



Church Hill Infants News

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Communication....

A message from the school ...

There are a number of ways that we will be communicating with you over the coming weeks.

Here are few of the things you need to know:

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#### **Church Hill Infant School Website**

[www.churchhillinfants.co.uk](http://www.churchhillinfants.co.uk)

*Check the Home Learning pages for useful tips and websites you can visit.*

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Church Hill Twitter Feed

[@CHISThurmaston](https://twitter.com/CHISThurmaston)

We will post challenges, tips and new events that might be of interest. Please remember we love to see pictures of the things you have been doing at home!

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#### **Email addresses**

[FS@churchhillinfants.co.uk](mailto:FS@churchhillinfants.co.uk)

[Year1@churchhillinfants.co.uk](mailto:Year1@churchhillinfants.co.uk)

[Year2@churchhillinfants.co.uk](mailto:Year2@churchhillinfants.co.uk)

*If you have any questions about the learning or would like any extra advice and support then please email the relevant year group email address and we will contact you.*

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Emergency Contacts

Mrs Balsara - 07745773782

Head teacher / Lead safeguarding

Mrs Elliott - 07745773842

Deputy Head / Deputy safeguarding

Mrs Creighton - 07394912367

Assistant Head / Deputy safeguarding

Dean Pomeroy - BEP - 07741857735

Please only use these numbers in case of an emergency /safeguarding concern

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#### **Studybugs**

*If you haven't already done so please download the app and register your child. We will send regular communications via this system and we will be asking you to respond to well being checks.*

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

*or download the app via Apple Store or Google Play*

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well and that you are continuing to find your way as a family in these difficult times. The staff and I have really enjoyed seeing and hearing about the wonderful and varied things you have been doing to keep busy while at home. We have had a good response to our online learning and if you have not accessed it yet or need some further guidance you will find more information contained in this newsletter.

The teaching staff have been trying to find other ways to support and connect with the children and we have started our own youtube channel! The staff have been reading stories, doing exercise and sharing key learning so please take time to visit the channel as I am sure the children will love to see the teachers and hear some great stories. Simply search Church Hill Infants on youtube.

Even though our school is currently closed to all but a few children, we are still here to support your child and your family in whatever way we can. As we are all living so differently you might be noticing signs of increasing anxiety in your child as they're spending more time indoors and outside of their normal routines. These might include:

- ◆ Regressing to outgrown behaviour, such as thumb-sucking or bed-wetting
- ◆ Showing greater fear at being separated from you
- ◆ Tantrums
- ◆ Trouble sleeping
- ◆ Expressing sadness, anger or fear
- ◆ Wanting to talk about coronavirus all the time
- ◆ Not wanting to talk about the current situation at all
- ◆ Having trouble concentrating

We have put together some resources to help you support your child (sent with this newsletter) but if you have any concerns about how your child is coping or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by using the contact details that we have outlined on the left.

We are extremely grateful for all the support you have shown us as we have adapted to these new circumstances and we are very proud of the children who are coping so well with the changes and challenges they are facing.

As a school we are missing everyone and we look forward to the time when we can see each other again. Unfortunately, at this moment in time, there is no clear indication of when that will be or what that will look like but we will keep you informed and updated as soon as we have that information.

We can and will get through this together, please remember to stay home, stay safe and keep smiling.

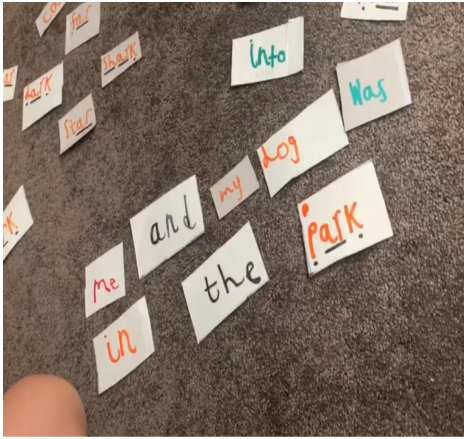
Kind regards,

Mrs Balsara and the Church Hill Infant School Team



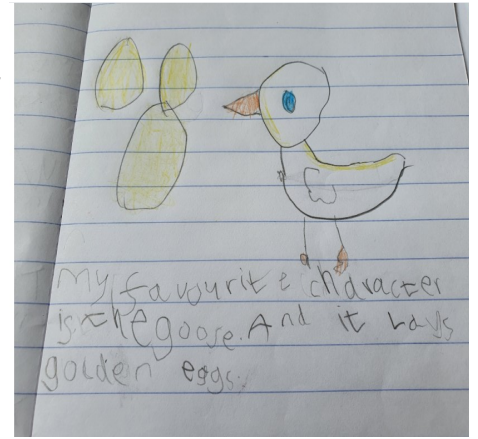
## Foundation Stage learning ....

The adults in Foundation Stage have really enjoyed seeing the wonderful learning you have been doing! We have loved seeing the pictures and videos you have shared on seesaw or twitter.

