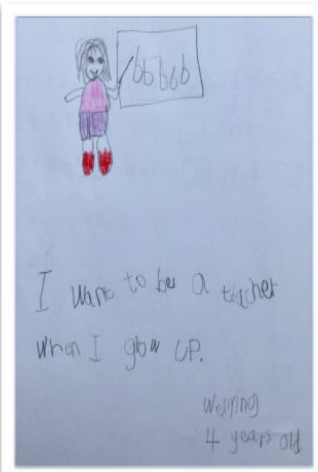
... a firefighter, a pilot, a zoo keeper, a teacher, a ninja, a diver, a policeman, an explorer, a vet and a headteacher...



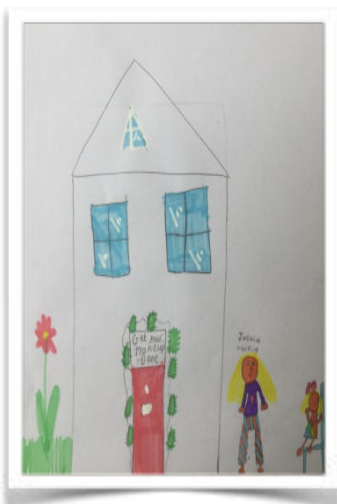
... a footballer, an author, a vet, looking after animals, a wedding cake designer, a gardener, a hairdresser, Princess Elsa, a chef, an exploring scientist, an inventor, a jungle vet...



**... a fashion designer,
a builder, a footballer,
a teacher, an explorer,
an architect, a
firefighter, a gymnast,
a nurse, an artist, a
clown, a policeman, a
dancer...**



... a policeman, a vet, a mechanic, a famous helper, a make up artist, an explorer and a pilot. Keep following your dreams children!



Learning at Home

We hope you've enjoyed your home learning this week and had the opportunity to do lots of other things too. Judging by the email's we've received; it looks as though you have all been very busy indeed!



Building a puppet theatre and putting on a show, baking star biscuits and finding a den in the woods!



Making a fairy garden, junk model making and learning all about leopards!



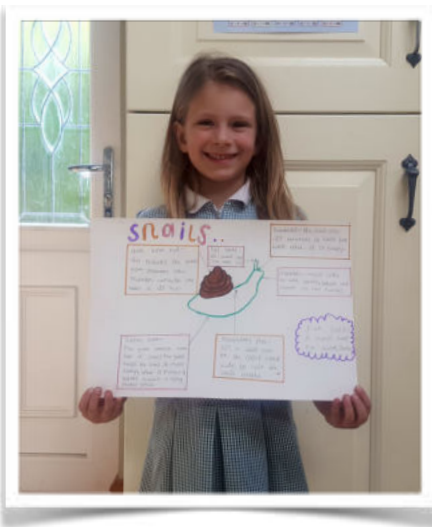
Learning how to sew using a sewing machine, completing a run for Colonel Tom and learning first aid!



Attempting to break a Beaver world record, making a fruit salad face and making a boat!



Sewing a monster bag, making a telescope and painting a habitat picture!



Painting an underwater scene, creating a snail poster and spotting superheroes in Sale!

Well done everyone, and keep your photographs coming in!