

News from The Executive Head's Desk

Friday 8th May is VE day - a time when the whole country comes together in celebration and remembrance and commemorates the end of the Second World War in Europe. It is a time to remember those who sacrificed their lives but also a time to remember how communities came together in solidarity and friendship. Extremely similar to now. The staff of Heathcote miss our families very much and whilst we see some every day in keyworker school, or talk to you on the phone or through Microsoft Teams or E-schools it is not the same as having all of you in school. So we hope that you have enjoyed our video that we made for you. If you can't open it on E-schools then it is on the front page of our website. Enjoy.

The front of school looks amazing with bunting stretching as far as the eye can see. Well done to all the children who have been so creative in their designs. When you are out on your daily exercise and if you are able to walk around the outside of school and see if you can spot yours. Our keyworker children have enjoyed getting together and celebrating VE day with a tea-party and games. Mrs Lawson, Mrs Parashar, Mrs Puri, Mr Forrest and Miss Forrest have had lots of fun in school today. We hope you have too staying safe at home.

I want to say a big thank you to you all for your resilience and perseverance with home-schooling. The learning the children produce is fantastic and there are some very creative people out there. We have seen excellent examples of maths, writing, historical artefacts, baking, fact files, artwork, geographical features, musical compositions and more. We have shared with you Blayke's (Y4) video of him singing WW2 songs accompanied by his Grandad on the organ. Such confidence Blayke thank you. Every week on our newsletter we are overwhelmed by all the work we receive. It is a difficult choice to know what to put on there. Keep it up. You are all doing an amazing job.

I also have great news with regards to the building work. It is coming along very nicely and the builders are hoping that soon the walls of the school will be going up and the roof on. We were hoping for a handover date for Christmas this has been extended into 2021 but not too far and by the time we get to September everyone will be able to see the outside in all its glory.

'There are far far better things ahead than any we leave behind' - C.S Lewis

So have a fabulous weekend everyone. Keep smiling and keep well.

Mrs Humphriss
Executive Head



There is funded telephone counselling available for parents of children with additional needs. The counselling will address the additional pressures created by Covid-19. Contact Nilam Gill at: time4hope@btinternet.com if you feel this would be of benefit to you.



VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

STAY AT HOME STREET PARTY

Decorate your home in red, white, and blue, and have a picnic in your front garden

FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020



Safeguarding

Staying Safe Online

Children and young people are likely to spend more time online due to social distancing. Talk to them regularly about the benefits and risks of the online world and give them space to ask questions and talk about anything that worries them.

The NSPCC has a wealth of information about staying safe online:

www.learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/march/undertaking-remote-teaching-safely

The only reasons to leave home are to:

- ✔ shop for basic necessities, pick up medicine, travel to work when you absolutely cannot work from home and exercise once a day – alone or with members of your household.
- ✘ Do not meet others, even friends or family.

Spot Light on our Children

News from Reception

This week the Butterflies and Hedgehogs have been super busy enjoying our book of the week- We're Going on a Lion Hunt. They have been learning lots of facts about safari animals, producing some amazing animal fact files and creating some very scary lion masks!



This is all on top of the baking, bike rides and other fun things they are fitting into their day! Well done to everyone for working so hard again.



News from the team at school

This week the children have enjoyed taking part in science experiments, practising their gymnastic skills on the wall bars, enjoying the sunny weather in Forest school and getting the hall ready for their VE day celebrations on Friday. Look out for photos in next week's newsletter.

News from Owls

Owls have continued finding out about the different sections of a volcano, practising their map reading skills and creating their own piece of creative writing. The Owlets in school had great fun recording an



exploding volcano experiment to share with the rest of the class.



Owls have also been finding out about VE day celebrations and preparing themselves and their houses for their VE day tea party.

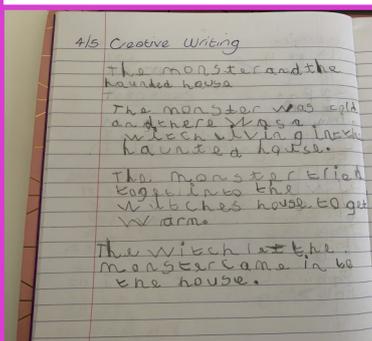
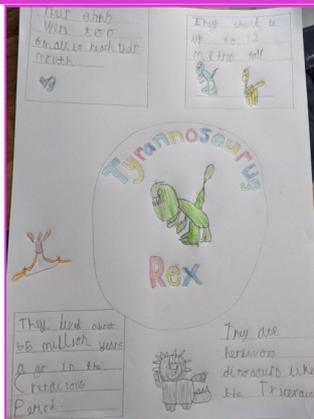
News from Squirrels



Squirrels have been busy finding out about VE day this week. They not only learnt what it is about, but have also produced some wonderful soldier silhouettes to put in their windows. Many children have enjoyed listening and singing along to old war time songs and watching some war time dances like the lindy hop. They also have been reading and performing poems to their families. From the video clips that I have seen, I know that families had a real treat.

News from Otters

Otters have been focusing their learning this week around their class dinosaur book. As part of this they needed to carry out their own research on different dinosaurs and write their own creative story about a dinosaur or a monster! Otters also completed activities looking at the importance of VE day and created their own special medals that heroes could receive in memory of World War II



News from Foxes

This week in Foxes we have been mini-beast detectives. We spent some time finding out all about micro-habitats and then we safely completed a mini-beast survey in the environment around us. We have also been super readers, the children kindly sent me some pictures of them with their favourite reading books. We access a super reading lesson on BBC Bitesize too, all about Funnybones by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. In Maths we have been naming and describing 3D shapes and starting to find 3D shapes throughout our homes. Well done Foxes for another super week of home-learning!

