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Star of the Week

	Pod	Remote
Zephaniah	Lexi BM	Gabriel
Anderson	N/A	Esme-Harper
Sendak	Reece	Kyler-May
Carle	Kacey	Joshua
Hargreaves	Thomas	Nellie
Ahlberg	Laura	Henry
Dahl	Ollie	Jack
Freedman	Charlie	Finnley
Strong	Tyler S	Chloe
Pratchett	Malakai F	Ronnie
Morpurgo	Alexander	Maya
Tolkien	Tommy	Sidney
Lewis	Muneeb	Joseph
Rosen	Emily K	Eliza
Shakespeare	Liam	Elle
Dickens	Aaron	Maxwell
Kipling	N/A	Riley

POD LEARNING ON SITE

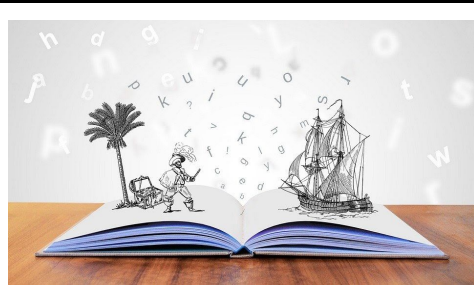


The pupils in school and at home have had a great Crazy Hair day, Check out the photos below!!! It just proves that we can still enjoy school events in the middle of a pandemic! I have really enjoyed the range of activities the pupils are taking part in at the moment right across the school. We hope that you have 'happy enough children' coming home from school, and at home remote learning.



Parents please keep visiting our **Home Learning Page** on the school website. New information and resources to support parents and carers is being added to as we go along.

<http://www.leys.herts.sch.uk/pupils-home-learning.html>



NEXT WEEK IS NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK!!! Looking forward to a week of wild adventures and amazing tales!!!!

Class of the week	Year 6
Friendship Cup	
Headteacher Awards	YEAR
Jennifer C Harry R Dylan R Mustafa Q	RECEPTION
Riley Garrod Alex Ryan	SIX

SHOUT OUT

Can I give a HUGE SHOUT OUT this week to all our AMAZING YEAR 6 PUPILS!!!! They have worked really hard in remote learning and in school. We are all especially proud of the ebook they have produced this week on the theme of HOMELESSNESS after reading the story WAY HOME by Libby Hawthorn. The writing they have produced is so insightful and moving!!!! So proud of you!

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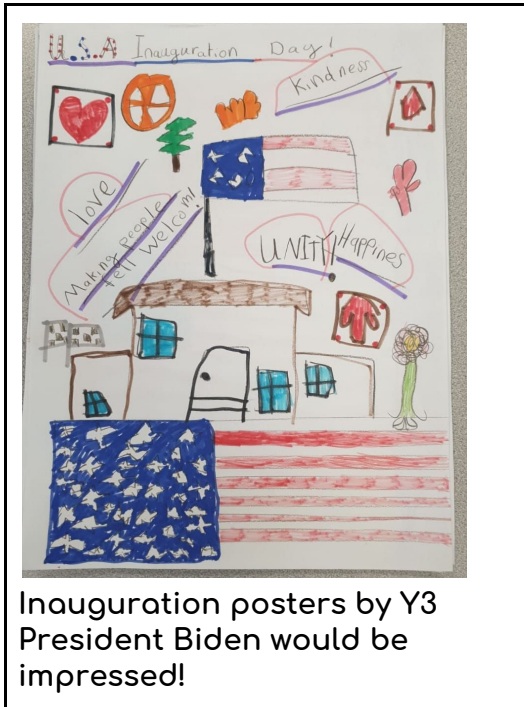
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Inspiration

