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All Different, All Equal, All Achieve



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and are coping in these challenging times.

Home Learning

Many thanks to all of you who are supporting your children with home learning. As you know, the learning on Seesaw (<http://seesaw.me>) includes a video from one of the Year Group teachers giving guidance on the work for the week. Please use the home learning website (homelearning@bickley.bromley.sch.uk) to send comments or questions to your child's class teacher, and they will respond to you. You can also send examples of your child's work to your teacher on the home learning website, and I have included some of the examples we have been sent on this newsletter.

We really do understand that most of you are not teachers and that your children will probably not be as willing to work for you at home as they are to work for their teacher in school! As I have written before, we also understand the possible logistical difficulties of parents working from home, limited IT hardware, slower internet speeds and childcare – as well as the stress and worry of keeping all your family members safe. Therefore, I would like to reiterate that you can only do what is possible for your individual circumstances. And if you have a different way of doing things to another parent, but it works for you, please keep doing it! There is no right or wrong way of home-schooling your children during a global pandemic!



Coming Back to School

As you will be very aware, it has been announced that Primary school children will start to come back to school from June 1st. The letter you received from NEST explained that there has been limited government information provided to schools as to how the phased re-opening plan should be implemented. As soon as we know more, we will let you know. What we do know is:

- 1) Year 6, Reception and Year 1 will be the first year groups to return. This is because
 - a) Younger children are less likely to become unwell if infected
 - b) Older children are more likely to have higher numbers of contacts outside school, so pose a greater transmission risk
 - c) Older children are typically better able to learn at home and should be less reliant on parents
 - d) Year 6 need support and guidance in terms of preparing them for transition to secondary schools
- 2) We are not sure whether these 3 year groups will come back together or one at a time
- 3) The classes will be split into smaller groups and the children will remain in those groups throughout the day and will be taught by a teacher or a TA. Each group in the same year group will follow the same plan of work and each group will be in a separate classroom.

There are still many unanswered questions about how this will be organised to ensure pupil and staff safety, but I can guarantee that we will do all we can to follow strict hygiene routines and that the health and safety of the children and staff will be the number one priority.



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We will send out a parentmail questionnaire to find out how many parents will be sending their children to school once we know more details and can share them with you. This will help us to plan for staffing and rooms, etc. When we know more, we will train all the staff on how to prepare the classrooms and plan a daily routine to ensure that safety and hygiene measures are in place for the children when they return. **We will still have the INSET day on Monday 1st June**, which will be used for this purpose.

Look at this great Home Learning!





