Heathcote Herald

HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Reminder: Check your email for updates from Mrs Humphriss and the school office.

News from The Executive Head's Desk

Welcome back to the start of our Summer Term. It is a very different one to what we were expecting but it has been so lovely to see many of you engaging with our distance learning again and to catch up either by email or through e-schools. We do hope you had a safe and well Easter. This week we celebrated Shakespeare's birthday and St George's Day. Our school was open throughout the Easter break and the staff and children had fun together either in forest school or creating crafts together. There are some super photos in our newsletter today. The weather has certainly been lovely this week and a bit of sunshine always helps to lift spirits.

So this week has seen the launch of our summer curriculum and I can see everything that is uploaded to e-schools and the teachers have been creative again of presenting lessons in different ways. There are so many resources being made available and it can be at times over-whelming but hopefully each class is supporting you in planning out your day. We are taking things to the next level next week and we are going to begin to pilot some live sessions using Microsoft Teams. I am hoping to invite some children to a short assembly (I might even do a bit of singing) and Mrs Shirley is going to do some live story readings. As the teachers become more confident with a new approach to teaching and using technology then we hope to interact with you even more. If we can't be with you physically then virtually is the next best thing. We are also creating master copies of packs of learning from e-schools which if you are struggling with accessing the online learning you can request from us and collect from the office. Please give us notice though.

In our keyworker school this week the children have been out and about in forest school and have built a brilliant bug hotel. The builders have been donating items for this and I know that the tyres kindly donated by Ridley's Coaches are being put to good use and plants are now starting to grow. If you have anything such as sticks, planters, pallets, branches, old pots you think that would be useful for our forest school please leave them outside school where a member of the team will collect them.

Coming up is VE day on the 8th May and we would love to celebrate this day with you all in some way. Hopefully you are working on your bunting so we can decorate our fencing and we would love it if you could hold a picnic in your garden on the day and send us your photos. Mrs Lawson is going to teach the children in keyworker school a song which we will share with you all to learn and maybe we can create a video of everyone singing.

Stay well and keep safe.

'One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.'

Mrs Humphriss

So our keyworker children have created a beautiful rainbow in the hall of their handprints. The caption reads 'Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud' Maya Angelou.

Safeguarding

Here are some links to sites which will support you in keeping your children safe online.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/ - great resources to teach your children and age-related

https://www.childnet.com/ - again some fabulous resources you can access

https://parentinfo.org/ - help and advice for families in a digital world

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety - handy guidance

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers

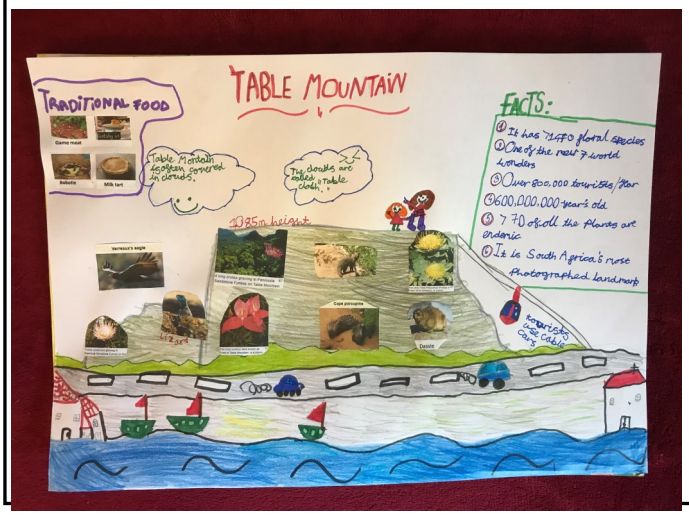
All excellent to use.

Spot Light on Our Children

'FOXES

This week we have been super busy with our home learning. In English we learnt and recited poetry from Commotion in the Ocean. In maths we have been investigating the mystery of the missing pencil case- we are yet to find our ' who done it' but our shape based clues will lead the way!

On Wednesday we had our project day- We virtually travelled to South Africa to find out about Table Mountain. We created a fabulous array of posters, pictures and leaflets.



With our Keyworker Children

In Forest School this week we have made stick man, used tools, made a bug hotel and replanted our potatoes in our tyre planters.

This week Butterflies and Hedgehogs have made a brilliant start to the summer term. Our book of the week, Nobot by Sue Hendra has had everyone laughing at the robot with no bottom and we have seen superb work! Robots made from sandwiches, Lego and recycling and more.

News from Owls

The Owls have continued to use their wisdom to produce some outstanding examples of Home Learning this week. We launched our 'Tremors' topic by going on a rock hunt and using the rocks to create land art, Andy Goldsworthy style. This Hrithik's creation.

On Wednesdays, Owls are set a mini project which involves many different aspects of learning. Our first mini-project was on the theme of 'Captain Tom'. The children were asked to read some articles and watch some clips about this incredible man on BBC Newsround and then create a piece of work. Here are some examples. Kanav designed and made his own medal to present to Captain Tom and wrote a lovely speech about him too. Sienna followed a step-by-step guide to drawing a portrait of Captain Tom and then used a Thesaurus to help her find some brilliant adjectives to describe him. In school, Sumara and Jayden have both started some wonderful portraits of Captain Tom. Next week they are going to write some facts about him.

News from Otters

Harvey made a great Caterpillar linked to our "Cautious Caterpillar" story.

As part of our superhero topic....

Sophia, drew a lovely picture of her Dad who is a keyworker and working long hours at the moment and they don't see him very much. Hayes has broken his ankle whilst off and chose the nurse who fitted his cast as his superhero. Isla has also done a self portrait picture.