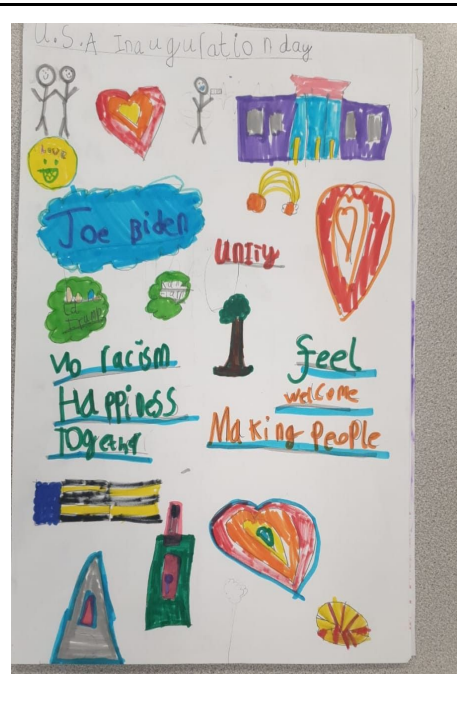
Friendship

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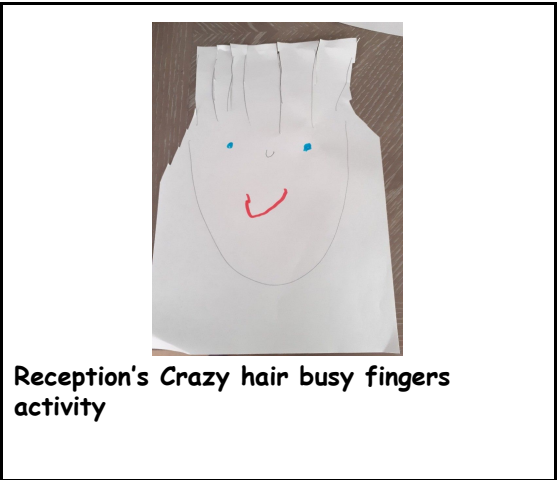
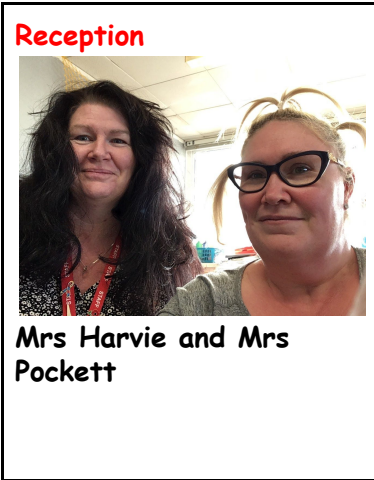
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Inauguration posters by Y3
President Biden would be impressed!



Highlights of the Week! Crazy Hair Day!!!



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Year 2



Mia



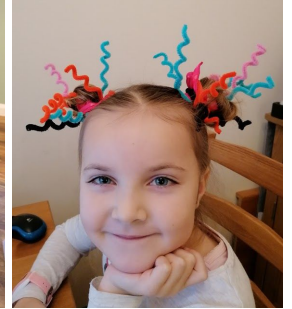
Gabi



Grace



Isla



Nellie

Year 3



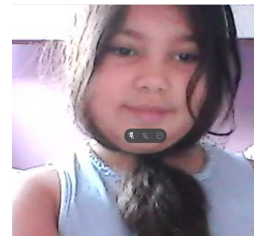
Year 4



Mr Harlock showing off his locks!



Elizabeth, Kai and Maya rocking their crazy hair styles!



Lucianna with her makeshift beard!



Our lovely Mrs Betts!

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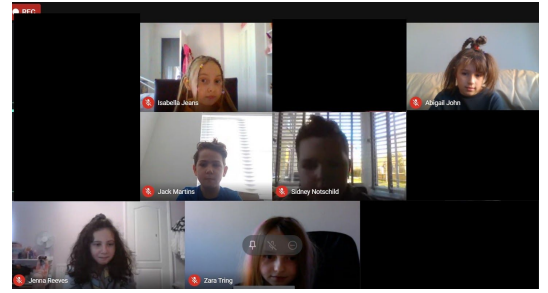
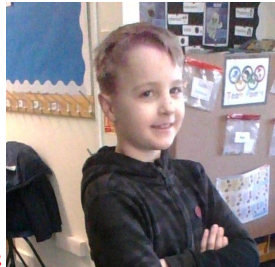
Year 5