What stone age people wore

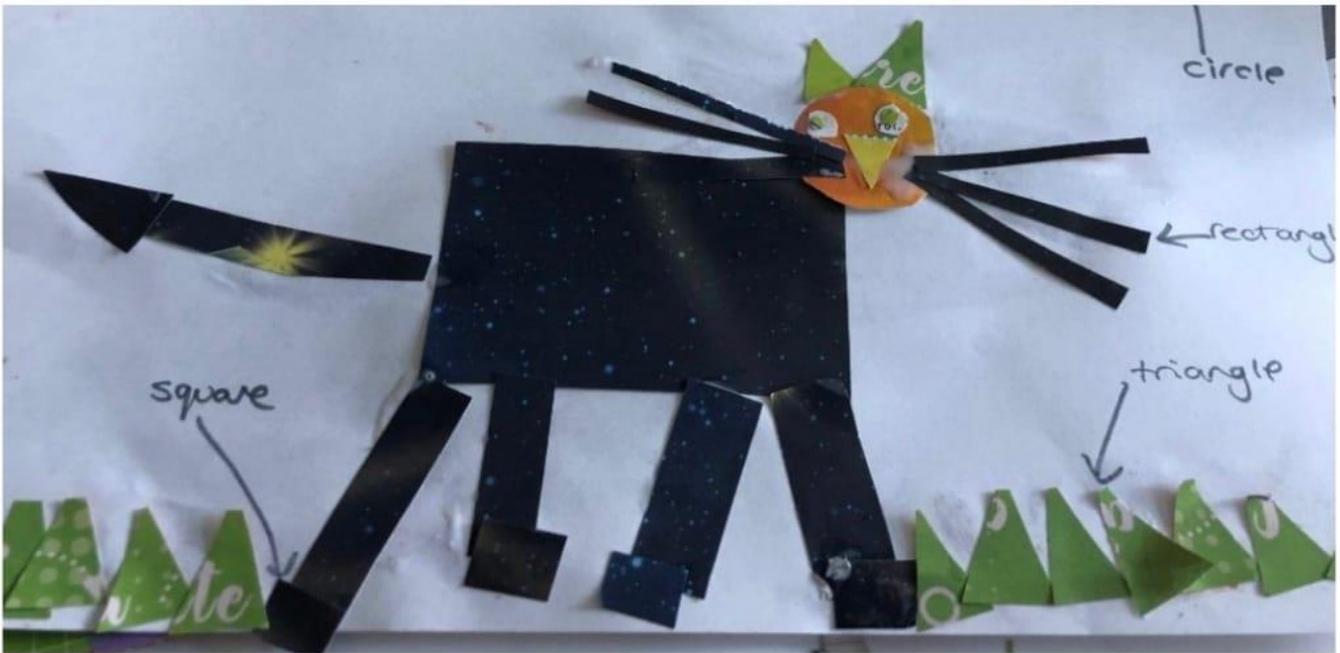
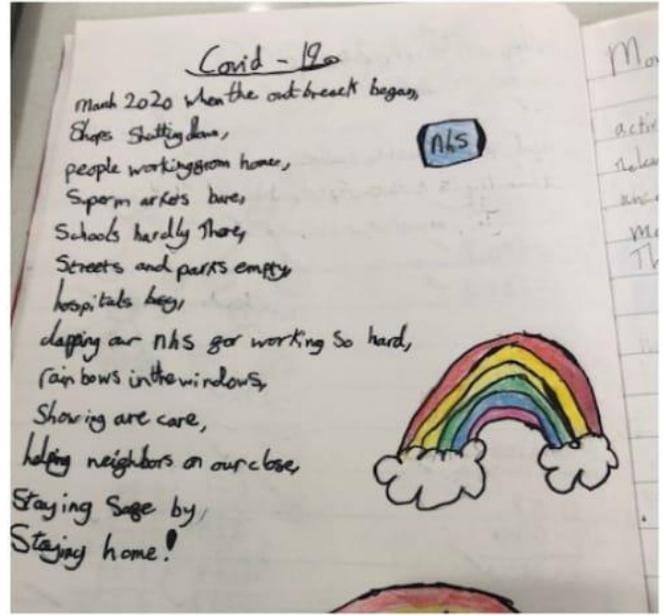
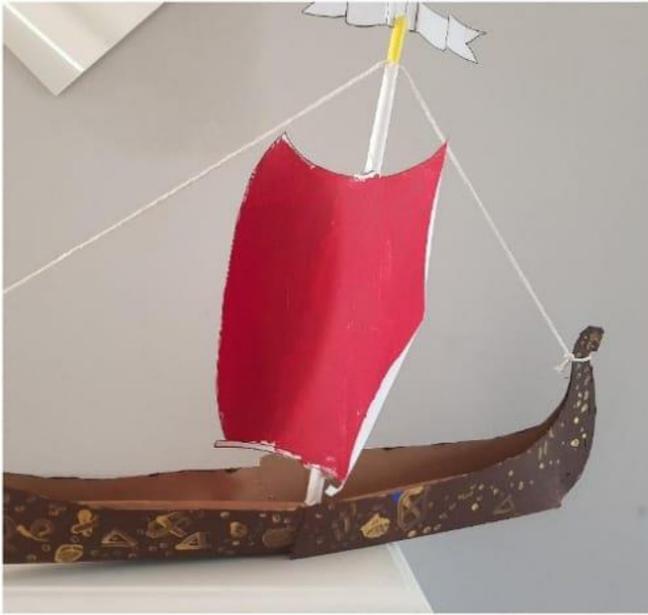
A necklace in that time was made out of shells.

Normally animal skin was used to make dresses and tops.

A flint scraper was used to make fires.

The cold climate during the ice age made clothing essential. Early humans cleaned, prepared and wrapped animal skins around themselves to keep warm.





The Magic Box - English

I will put in my box,
 The first six wails of my brother,
 The pleasant giggle of my mother,
 The cringy jokes of my dad.

I will put in my box,
 All the trophies that I own,
 My coloured pencils which lay in a row,
 Something that I build with - 'Lego'!

I will put in my box,
 A shooting star that I had just missed,
 The billboards in 'Time Square' - it's a huge list!
 The gondolas (if they can fit) that I saw
 in Venice.

