

Dear Parent/Carer,

We continue to see great perseverance from all the children in school and those sending in photos of their learning which is a testimony to all the hard work the children (and adults) are putting into their learning at this unpredictable time. Whilst the weather seems to have taken a turn, it's great to see that it hasn't slowed down the expectations in the work. We hope that the news, activities and ideas in our newsletters keep you all feeling supported too,



Robotics Writing and Design Competition

We wish to let you know about two competitions which are running right now, inviting UK primary schoolchildren to share their creative works inspired by all things robotic, hosted by the EPSRC UK Robotics and Autonomous Systems Network.

The "[Once Upon A Robot](#)" writing competition is open to all Key Stage 2 children (aged 7 - 11 years old), and challenges children to write an 800-word story featuring any kind of robot their imagination can conjure. The story could take place on Earth, in space or even on another planet!

For the "[Draw A Robot](#)" competition, children in Key Stage 1 (aged 5 – 7 years old) have the chance to draw a robot that they'd like to see in the future. The robot could be designed to accomplish any task or job – the sky's the limit! The children will be able to submit a robot drawing, up to 200-word description, and five key features (labelled on the drawing).

The two new competitions will be judged by robotics experts from the EPSRC UK-RAS Network, plus two very special invited literary and art & design judges. The drawing competition will be judged by **Zoë Smith, Producer at Tate Kids**, and the writing competition will be judged by **award-winning writer AF Harrold**, author of *The Imaginary* and the popular Greta Zargo series.

There are fabulous prizes on offer, including a Makeblock Programmable Robot kit, a Thames Komos Robotics Experiment kit, plus some unique and exclusive prizes courtesy of our guest judges.

The competitions close for entries on the 8th June 2020

For more information, details of prizes, judging criteria and to submit an entry, please visit <https://www.ukras.org/school-robot-competition/>.



West St Leonards Learning Channel

The channel continues to grow from strength to strength, providing great stories for children to listen to over the course of a week as well as other learning opportunities. We now have the pleasure of introducing to you our very first stick puppet performance as Ms Oberheim (with some avid helpers) tells the story of 'Oh No George!' by Chris Haughton. [Head on over to the channel](#) to enjoy this and much more.



Bug Club

Thank you to parents for getting in touch around the use of [Bug Club](#). Teachers are regularly checking that children have sufficient books to read but please contact the school if it appears that the books are not visible in your child's account.

We would like to take this opportunity to also remind all parents about how useful this resource is during this period of school closure as it is a free and versatile resource to keep children reading every day and keep the mentality in children to continue being 'seven times readers'.

SEND Friendly Family Activities

ISEND have developed a 1 page template providing links to the Local Offer and Facebook pages. It provides families with links to receive direct and daily updated resources to support them at home with their children and young people with SEND. Find the link here. https://czone-backoffice.azurewebsites.net/media/6196/key-links-for-schools_.pdf

East Sussex Reading Challenge

The East Sussex Children's Book Award is still ongoing and the final event will be happening virtually with a live screening late July 2020. All books for this year are free to read and available digitally which is great news for all parents at a time where the library is closed and new books are difficult to get hold of.

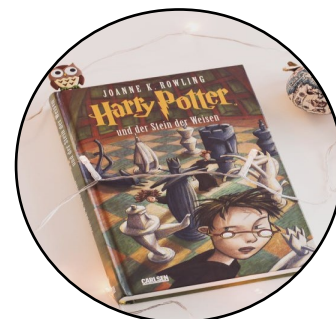
For the challenge, children can read and vote for their favourite book, write and upload a book review or do a drawing of their favourite character, setting or create and draw a book cover. All great and purposeful activities to do at home.

Once they are done, all they need to do is take a photo of their drawing/ review, fill in the form, upload the picture and then press the submit button to send to the relevant email address.

They will also be uploading short videos by some of the authors onto the website, talking about their books and answering questions about them too. Keep a look out for these too.

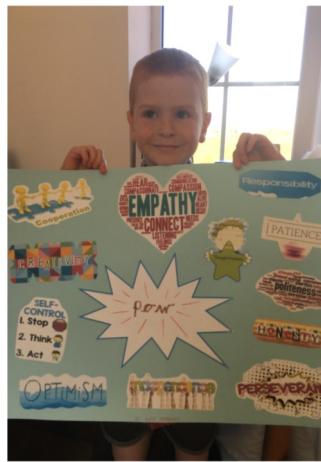
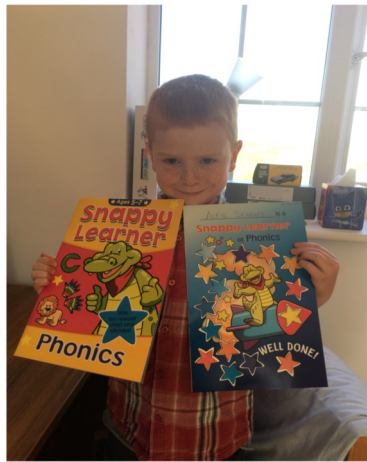
Further information [can be found here](#).

Please remember that the library offers [online borrowing](#) too. Joining the library is free and the books can be read on any device.