Beatrice and Oliver



Ellen and Reece



Year 6



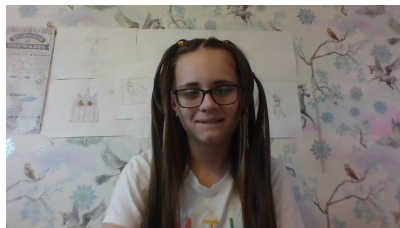
Hannah



Joshua



Will



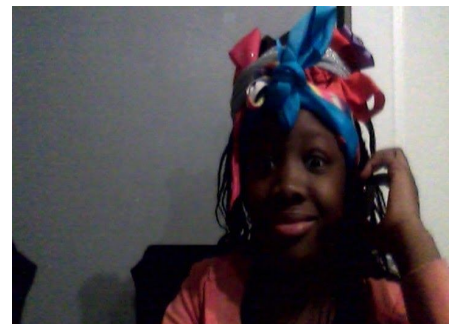
Tilly



Tomi



Elle



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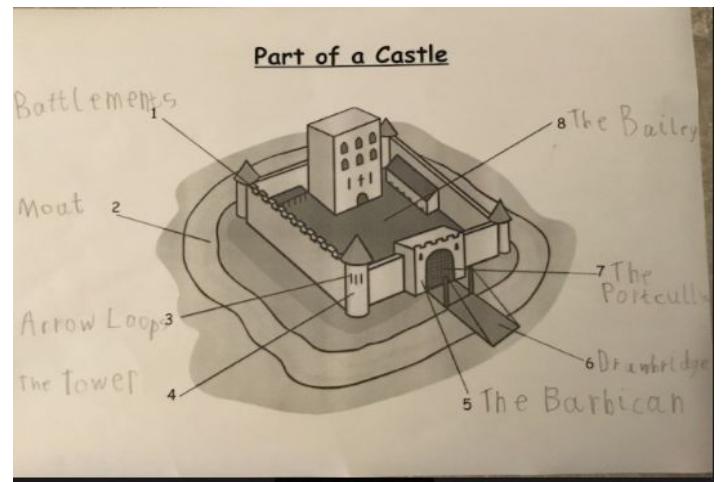
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CLASS of the WEEK - Sendak

Our topic this term is Knights and Castles. This week the children have been learning all about the different parts of a castle. We looked at castles from around the world and thought about the similarities and differences. The children then labelled the parts of the castle and wrote some interesting facts that they had learnt. Kyler-May even built her own 3D model of a castle.



Richard

Porticullis is a heavy gate made of metal.

Bailey is a big ground inside castle gate.

Fatimah

Battlement help to spy the enemy.

Moat is a trench around the castle filled with water.

Soldiers shoot arrows through turrets.

Towers are tall buildings for defence.

Barbican make the gate house strong.

A drawbridge leads from castle gate to the other side of the moat.



Writer of the Week-

Riley S
Year 6

Year 6 Dickens- This week we have been looking at figurative language in year 6, and working out how we can use similes, metaphors and personification to improve our writing.

The golden wheel spider span like a waltzer soaring round and round
The pompilid wasp was a fearful creature that would show no mercy to its prey
As the blistering sun beamed down on the namib desert.

The golden wheel spider burrowed Like a hamster under its bedding.

The desert was a beam from above .

Like a scene from a horror movie, she could not stop falling over.

The shifting desert was like time had slowed down.

As the desert furnace became unbearable,the wasp turned into an outrageous fire.

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WELLBEING



Mindfulness - Paying more attention to the present moment – to your own thoughts and feelings, and to the world around you – can improve your mental wellbeing. Some people call this awareness "mindfulness". Mindfulness can help us enjoy life more and understand ourselves better.

Here are a few suggestions for things to include during your day.

Have A Mindful minute – this is great to try if you are anxious, angry or upset and it can help you feel calm. Spend 60 seconds focussing only on your breath.

Next time you go out for a walk, practise 'noticing and being present'

What does the air feel like on your skin? Is it warm or cold? Look up at the sky. What can you see? Is it sunny or is it rainy? What does the ground feel like under your feet? What shapes and colours are around you? What about the smells and scents? What sounds can you hear? After your walk you could draw a picture of something beautiful you noticed.

If you want to know more look here <https://www.nytimes.com/guides/well/mindfulness-for-children>

Cuttlefish of the world's Seven Seas - have you ever wondered about how that pesky crab you had your eye on for lunch got away when you thought you were in stealth mode? Or when that Great White encounter was just a little too close for comfort?

Are your pigment cells letting you down at the vital moments?? Do you wish you could have the adaptability of a Pacific Tree Frog?

Well, now you can - with Riley's amazing new enhanced pigment cell suit! Just pop this suit on and become the chameleon of the ocean!