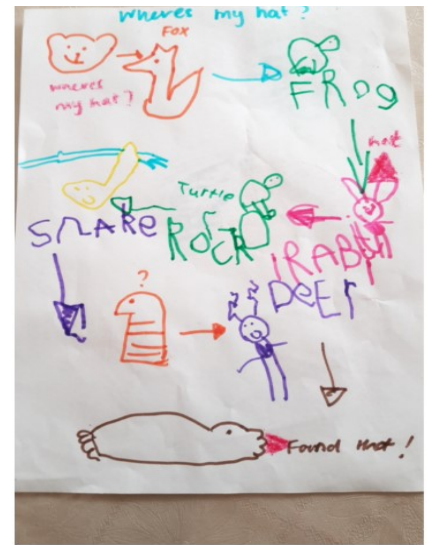


Lots of you have been learning the new sound 'ar ar shark in the park'.

We are glad you enjoyed the story of Jack and the beanstalk.

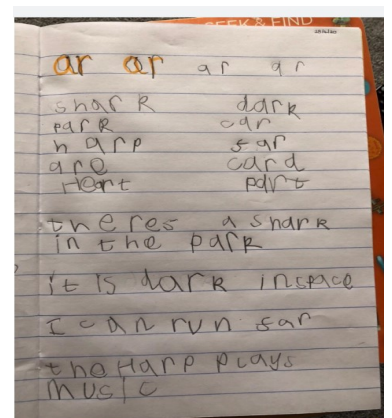
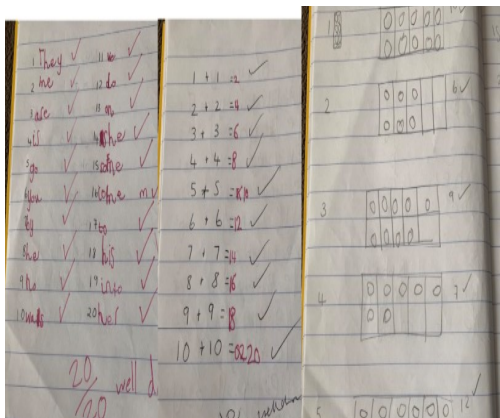


So many of you have shown how creative you are—there have been castles, beanstalks and lots of art and craft!



It is fantastic to see the use of craft materials, pens and pencils and even technology to create some amazing work!

What wonderful maths, phonics and writing work! We are very proud of you all and miss you lots.



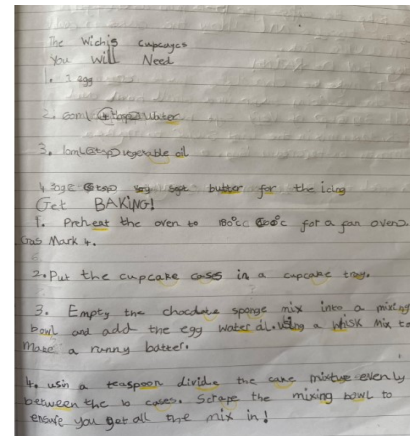


We would like to say a huge thank you and well done to all of the Year 1 pupils that are sharing work with through either seesaw or twitter. We have been looking forward to seeing the work you post each day and it has made us all so happy!



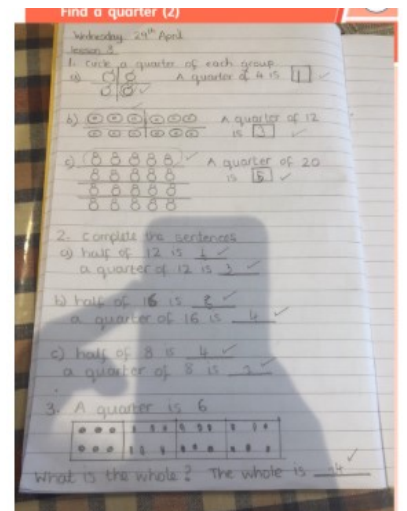
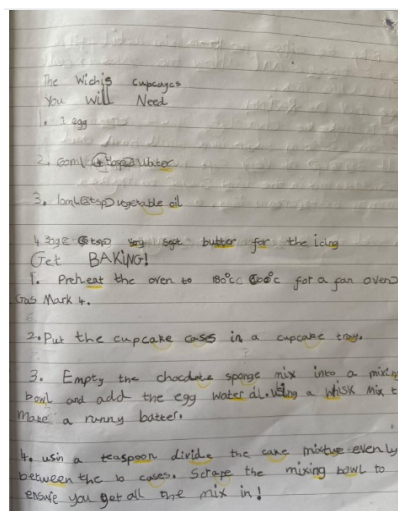
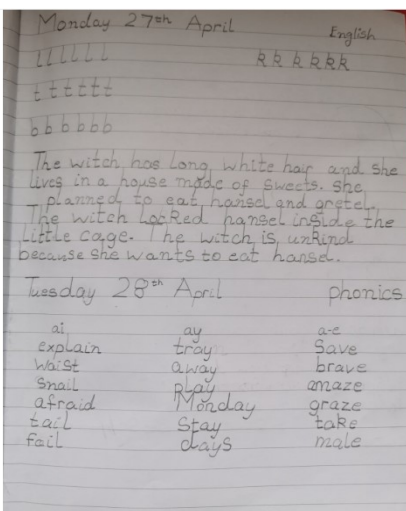
Look at these fantastic houses!

