Rudston Primary School
Newsletter: January 2021

Dear parents and carers

I appreciate that this is a sensitive and worrying time for all families, however please be assured that school staff are available to support you and your children as we move forward during these most challenging times.

As you are aware we are currently only open to critical worker and vulnerable children. We are following all advice from Liverpool City Council, DfE and Public Health England to reduce the number of children in school to lower the number of households mixing and reduce transmission of the virus.

The single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives. Only leave the house when absolutely necessary. Therefore, in line with updated government guidance issued on Friday, even if you are a critical worker, if your child(ren) can remain at home rather than attend school, on some or all days, then they should. *Please only use the offer of provision at school when it is crucial for you to undertake your critical role.*

Currently due to our high numbers in school all our teachers are working full time to provide both teaching in school and via our Google Classroom platform. I can assure you that the work in school is the same as that set on Google Classroom as we strive to provide equality in provision to all our children. As a critical worker this means that your child can complete a blended learning approach of work both in school and at home, attending schools only on the days required.

I do appreciate that this is a very difficult time for us all and by working together we will get through this, just like we did before summer.

I would like to finish by thanking all the parents who have emailed with praise for the school and staff; these are gratefully received and help the teachers to continue to work hard for all our children.

Kindest Regards

Wendy Walters

Attendance

Following guidance, any child who is not attending school due to current lockdown restrictions will be automatically given an authorised absence mark. However as the expectation is that all children at home will fully engage with the remote learning we ask that if your child is ill to please contact the office through the usual means. This will ensue that we are not following up work that has not been completed on Google Classroom. If your child is ill we do not expect them to be working at home.

Bubble closure

Can I take this opportunity to remind you all that the decision to close a bubble is not taken lightly. This will only be done is a child or staff member within that bubble has tested positive with COVID-19. We currently have 5 bubbles closed and community rates are increasing rapidly. The current rate for the Childwall area is currently 1378.3 per 100,000 with a Liverpool rate of 1042.3 per 100,000. **As a result it is vital that if you receive a direct contact letter to inform your child to self-isolate you must follow this advice. This means that the child must not leave the family home for any reason.** Other family members do not need to isolate during this time unless your child develops symptoms.

Google Classroom

Every child has access to remote learning via Google Classroom and further details can be found on our website. I have been asked if we will be providing 'live lessons' during lockdown. This is something we have seriously considered.

DfE guidance states that

*"The remote education provided should be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school and will include both recorded **or** live direct teaching time, and time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently."*

I can confirm we will not be delivering live lessons. We have taken this decision for 3 reasons:

Firstly there have been safeguarding concerns with some live teaching methods.

Secondly, and the main reason for us, is that many of our families are undertaking remote learning at different times of the day due to shift patterns and the number of children in the household sharing technology. If we delivered live lessons this would result in some children being unable to access the learning. Instead we will be delivering pre-recorded introductions and teaching via Loom on Google Classroom as well as sharing teaching videos from Oak Academy and White Rose Maths. These will enable the children to access them at any time during the day and re watch to support learning.

Thirdly, all Rudston teachers are currently in class full time as well as preparing, setting and providing feedback for remote learning.

I hope you agree with our decision and continue to support your child to engage fully with the work set.

We will be monitoring children's engagement on Google Classroom and will contact parents to offer support to children who are not completing regular work via telephone or text.

Reporting a positive case

If your child has symptoms please contact school as soon as possible, stating the symptoms and the date which the symptoms started and book a test as soon as possible via
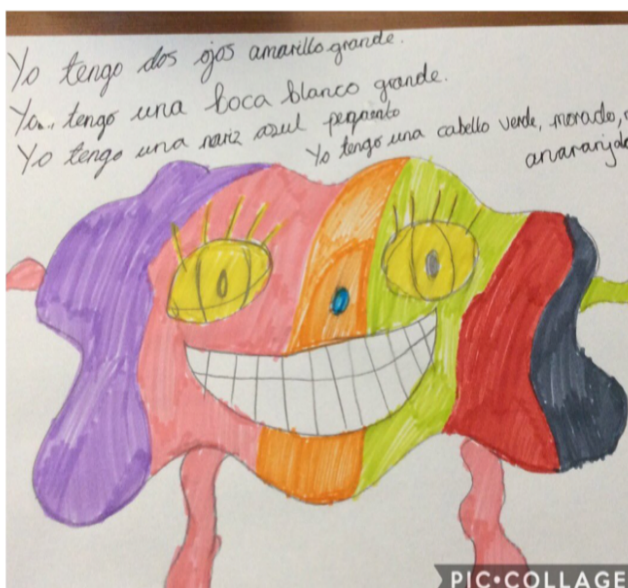
https://liverpool.gov.uk/communities-and-safety/emergency-planning/coronavirus/how-to-get-tested/tests-for-people-with-symptoms/

