

The Power of Pictures



During this time of separation, we are all finding new ways of making contact with loved ones. At school, it has been wonderful to communicate with children via Microsoft Teams. Photographs have also become increasingly important to school staff. We absolutely love receiving pictures of pupils learning at home and are very impressed by the innovative ways that parents and carers are motivating their children to learn and stay healthy.

Here are a few of our favourite photographs:



Saachi is glowing with pride and loveliness! It's wonderful to see your work, Saachi.

Jack has engineered an amazing reading dome! Fantastic learning, Jack.



Jack and Romeo have transformed their dining table! What a great idea,

Dexter is getting to know his new-born baby sister. You will make a brilliant big brother, Dexter.

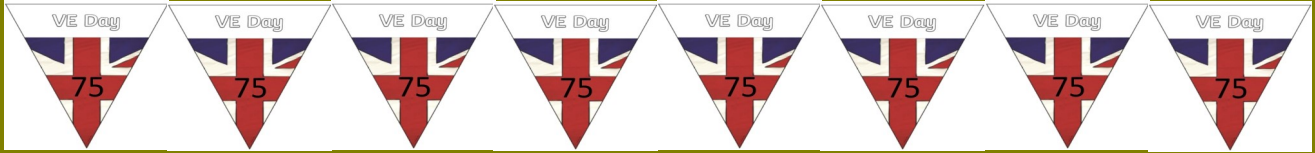


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Remembering VE Day

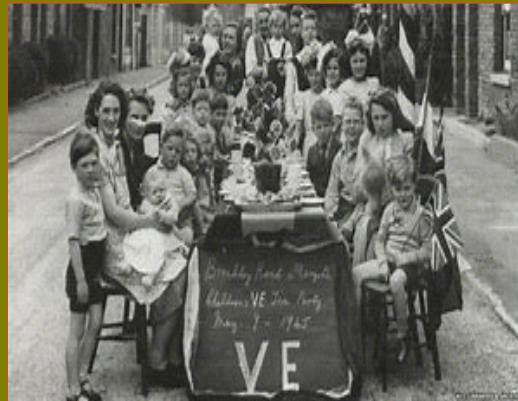
Friday is a special bank holiday in memory of VE Day when, seventy five years ago, the war in Europe finally ended. There has been lots of learning around this topic. Here is Karam's research:



8th May 2020 is the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

VE stands for victory in Europe, the day marking the end of the Second World War in Europe when Nazi Germany surrendered of its armed forces.

VE day was celebrated by having parades, street parties, dancing and singing.



Many people were extremely happy that the fighting had stopped. It was an emotional day that millions of people had been waiting for. Colourful bunting and flags were put up across the streets of villages, towns and cities across Britain.

VE Day is also a National Holiday.



Marley has made this VE Day bunting. Well done!

The Daily Herald

V E Day Fever Sweeps Britain!

Public Holiday Declared!

9th May 1945

Yesterday, 8th May 1945, celebrations were held all over Britain following yesterday's announcement that the war in Europe was officially over. People everywhere came out on to the streets to share their joy with each other.

In Trafalgar Square, London, crowds of people flocked together, laughing, dancing and drinking, some even splashing in the fountains, taking advantage of the pubs that were allowed to stay open longer. I spoke to Frank Williams, 52, who said, "I can't believe it! After six years of war and hardship we're finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel."

Not far away in the Mall, crowds also gathered to see the Royal family, with Winston Churchill, come out on to the balcony to wave to them. Churchill had said, in a radio broadcast at 3 o'clock that afternoon, that the Allied Forces had successfully accepted the German surrender and that war in Europe would now cease. Connie Brown, 34, said, "I've longed for this day. I will be able to sleep better now, knowing my family are all safe."