Why is it any different, you ask? This suit automatically adapts to the colors surrounding you - therefore, you become the same colour as that Great White trying to eat you - you can just swim alongside him peacefully without him trying to chomp at your tentacles! You lie in wait on the sandy ocean bed, completely camouflaged and that crab wanders straight into your beak!

Maximum effect - minimum effort! With Riley's enhanced pigment cell suit, you will be the real deal in cephalopod colour changing history!!!!!!



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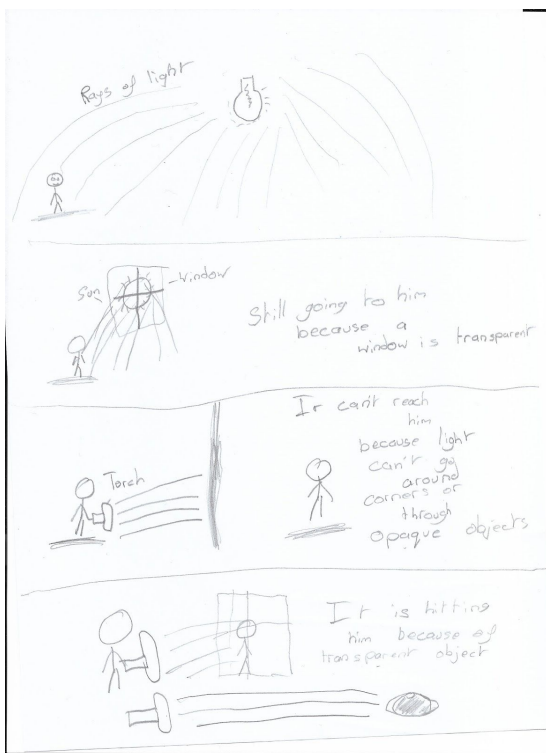
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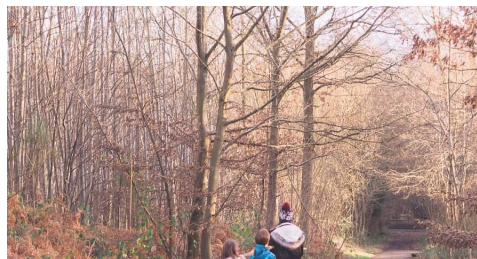
Year 6 has continued to excel this week! Teachers have been sending me samples of the work they have been completing at home and it was really great to enjoy reading and laugh out loud at 'Riley's amazing new enhanced pigment cell suit!' What an entertaining read! This week Alex also produced some annotated drawings about how light travels.

Well done Year 6!

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

Spiritual, Moral, Social and cultural are all important aspects of our school, especially now as we head into Week 4 of lockdown and remote learning. The children at The Leys are working exceptionally well to adapt to all the changes that they are encountering. The children, parents and teachers have had to work hard to adjust to using social skills in different contexts, however they still continue to impress us with their knowledge of working online!

Mrs Khangura shared her weekly assembly to Year 1,3 and 5 from her garden last week. She was wrapped up with her hat, scarf and coat on! Mrs Khangura spoke to the children about their wellbeing and mental health. The children had the opportunity to discuss how being outside makes them feel. They also discussed what they like to do when they are outside in the fresh air. Many of the children expressed they enjoy going for a long bike ride, going on a walk through the woods, chalk drawing in their garden, jumping on their trampoline, playing football and many more! It is great to hear the children are continuing to be active and access fresh air on a daily basis during this time.



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P.E

In our year 6 key worker pod this week we have been focusing on our basketball skills, in this picture we are practicing our passes with a middle person pivoting also. Mr Newlands is so proud of their attitude towards P.E given the current restrictions. Well done year 6!



Term dates

Start of term: 3 September 2020 Inset day: 2 September Term: 3 September -23 October Half term holiday: 26 October 2020 - 30 October 2020 Inset day: 2 November Term: 3 November -18 December Occasional Day: 7 December Christmas holiday: 21 December 2020 - 3 January 2021	Inset day: 4 January Term: 5 January - 12 February Half term holiday: 15 February 2021 - 19 February 2021 Term : 22 February-26 March 2021 Easter holiday: 29 March 2021 - 9 April 2021	Term: 12 April - 28 May Half term holiday: 31 May 2021 - 4 June 2021 Inset Day: 7 June Term: 8 June-21 July Inset day 22 July Summer holiday: 23 July 2021 - 31 August 2021
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