

## Warm Wishes to You All



Warm wishes to everybody in our Sydenham Primary School family. We hope you're well and managing to stay positive despite the gloomy news and the long, dark days. This lockdown certainly feels very different to the last when we enjoyed some lovely, warm weather. We're pleased to see that many of you made the most of the snow last week during your daily exercise, even if it was only a sprinkling!



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child  
Article 29: Goals of Education

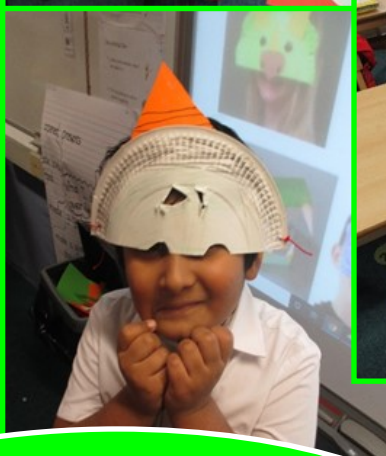
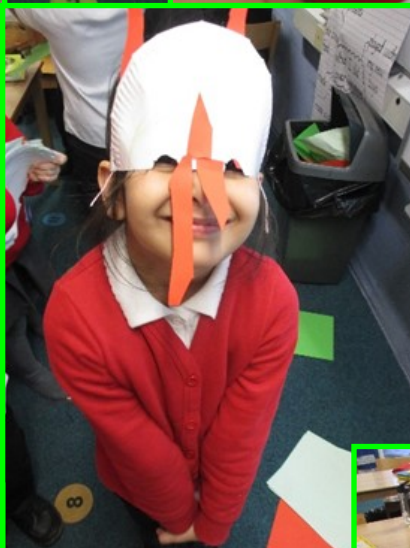




# ROAR!



Y1 are enjoying  
their topic,  
"Dinosaur Planet."



Children made dinosaur masks using  
paper plates. They coloured in the  
plates to show the dinosaur's skin then  
added horns, ears and spikes.







## I Love the Look of Words

By Maya Angelou

Popcorn leaps, popping from the floor

of a hot black skillet

and into my mouth.

Black words leap,

snapping from the white

page. Rushing into my eyes. Sliding

into my brain which gobbles them

the way my tongue and teeth

chomp the buttered popcorn.

When I have stopped reading,

ideas from the words stay stuck

in my mind, like the sweet

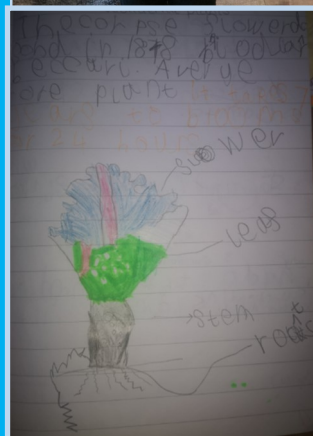
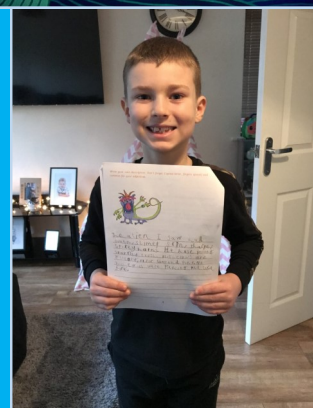
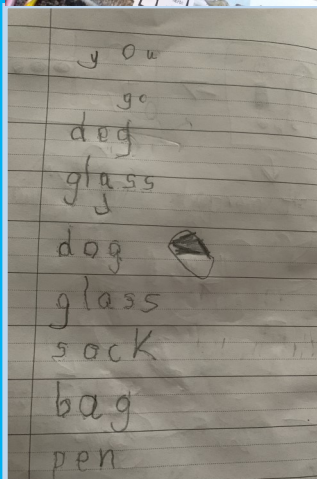
smell of butter perfuming my

fingers long after the popcorn

is finished.

I love the book and the look of words

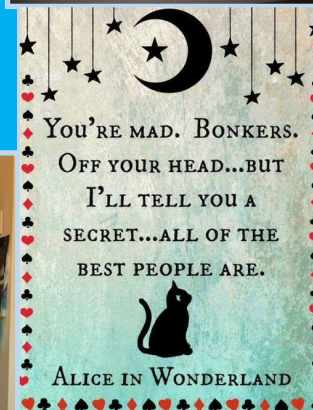
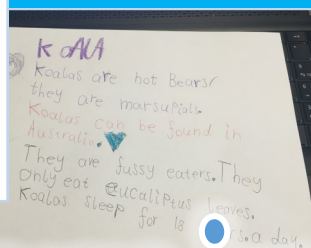
the weight of ideas that popped into my mind.



'It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities'



-J. K. Rowling  
Harry Potter & The Chamber of Secrets



# Learning Heroes



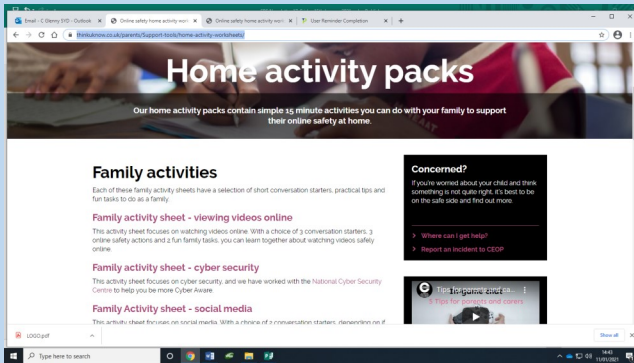
# The Tudors



Year 5 have been learning about the Tudor dynasty. They are enjoying gathering facts about Henry VIII and his six wives and have produced some super pieces of work.



