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**Learning Live
Inspiring Our
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Educating Everyday**

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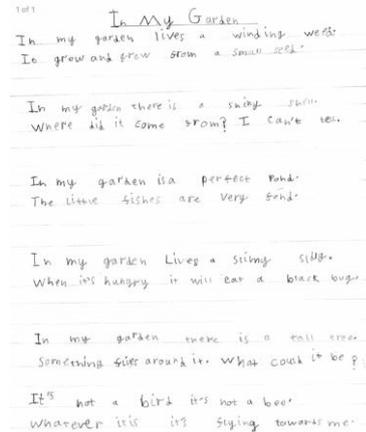
Class News

Class One



This week, Class 1 have finished their work on the Pirate book they have been reading. I have been so impressed with the lovely writing children have been doing at home. They have been remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in their sentences. In maths, we have been practising counting back and playing games to help us to do this. Well done for keeping up the hard work at home everyone!

Class Two



In Class 2 this week, we have been learning about poetry. The children have used alliteration, similes and rhyme to write their own plant poems! In maths, we have continued to learn about money and giving change.

Class Three



This week, Class 3 have continued learning how to tell the time. They have been using number lines for durations and using timetables to find start and end times. We have also carried on using 'The Tear Thief' by Carol Ann Duffy as our Literacy topic book. We have written beautiful kennings, haikus and descriptions about the wonderful Tear Thief.

Class Four



This week in Class 4, we have been exploring the film clip Eye of the Storm, investigating how to describe settings and characters in different ways and how we can use sentence starters to make our writing even more engaging. In maths, we have been investigating algebra - I have been so impressed with how well Year 5 have got on learning this sometimes tricky skill at home.

Well Done!

STARS OF THE WEEK:

Class 1: Jack

For doing his phonics work and writing at home.

Class 2: Isla

For settling back into school brilliantly and working incredibly hard!

Class 3: Alice

For working very hard to learn new skills and for finding creative ways to learn to tell the time.

Class 4: Neeha

For her fantastic use of amplification to create setting description and her amazing dedication to home learning.

Birthday Corner

Plenty of lockdown celebrations going on...

Happy Birthday to:
Jack, William & Kellan



Message Board

Coronavirus updates

No symptoms were reported in the Class 1 cohort after our bubble closure and so we are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 6th July.

DfE Announcement for September

The DfE have released guidance for the return of pupils to school in September. The information that has been provided would mean following our current school setup but with all children back in school from September. We will maintain whole classes as 'bubbles' and continue staggering break and lunch times to reduce mixing of these. Heightened cleaning schedules and personal hygiene routines will be maintained. Further details of arrangements will be given to you before the end of term, but all children will be back in school full time.

Illness

If children coming into school show any symptoms of Coronavirus or feel unwell, please keep them at home and follow the isolation guidance.

End of Year Reports

The end of year reports will be coming home next week, on Wednesday 8th July. These will be emailed to parents instead of paper copies this year. The information in the reports is based on progress through school until lockdown but may include reference to distance learning. Attendance is not reported on this year.

Transition Meetings

Thank you to everyone who took part in the transition meetings via Zoom on Wednesday. Apologies for the few that experienced technical problems. For those who could not make the meetings, or who were feeling a little anxious, teachers are preparing welcome videos to share. They will tell you about themselves, share some of the exciting things you can look forward to next year, and give you a sample of a story you will use in literacy. These videos will be shared through Class Dojo and the school website for children to view as many times as you like, to help reduce any anxiety about returning.

CSALT Assemblies

CSALT collective worship online:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq5F1XZ3VtNgzSpLxlqPug>

Message From Reverend Mary

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Today's story is about a goat named Billy. Billy the Goat lived near the top of a mountain, just a little below its snow-capped peaks. He was an angry sort of goat. He was always rushing around and butting things with his head. If he wasn't busily eating grass, then he was head-butting the rocks and boulders lying around.

Although he was angry most of the time, there were times when he was particularly angry. Every Saturday the children from the village would climb up the mountain and tease him and call him names. Sometimes they would creep up and steal his food and run away. That made Billy really angry. Whenever he saw them he would chase after them. The children would run away down the mountain and through the gate to the village before Billy reached it. Billy would charge at the gate as hard as he could. He would run at it and ram it and butt it, but the gate would never open. The children would stand on the other side and laugh at him, which made Billy angrier than ever. Eventually Billy would give up and storm off back to the top of the mountain. On his way up the mountain he would pass Squirrel. Squirrel would always make him even angrier by saying, "I know how you can get through the gate. It's really quite easy."

But Billy wouldn't listen. Sometimes he would just ignore Squirrel. Other times he would grunt, "If I can't get through, you have no chance. Now leave me alone and go and eat nuts or something."

Soon the summer holidays arrived and the children came up the mountain every single day. Every day they would tease him; every day he would chase them down the mountain; every day he would be stopped by the gate and as he butted it and rammed it, the children would laugh at him.

As if that wasn't enough, every day, on his way back up the mountain, Squirrel would pass him and say, "You can get past the gate you know." Billy hated the school holidays. The children had been teasing him for a whole month. He hated what was happening, but he refused to listen to Squirrel.

Sometimes we refuse to listen when God wants to speak to us. Sometimes we are too stubborn to ask God to help us.

Eventually, after another week of teasing Billy snapped at Squirrel, "So how do I get past the gate?"

Squirrel smiled. "Interested now are you?"

Billy demanded, "Tell me if you know. Tell me now!"

Squirrel remained calm. "I think you are missing a word."

Billy thought and then said, "OK! Please tell me. Please!"

Squirrel nodded. He spoke quietly. "The gate opens inwards. You need to pull and not push."

Billy couldn't believe it. It was so simple.

When God begins to help us, we can do amazing things. We can pray for people and see them healed; we can see people coming to know Jesus for themselves. We can do all sorts of amazing things, if we just ask God to help us and give us his power.

Billy couldn't wait for the next day. The children came as usual; they teased him as usual; and they ran back down the mountain as usual. But today they were surprised to see that Billy didn't charge at the gate after they had gone through. They stopped and stared as Billy calmly used his strong horns to pull the gate open. The children ran as quickly as they could, but it wasn't quick enough. Billy rammed into them again and again. When they arrived home they were covered in bruises and decided never to go up the mountain again.

Billy walked back up the mountain triumphant with his head held high. When he passed Squirrel he stopped. Turning slowly he said, "Thank you!" Then he continued his journey to the top of the mountain where he was able to live in peace.

We need to learn to do things in God's strength, not in our own.