Wonderful joining of materials and what great ways to decorate them—well done girls.



The imaginative and creative ways you have made Hansel and Gretel's house have really impressed us and the work has inspired you to do some wonderful writing.

You have also been very busy with other activities—you have been busy practicing handwriting, spelling, maths and reading. You have made us all very proud Year 1!



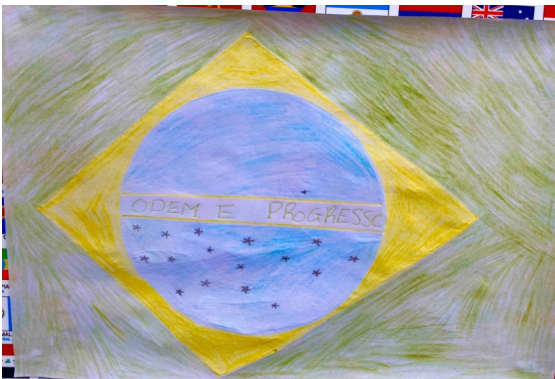
Some of the activities the Year 2 teachers have set have been all about Brazil! We have been so impressed with your enthusiastic approach to this work and you have shown just how creative you can be.



We had lots of wonderful examples of amazing artwork. It was fantastic to see the use of different tones and media used to create pictures of birds native to Brazil.

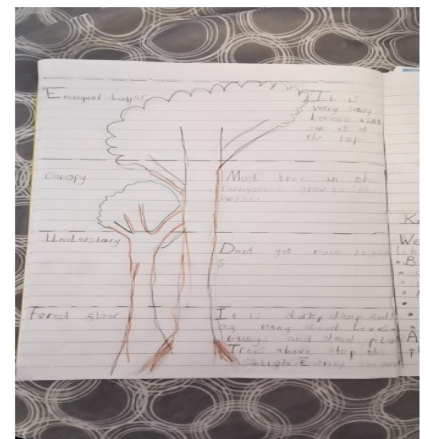
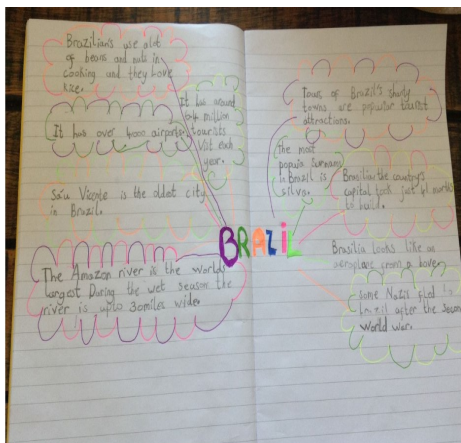


We were amazed at the amount of time spent researching facts about Brazil and even more amazed at the variety of ways you presented the information. Fantastic work!



Keep up the great work Year 2 remember to keep sharing you work on seesaw.

You have made us so proud and seeing you and your work has made us smile!





## Free School Meal Shopping Vouchers

For those parents who are eligible to receive FSM, we will be using the Department for Education's preferred scheme—EDENRED. Please bear with this system as they are dealing with a huge level of demand and this has resulted in a slight delay in processing codes.

If you are in receipt of benefits and/ or are experiencing difficulties please email the school office for an application form.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



## Home Learning through Seesaw



We have begun posting online learning activities through Seesaw. This platform can be accessed through an app for mobile phones and tablets (seesaw class) or on the desktop site (web.seesaw.me). You will need the unique code that we sent out to you via studybugs/email during the Easter holidays. Please find additional instructions on how to access seesaw attached with this newsletter.

When you log in you will be able to see what home learning tasks have been set—we will set new activities each week. As well as seeing the tasks and any videos / resources the year group teachers may have put on, you can also upload your child's work on there so we can see what they have been up to. **We will only know if you are accessing seesaw if you comment or post on the tasks—we really would love to see what you have been doing.**

Please note that only teachers will be able to see the work you post—seesaw is not a public forum.

## Virtual Register

As a school we have a duty to check on the well being of all pupils on a regular basis. We have been trying to find the best way of doing this and recently we sent out a link to a short questionnaire. We would ask that each family spends just a couple of minutes completing the questions on the form.

If however, we do not receive a response, then staff will have to make phone calls to complete the check. This, as you can understand, can be quite a time consuming task.

Please support the school and avoid a phone call by submitting the form.

We appreciate your support in this matter.