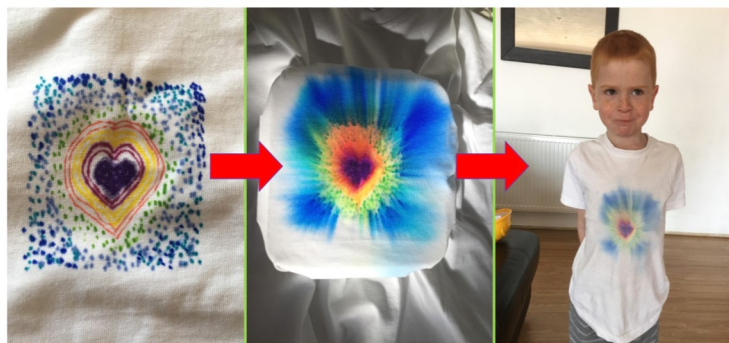


Celebrating Our Superb Learners

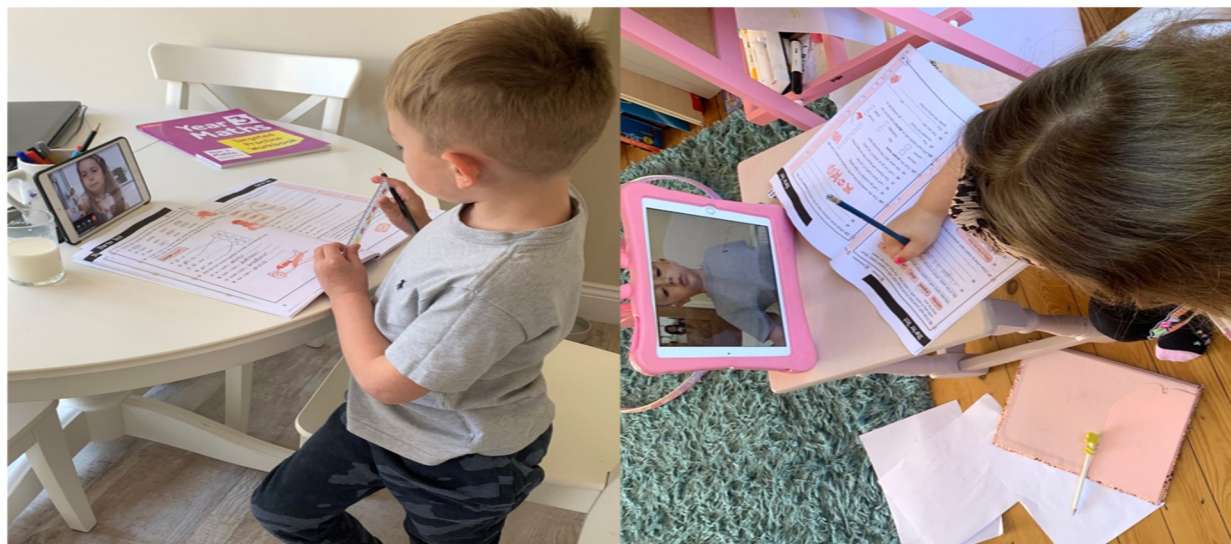
We know that a lot of hard work is happening all around the community which is obvious from the multitude of photos we receive each week. This week however, we want to also showcase the variety of learning that some children are doing and how creative some children are being in showing their co-operation.

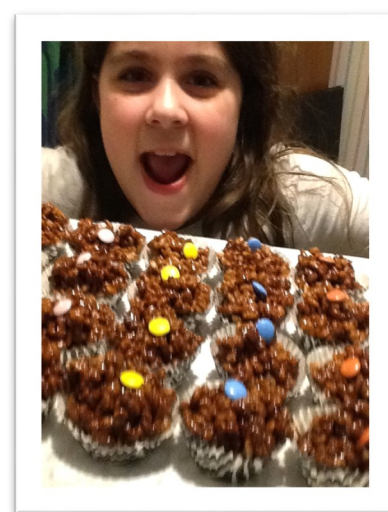
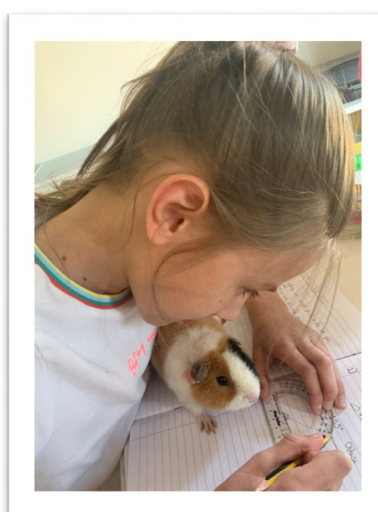
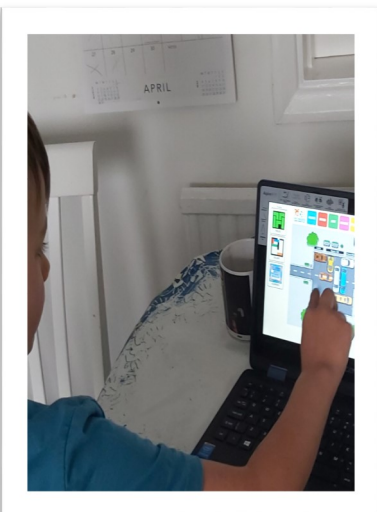


First we have Alfie showing how his learning spans from practicing his phonics and spelling to creating POW values posters and even creating new trendy designs for his clothes. Great job Alfie!



Next we have Lewie and Gabriella showing inventive cooperation as they help each other with their work. Great idea!





Thank you to all our excellent learners and please keep sending your photos of work and fun activities through to **office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk**