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Welcome Back!

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year - and I know we are all hoping for a better one for 2021. It wasn't the start to term that we imagined, but, as ever, the Etchells team rallied and got everything in place ready for opening to our pupils on Monday.

This lockdown is slightly different to Lockdown 'One' in that the provision in school is a full curriculum offer, matching the work that is being set for our home learners. We are very pleased with the levels of engagement so far - teachers are submitting to me numbers of all who are participating with home learning and we are following up those who are not with phone calls. On the next page I have included some photos of learning opportunities that have taken place both at school and at home this week. Please send me your photos from home so I can see what you're up to!

I would also like to ask parents to send me any feedback regarding both the home learning provision and the school based learning - send your comments directly to: headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk

Absences

If your child is currently registered for a school place as a vulnerable child or a critical worker child, please ensure you phone the school office and leave a message on the voicemail explaining any absence. You do not need to contact the keyworkers@etchells email address. As is our normal safeguarding practice, we will be phoning any children who do not come to school who we are expecting to attend.



Laptops

Last term we were allocated 20 laptops from the government which were issued during our Autumn closure. We have also had a very generous offer from the 2nd Heald Green Scout Group; they are loaning us ten laptops for families who need them. We hope to distribute these next week and you will have already been contacted by Mr Cope. The Government have assigned us a further 20 laptops - though these have not yet been sent out. If you are still in need of a laptop, or even if you need a further device for siblings who attend Etchells, please let me know by emailing the headteacher address. We will contact you when we have received them.

Parent Governor Vacancy

It is business as usual for our school Board of Governors. We still need to elect an additional parent governor; this is a perfect opportunity to be involved with the strategic leadership of the school. Currently the meetings are being held through Microsoft Teams and usually take place on a Tuesday between 4pm and 6pm. You would be expected to attend two or three meetings a term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or leave your number with the school office for me to phone you back. Nominations should be returned by email to myself by Tuesday 26th January. Please see the attached information and form.

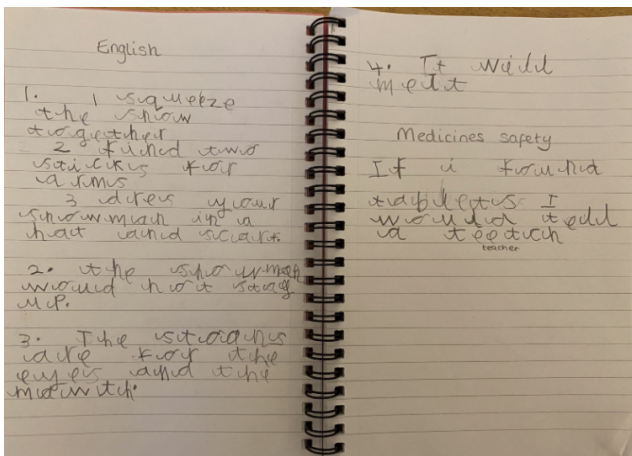
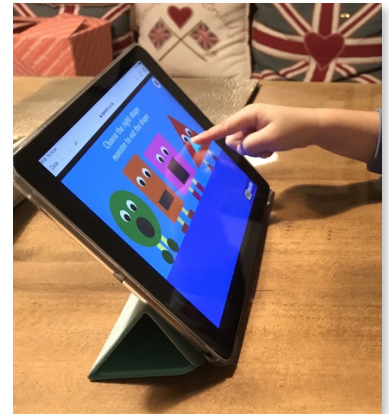
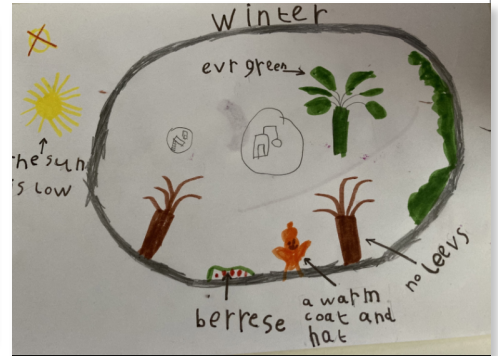
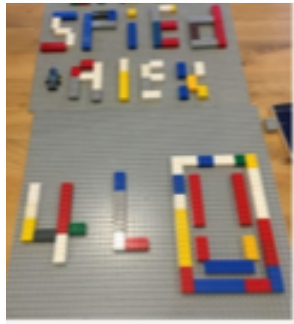
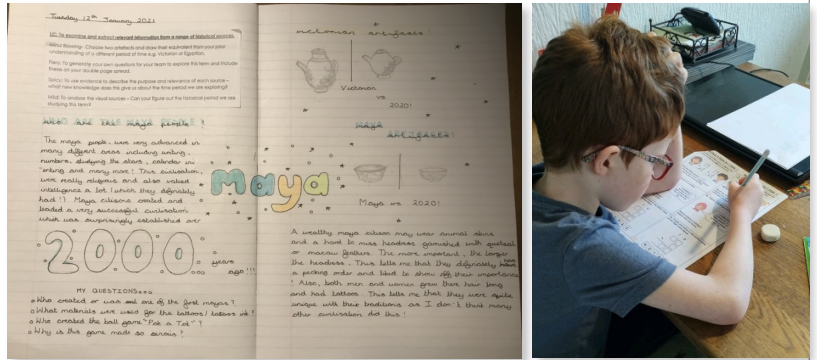


Home Learning

There is a full expectation that ALL children currently at home are engaging with home learning. We are monitoring this very closely and I'm pleased to report that after the first week, we have 83% of pupils at home engaging with home learning. The star year group this week is Year 3 with a fantastic 95% level of engagement, closely followed by Years 5 and 6. Please let your class teachers know through ClassDojo if for any reason you are unable to engage with the learning on any day.

The photos on this page show some fantastic examples of home and school learning this week.

% of Engagement in Home Learning	
Nursery	65%
Reception	83%
Year 1	75%
Year 2	76%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	76%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	91%



Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