# Useful Information



## Online Safety Parental Guidance

Thinkuknow is an education programme run by The National Crime Agency (CEOPS.)

CEOPS have just released new materials to help parents/carers keep their children safe online. The materials can be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

## Struggling to pay your Bills?

If you're finding money tight during lockdown and are struggling to buy food or pay your energy and water bills, **The Warwickshire Welfare Scheme** may be able to help. For more information, please visit: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme>. Alternatively, you can call and speak to an advisor on: **0800 408 1448 or 01926 359182**.

## Charitable Donations

Many thanks to local charities MLSS and Langar Aid for kindly donating food parcels to families registered for Free School Meals. We are also very grateful to Sydenham families who have offered their help or generously made a cash donation to support this provision.

## Free Access to BBC Bitewise

You might like to know that customers using BT Mobile, EE, and Plusnet Mobile can use BBC Bitesize content from the end of January without eating into their data allowance.

## Are You Eligible for Free School Meals?

Please check whether you are eligible for Free School Meals as this may entitle you to either a weekly food parcel or government supermarket voucher. You can check your eligibility online

at: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals). If you receive the following, you may qualify:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)
- Both income-based and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both but the income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater.
- Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, not in excess of £16,190 are also eligible to claim free school meals providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on')





# Sydenham Superstars



## YR LS

This week, **Emily** has been chosen as superstar. Emily is always so kind and helpful. She has lovely manners and tries her best in all things. You're a star, Emily!

## YR HC

**Jasiu** is the YR HC superstar. Mrs Harrad has been very impressed with his enthusiasm and participation during online lessons. Well done Jasiu and keep up the good work!

## Y1 EL

This week Mrs Lee has chosen **Artur** to be her superstar. She is amazed at how far Artur has come with his reading since the beginning of Year One and is so proud of all the hard work that he has put in. Artur always approaches his work with a can do attitude and doesn't let any difficulties hold him back. Well done and keep up the fantastic work!

## Y1 CD

Miss Daly's superstar this week is **Lily**. Lily has made a fantastic start towards her remote learning. Miss Daly has been impressed by her growth mindset and attitude towards her work. She is up every morning raring to go, showing her Mummy all the wonderful things she can do. I know that Lily's mum is very proud of her and has continued to share such wonderful photos of Lily working hard. Miss Daly has seen Lily diving in and out of her books, writing fact files, joining in with the Phonics Teams session's and getting stuck into her maths learning. This week Lily has been an all-round superstar. I know that Miss Daly is missing your smiley face dearly. Keep up the great work Lily.

## Y2 CP

**Jake** has been chosen as the Y2 CP superstar for his interest about plants and curiosity about the Venus fly trap. Jake is always enthusiastic about new learning and asks brilliant questions to extend his understanding. You're a learning superhero, Jake!

## Y2 RK

Miss Knight would like to choose **Seb A** as superstar for being a voracious book worm. His love of words shines through in his writing, which is packed full of interesting word choices, never over-written. Well done, Seb for being a fabulous author and reader of books.

## Y3 JL

Mr Lee's superstar this week is **James**. It has been lovely to see James come back into school with a smile on his face, enjoying his learning, showing confidence in his maths and being kind to his peers. Keep this up James - what a star!

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## Y3 CR

**Tommy** has been chosen as Y3 CR as superstar for this week. Tommy is learning from home and his teachers have received so many lovely emails full of fantastic learning from him. They are so proud of all of the work he is managing to complete at home! He really has been working his socks off!

## Y4 AH

The class superstar in 4AH this week is **Jake**. He has been working incredibly hard in every subject and has impressed the teachers with all the wonderful work he has been sending via email. Well done Jake, we are all very proud of all the effort you are putting into your learning at home.

## Y4 SM

Mrs Madahar would like to nominate **Ovi** as the 4SM class superstar. Ovi has been extremely focussed on his learning in school and trying his best in every subject. Well done Ovi!

## Y5 CB

Miss Ball would like to choose **Olivia** as superstar. Olivia has made some positive, new friendships since she came back to school. She's been working so hard and is a pleasure to have in the classroom as she's always smiling, kind and polite at all times.

## Y5 JE

**Jack** is this week's Y5 JE superstar. He has been putting so much effort into his online learning, sending Miss Ellershaw lots of finished activities and asking for extra work. Well done for your commitment, hard work and enthusiasm, Jack.

## Y6 KG

Kushi has been chosen as the Y6 KG superstar for her hard work and excellent attitude this week during lockdown. She has been kind and helpful to others in her bubble and a pleasure to have in school.

## Y6 JvS

**Chloe** is this week's Y6 JvS superstar. Chloe has been sending her work to Mrs Van der Sterren everyday and completed some great research into the Polar regions. We're very proud of you, Chloe.

**Have a smashing weekend, Everyone. Hope you find somewhere new and unexplored to go for your local, daily walk.**

**Best wishes from Miss Glenny (Associate Headteacher)**