Residents in Smith Street enjoying the celebrations

Street parties were held in almost all streets. Parents and children worked together to make sandwiches, jellies and drinks. Children set to work to make colourful bunting to hang from house to house. Tables were brought out and covered with tablecloths. "I've never seen my mum and dad so happy," said Billy Jones aged 8. "My mum was laughing and crying at the same time." Edith Ellis, 9, said, "I'm glad we won't have to sleep in the shelter any more. It frightened me." Peter Thomas, 11, said, "I can't wait for dad to come home from the army now."

So, although the war in Europe is finally at an end, Churchill reminded everyone in his speech, that there is still a way to go before we have peace all over the world.

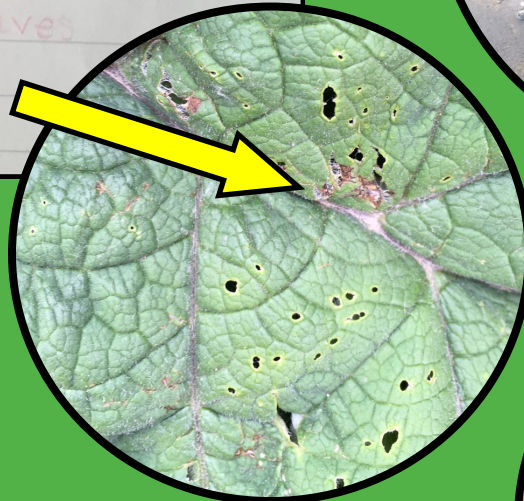
By James Mc Carthy Y6 JvS

We love Nature

It can be very relaxing to engage with nature from your window or in your garden or local park.

Lots of you are enjoying home learning tasks linked to the natural environment.

Athena has been on a nature walk. By taking photographs and studying her environment carefully she was able to make these super observational drawings:



Lilybelle has been bug hunting. She looked closely at nature, carried out research and created some lovely observational pictures using different media.