My box is made of diamond and gold,
 It has intricate patterns on it,
 The sound it makes when you open it up are
 the sounds of water trickling down.

I shall draw and sketch in my box,



How to look after a hamster

Environment

Make sure your hamster has a suitable place to live. Hamsters need a comfortable, dry and clean place to live, in a quiet place where they can rest undisturbed.

Diet

Make sure your hamster has a healthy diet. To stay fit and happy, your hamster needs a well-balanced diet, as well as constant access to clean drinking water.

Behaviour

Make sure your hamster is able to behave normally. Your hamster will sleep in the day and will be awake at night, you need to make sure he/she has plenty of space to play.

Society

Make sure your hamster has appropriate company. Hamsters are aggressive towards other animals, so don't put them in the same cage because they can hurt each other or themselves.

Health

Make sure your hamster is protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease. Hamsters can become unwell and go down very quickly, but may often show subtle signs in particular distress when they can be suffering severely.



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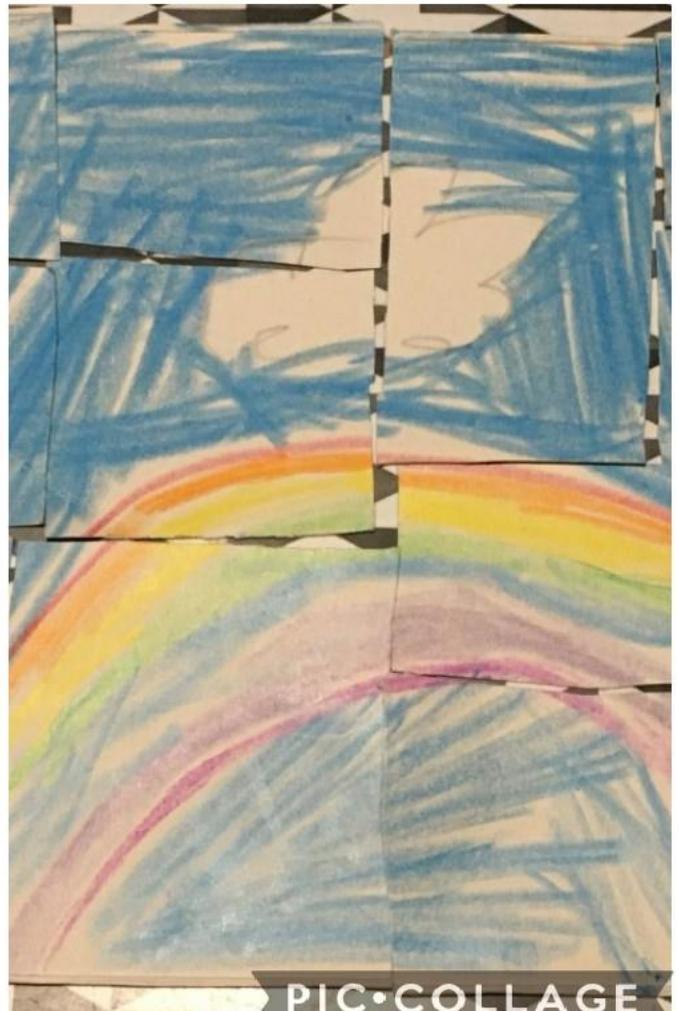
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Phone Calls Home

Class teachers and / or Mrs Grant and Miss Nabdoe are continuing to ring all parents to touch base and make sure that everyone is ok. Parents and children are enjoying these phone calls, and are using them as an opportunity to share any concerns, family news and also the great things that they have been doing at home. If teachers are ringing from their own home, the number may come up as 'private number' or 'no caller ID.' If parents do not answer after several attempts, the class teachers have been asked to email the school office, who will then ring from school to check that you are ok.

Videos on the school website

Don't forget that there are lots of short videos from the staff who are in school each week that you can watch on the school website. To access them, please go to the 'Parents' tab at the top of the page, click on 'videos' and then enter the user name 'parents@bickley.bromley.sch.uk' and the password 'Nightingale123.' Many parents are telling us that their children find it reassuring to see their teachers and the school building.

I would like to end by sending you all my very best wishes. I sincerely hope that you and your families are all keeping well and I am extremely grateful for your continued support. It may sound corny to say, but I feel that the Bickley Family is alive and well, despite the challenging circumstances.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E. Blake', written in black ink.

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