



## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Prize Winners this week

**Class 1: Anya for fabulous phonics.**

**Class 2: Ebanie for fantastic measuring and beautiful joined up writing.**

**Class 3: Isabella for homework and super enthusiasm.**

**Class 4: Dion for concentration and great maths work.**

Welcome back,

The children have been amazing this first week back. It has been lovely to see all their smiles, and to hear the low hum of learning through the building. The level of engagement in remote learning has been excellent for most children. For those who struggled to engage fully there has been some regression with skills. Over the next weeks until Easter we will be assessing the children formally and informally and brushing up on skills. Once the teacher for each class, has evaluated their pupils' needs, we will be having after school catch up sessions for each class. These will be for those children who need extra tuition to catch up, following the National lockdowns. We feel it is better to do these intensive learning sessions after school during term time, to avoid having to open school in the summer holidays.

**Class 1:** Well, welcome back everyone! It is good to be back and the children have definitely had a great week. I miss the mute button! We have been busy straight away with our planting and the children have been experiencing playing with the compost and feeling its texture. We also dissected a couple of `daffodil` bulbs after peeling the layers away. They may ask you to peel an onion this weekend to see the onion layers. Hopefully they won't cry. They did promise not to. Next week, we will be back on track with our homework but for now though go through the phonic work that you have already at home. (The pink letter sounds, reading sentences and practising spellings they already have from previous weeks). Thank you for returning the blue work books. You will get these back at some point. Some of the work completed is fab and the photos show the enjoyment the children had with their learning. Thank you. Most children including the children in school have filled two books. This is very impressive. Next week we will be watching the runner beans begin to grow. P.S Please could you return any reading books? Thank you.

**Class 2:** As part of our PLANTS topic we have been learning about where tea comes from and its history. In English we are focusing on learning to spell the 100 common exception words for year 1 and year 2 as well as learning where to put capital letters and full stops. In maths we have been refreshing our skills measuring in cms and measuring liquids in mls as well as the 2 x table. In art the children were inspired by Gustav Klimt's tree of life and produced beautiful collages.

**Class 3:** It has been wonderful to see everyone back at school. This week class 3 have settled back in to school and done some super work. Everyone has been enthusiastic and eager to explore our new topic. We have planted a selection of flowers and will be observing how they grow. We have started to look at working with decimals, using our fraction knowledge. The children are building and expanding their writing skills. Please remember homework and any lockdown work books on Monday please, thank you!

**Class 4:** All the children are glad to be back and have had a very busy week. There has been some fabulous art work produced while learning and studying the works of Jane Bannon and Steven Brown. The children have also enjoyed conducting their own science experiments where they have been growing their own plants, under different variables.