Once you have received your results it is important to notify school as soon as possible so we can take appropriate action to stop the virus spreading within the school community. If you receive results out of school hours (between 4pm and 8am or during the weekend) please email us at school@rudstonprimary.co.uk . By receiving positive results at the weekend we can inform parents before children attend school.
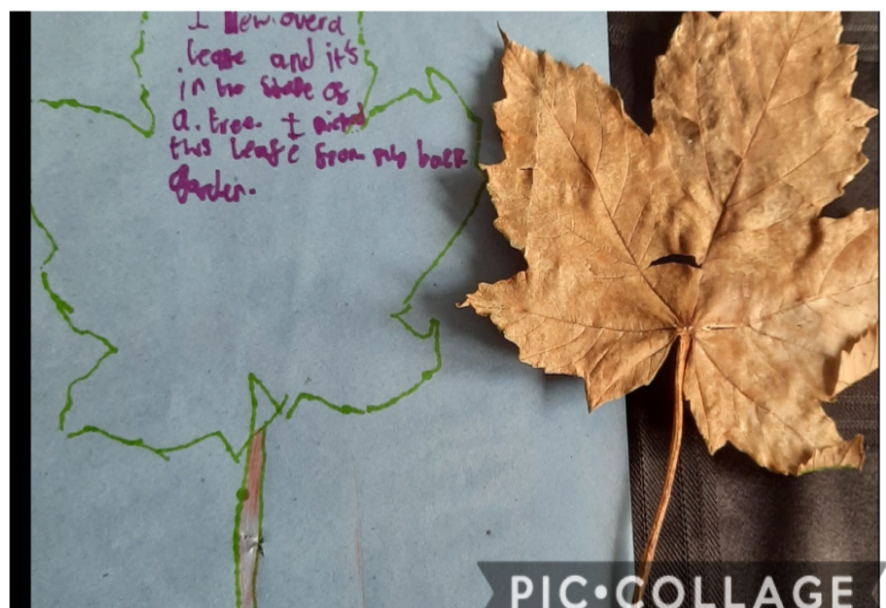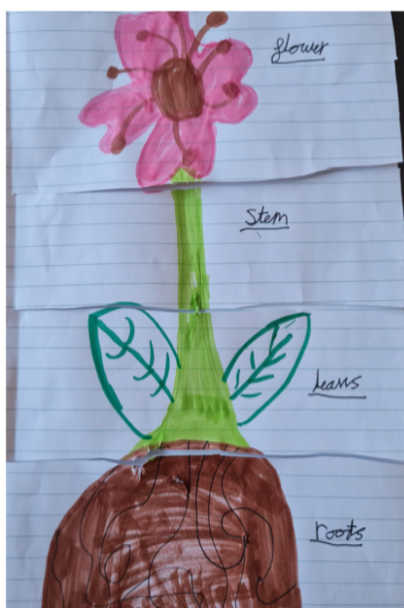
Over the dusty cobbles he clattered and clashed in the silent dark inn-yard
And he tapped with his whip on the clean shutters, but all was locked and barred
He whistled a tune to the window, and who should be waiting there
But the landlord's shiny black-eyed daughter,
Bess, the beautiful landlord's daughter,
Plaiting a dark red love-knot into her long wavy dark hair.

Some of our wonderful work from home and school

...er the stones he clattered and clashed in th...
dark inn-yard,

...d he patted with his whip on the shutter...
all was locked and barred;

He whistled a jingle to the window, and who
should be waiting there

But the landlord's black-eyed offspring,

Bess, the landlord's daughter,

...lacing a dark red love-knot into her long blac...
hair.

SOUTHERN ENGLAND

continue building our houses within the villages as well as boats and defence towers as it gives us a constant supply of wood.

2. Nearby on the border of Sussex there is a lot of Forest land which we use to hunt wildlife in particular rabbits, foxed and deer

4. We are close enough to the river and sea so that we can fish and travel to other places

1. I would be Woking in Su... come from a... of Jutes and... ancestors we... some of the f... Jutes to invac... and make it t... Kingdom of K...

5. Although we are close to the sea we are not too close so that enemies can surprise us and attack us. They would have to go through Kent and Sussex first

6. We also have hills and mountains nearby which help protect us against any invaders

Yo tengo dos ojos amarillo grande.
Yo tengo una boca blanco grande.
Yo tengo una nariz azul pequeno
Yo tengo una cabello verde, morado,
anaranjado

PIC·COLLAGE

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Some of our wonderful work from home and school

flower

stem

leaves

roots

I flew over a leaf and it's in the shape of a tree. I picked this leaf from my back garden.

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