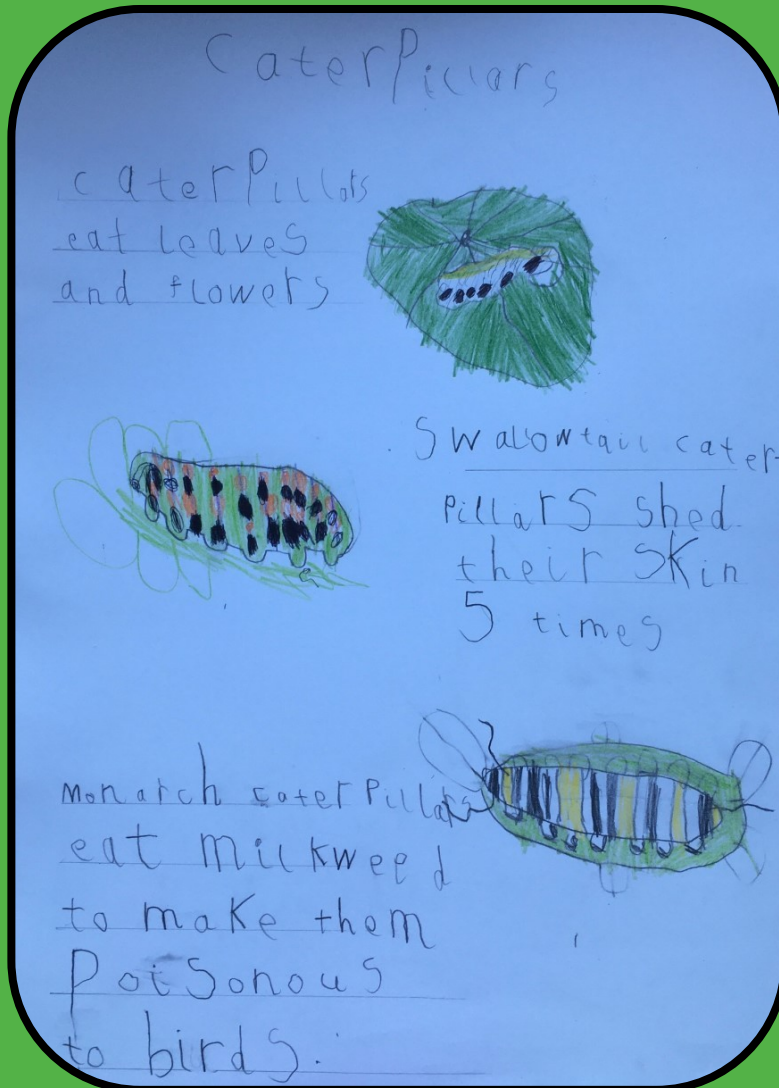


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Bea has been discovering lots of interesting information about caterpillars. She has created these beautiful drawings.



Dominic and Tayyaba have been busy gardening. Watching flowers, fruit and vegetables grow in a container or in your garden can be very rewarding.



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Lots of you are enjoying bird watching. The RSVP website is a wonderful resource to encourage young nature enthusiasts. Activities and information can be found at:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/facts-about-nature/facts-about-birds/>



I see a bird with a bright red chest. It's a garden favourite who sings the best.

It's a robin!



I see a bird that's covered in blue, with green on its back and a yellow chest too.

It's a blue tit!



I see a bird with a bright orange beak, with black coloured feathers and brown legs and feet.

It's a blackbird!



I see a bird with a black bib and grey crown. The feathers on its back are streaky brown.

It's a house sparrow!

Feathered Friends

Super Story Writing

Thank you for all the wonderful stories which you are continuing to write at home. Here are two lovely examples from Charlie and Vinay. Well done, boys! We are so proud of your hard work, concentration and imagination.

The Owl and the Pussycat

One day there was an owl, she had brown wings and big blue eyes that could see far away. Her friend was a cat who had long brown whiskers and was red all over, even his eyes. They sailed away on the gloomy, blue, shiny sea for nine weeks. They were in a huge blue boat which even had a secret bunker where they kept lots of honey and some money wrapped up in a 5 pound note.

While they were eating their midnight feast of honey, the owl looked up to the stars and sang "O lovely Pussy, O Pussy my love, what a beautiful Pussy you are, you are, you are, what a beautiful Pussy you are!" She played the guitar as she sang.

Soon they sailed up to a big island that looked like it was moving because of the water around it. When they landed on the island they decided that they wanted to get married. "But what shall we do for a ring?" they said. In the woods there was a pig with a ring at the end of his nose.

"Are you selling a ring for five pounds?" they asked the Pig.

"Yeah!" they had to pay him 5 pounds for his ring.

They got it and they got married on the Hill where the Turkey lived in a nice little hedgehog house.

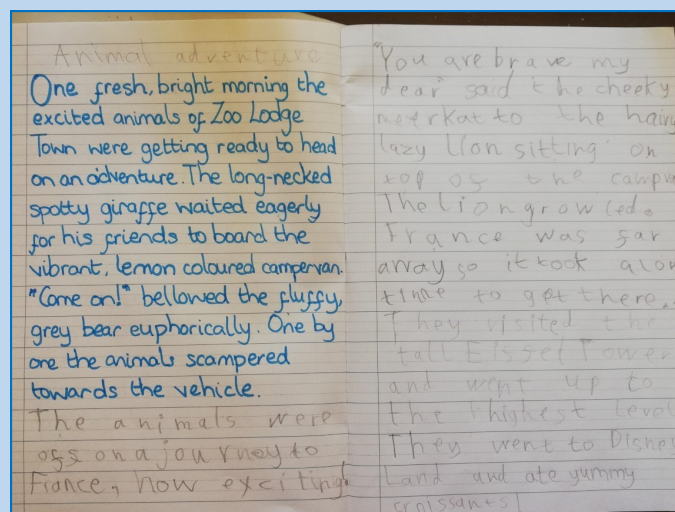
They danced all night long after the wedding. The moon was sleeping in the night sky and the shiny stars slowly moved like a meteor crashing down.

They had a happy life when they got married and they even got pregnant with kids. They left the island and found a new one to live on. They lived happily ever after on their new island forever.

