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All Different, All Equal, All Achieve



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are all well and coping during this difficult time. I think the weather and the post-Christmas blues are contributing to lockdown and home-learning to make it a difficult time for all.

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to all you are doing to support your children with their home learning. Google classroom is new for all of us, and hopefully we are ironing out the organisational issues to make the learning as straightforward as possible to access. As always, please contact your child's class teacher on homelearning@bickley.bromley.sch.uk if you have any problems.

I really do appreciate how challenging it is to home-school your children. I know that most children behave very differently when asked to learn by their parents compared to when they are in school, and we are also aware that many of you are working at home whilst trying to manage home schooling. Please do what you can. As you know, the BBC is now providing daily educational programmes for Primary aged children in the mornings, so if you are unable to support your children at any point, there are some good programmes that they could watch. Reading is the most valuable activity of all, so leaving your child to explore a range of books is a very worthwhile thing to do. Our families' circumstances vary greatly, so what works well for one family does not necessarily work for another. Please work out a routine that suits you and your family and don't worry about what others are doing. The important thing is to talk to your children about what you expect. For example, some families set a timetable, whilst some parents expect children to work in the morning but not in the afternoon or vice versa.

Please do your best and try not to worry. When the children came back in September, we were able to see who needed additional support to help them to catch up and we were providing it. We will do the same this time. Children are amazingly resilient, and they will bounce back. The most important thing is to keep them safe.

Teachers are working hard planning interesting and relevant work for your children, as well as responding to questions and the children's work. They are also filming teaching videos and hosting Google Meet sessions so that the children have some interaction with them. From later this week, we are going to start each day with a brief Google Meet session from the teacher, as we think this might be a way to get the children ready for learning, and might help parents to get them going in the mornings! (Reception will have daily 'Show and Tell' sessions instead) We are also planning Google Meet 'Help Desk' sessions, at which children or parents can ask questions about the learning. This is as new to the teachers as it is to you, but please know that we are constantly refining our offer to make sure it is as accessible and effective as possible.

The children have produced some fantastic work at home, and I have included some examples at the end of this letter. I really do wish the children could be at school, but as you know, they are safer at home, due to the current strain of Covid and its high transmission rates. We have 6 x as many children in school this time as we did before and have daily requests for more school places. Children are safer at home, so if your child is not classed as a 'vulnerable' child because they have an EHCP, a social worker or Looked After status, and if you are not a key worker, we are not able to have them in school, I'm afraid. (And if you are a key worker who is isolating at home, please keep your child at home with you)

Thank you to all of you who are supporting your child and the school by doing the best you can at home.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries regarding the home learning.



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CHARLES DARWIN

Charles Darwin was born on 12 February 1809 in Shrewsbury, England.

Charles Darwin studied theology at Christ Church, Oxford, and then at Cambridge, where he became a naturalist. He was a geologist and a biologist, and he is best known for his contributions to evolutionary biology.

He is famous for his theory of evolution, which states that all species of life have evolved over time through a process of natural selection. He also discovered that the Earth's continents had once been joined together in a supercontinent called Gondwana.

He is buried in Westminster Abbey, London.

The magic box

Emily Ward

I will put in a box
The sun setting on a summer night
The scent of a gorgeous new rose,
The soft snow in between my fingers.

I will put in a box
The birds chirping happily outdoors
The fur I felt from my dog,
The last blossom on a tree.

I will put in a box
My friend's happy smile
The last hug from my family,
The first kiss from a little kid.

I will put in a box
The happiness in my life
The joyful sound of a laugh,
The last tears that I cry.

My box is made from Rose gold,
With little rainbows on the lid.
It hinges as horns from a pretty unicorn.

I shall fly in my box
Feeling the air around the world,
Then I shall land on a castle from 1891
Exploring the world from head to toe.

Charles Darwin

Darwin studied for 20 years after finally discovering evolution.

Sadly, in 1882 on the 19th April Darwin passed away. The remarkable thing is that he is still as famous as he was before!

He wrote a book on how things were passed on called 'On the origin of species'. And on the 24th November 1859, it was published and was a big hit!

Darwin revolutionized the way we understand life and how it changes.

Charles Darwin's father, grandfather and brother were all doctors, and at the age of 16 Darwin was training to be one too.

He travelled for 5 years on a boat just to explore the world. On this trip, Darwin discovered many animals, but is most famous for discovering...

Electronic Pen

- Pen Holder - you can hook the pen to your pocket baggy around. This is also known as a 'clip'!
- Lid - you screw it off and replace its batteries
- Flash light - Just twist to activate.
- Lie Detector - LD = Lie detector and will show if 'True' or 'False'.
- Multiple choice - The middle square with a smaller hollow square has a letter which stands for a word: L = Laser, LD = Lie detector, S = Scanner and N = Normal.
- Button - you press it to activate for weapons and N = Normal.
- Tip of the pen - This part is where the laser (to melt things) comes out. Also the Scanner, ink for N and LD.

TIGERS

DIET

Tigers are carnivores and eat meat. They are also known as big cats. They have a diet of deer, wild boar, and other animals.

HABITAT

Tigers live in tropical rainforests, mangrove swamps, and grasslands. They are found in South and Central Asia.

DANGER of Extinction

There are only 2000 tigers left in the world. This is a big problem because tigers are important for the ecosystem. They are also a symbol of strength and courage.

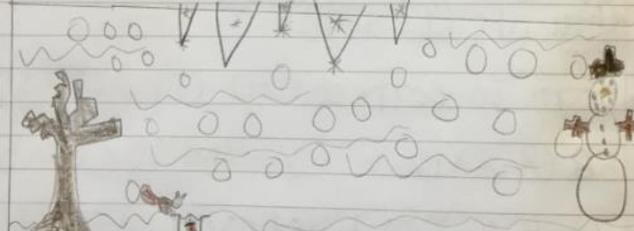
Fun Facts !!

Tigers like to sleep in the shade. They are also known for their stripes. Each tiger has a unique pattern of stripes.

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Monday 11 January 2021

The white, thick snow crunching,
 The gleaming, beautiful icicles sparkling,
 The cold, frosty wind howling,
 The hungry, slender, squirrels scavenging,
 The bare, colourless trees drooping.



Winter poem

The deadly, bitter wind blowing.
 The white, crunchy snow shining.
 The snowy, lacy trees glistening.
 The frozen, slippery river shimmering.
 The frosty, glassy icicles gleaming.
 A cold, hungry Robin chirping
 The gigantic, smily snow man staring.



Write an invitation to The Three Bears Breakfast. Can you use some of your phase 2 tricky words?

Invitation

Who? To mum dad I and her

(To...)

What? come to my party

(come to my...)

When? on wednesday at 12

(on...at...)

Where? in my bedroom

(in/at...)

From: _____