By Charlie Clark

"Animal Adventure" by Vinay Kalsi.

Super handwriting, Vinay!



Happy Ramadan!



From Tayyaba and Tayibb

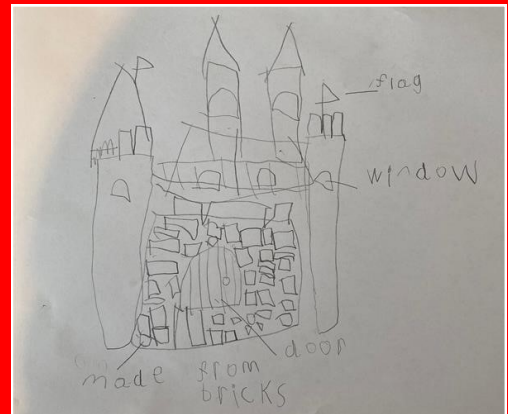
Sydenham Superstars

YR LS

Mrs Scholes would like to nominate **Athena** as superstar this week. She has created some lovely work about her nature walk and has been working very hard to use capital letters in the right places. Well done, Athena!

YR RK

Miss Knight's superstar is **Scarlett Jones**, for her brilliant writing and giant's castle design. She and her mum are working so hard on their Home Learning and both are superstars.

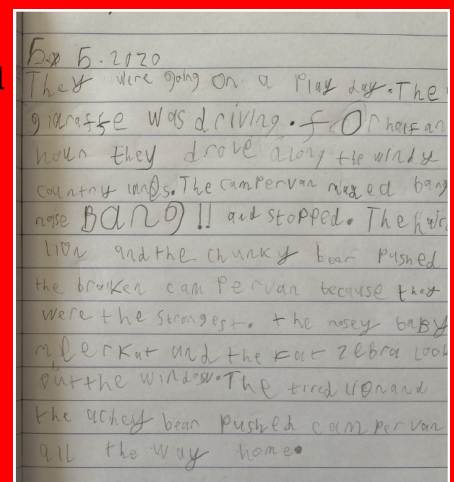


Y1 EL

This week Mrs Lee has chosen **Stanley** to be her Sydenham Superstar. Stanley has coped really well with the change in structure from school learning to home learning. He is using all of his Learning Characters in every piece of work and is completing all tasks to a very high standard. Stanley has also been enjoying doing lots of other fun activities, such as camping in his garden and building towers and models out of Lego. I am so impressed with how you have taken everything in your stride and continued to work to the best of your ability. Keep up the wonderful work Stanley.

Y1 CD

Miss Daly's super star this week is **Alfie**. Miss Daly has been so impressed with Alfie's perseverance. He has produced a wonderful narrative this week, followed the success criteria closely and used beautiful handwriting and clear presentation. Alfie really thought about what he was writing and Miss Daly thoroughly enjoyed the adventure. He had clear capital letters, finger spaces and full stops making it very easy to read. Miss Daly was also incredibly impressed with his involvement in the live online phonics session at the beginning of the week. He was very keen and engaged and she could see Alfie working hard from his desk at home. Alfie, Miss Daly is so proud of you and says to keep up the hard work because you are doing a superstar job with your learning from home.



Here is your virtual sticker to
print and wear with pride!



Y2 AP



Miss Parsons' superstar is **Dominic**. He was really engaged during the live lesson this week and joined in with all the actions for the Owl and the Pussy Cat poem. Every week he shows commitment and dedication to his home learning and always tries his best. Miss Parsons always enjoys seeing all the work that Dominic gets up to. Keep up the brilliant work Dominic

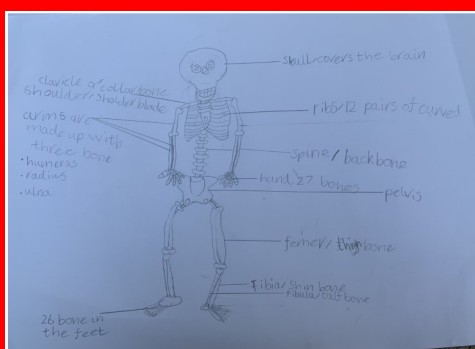
Y2 CP

Miss Peters has chosen **Shivani** this week as her Sydenham Superstar. She really enjoyed her Microsoft Teams Lesson on Monday and sent Miss Peters a video of herself doing all the actions to match the text map. She has been consistently working hard at home since school has closed and we are all very proud of her efforts. Well done Shivani!



Y3 JL

This week, Mr Lee's superstar is Jack. Jack always approaches his learning with enthusiasm, a sense of humour and steely determination. I have really enjoyed receiving Jack's work especially his examples of fractions, following our online lesson. Jack has also used his time to be very creative, making a brilliant Dome Dem ... a great place to read.



Y3 JM-L

Mrs Lloyd has chosen **Amber** as her superstar this week. Amber has really impressed Mrs Lloyd with her continued fantastic attitude towards her learning for every single week of home-schooling. The quality of her work is excellent and she has continued to challenge herself to complete every piece of learning with 100% effort. Amber presents all of her learning beautifully and I have really enjoyed seeing all of her wonderful art, writing and topic activities. Very well done Amber!

Sydenham Superstars

Y4 SM

Mrs Madahar would like to nominate **Lara** to be her class Superstar this week. Lara has been producing amazing work and showing such a positive attitude to her learning. She has been using all Learning Characters and has impressed Mrs Madahar by completing extra learning activities at home. Keep up the brilliant work Lara!



Y4 AH

Fiorella has been chosen as the Y4 AH superstar. She has demonstrated real resilience over the last few weeks and has been working very hard on her wonderful story of 'The King of the Snakes', which she decided to turn into a beautifully decorated book! She also worked really hard and engaged well during our live lesson about fractions.

Y5 CB

Miss Ball would like to nominate two superstars this week. The first is **Harleen**. She engaged really well in the video lesson and completed the extra task at the end on divisibility rules. The second is **Andrei**. Despite coming to school every morning whilst his mum is at work, he has still found the time to complete the majority of his online learning to a really high standard.

Y5 RA

This week, Miss Arundel would like to nominate **Gabi** as superstar. Gabi's been working so hard throughout our time learning at home, but this week she especially stood out. Gabi sent Miss Arundel an amazing adventure story she wrote called 'Lost in Ancient Greece' - she's designed a book cover, included pictures and made it look really professional (and it's 9 pages!). Miss Arundel was completely enthralled by her story; Gabi uses fantastic characterisation, the dialogue is really effective and she's definitely done her research for her descriptions of Ancient Greece. It's clearly a piece of work that Gabi's put outstanding effort into, and she should be very proud of herself for creating something so wonderful.

Y6 JvS

The Y6 JvS superstar is **James**. As you can see from his fabulous VE Day newspaper article, James has been working really hard at home and consistently producing work of high quality. James has a fantastic attitude to learning and always completes the tasks that are set. Well done!

Y6 KG

Miss Gillespie has chosen **Alistair** as her superstar. He has been working incredibly hard at home and sent some lovely pieces of work which show imagination, concentration and perseverance. Keep up the amazing effort, Alistair!



VE Day Remembered

Look around us what do you see?
People stood around who are happy,
For once in their lives there is not slaughter going on
just round the corner.
Some people are stood in the street having a party,
But some people are crying alone,
No-one to comfort them not even in their own home.
We are very lucky today that in front of us isn't a
war on display.
To everyone who fought for their country you
are very brave,
And I hope you can tell the stories of the war to
everyone some day.

By Amelia Lawson (Y6 JvS)

Our poem this week is by Amelia and it is written in memory of VE Day. If you have a poem you would like published, please send it to your teacher.

Thank you, Everyone, for your continued support during school closure. We miss you and hope to see you all as soon as possible.

Take care, from Miss Glenny

