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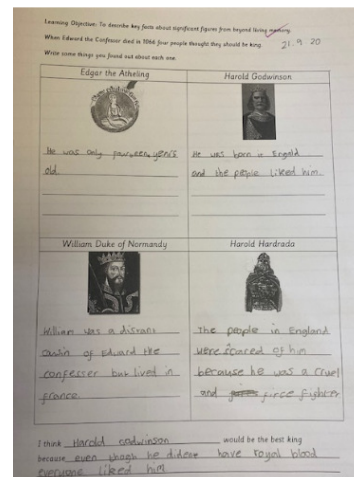
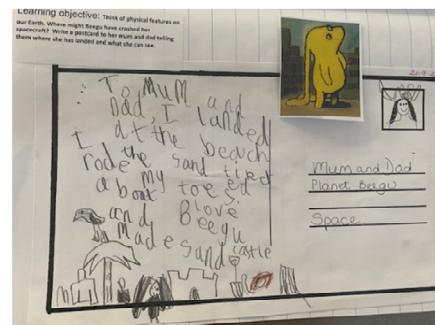
Dear Parent/Carer,

This week in school we have been reflecting on our curriculum plans based on initial observations and assessments of children since their return. We are really pleased with the amount of learning children have retained from last year (another huge thanks to you all for your home-learning support) and are feeling positive about the progress they can all make. What we have all noticed is that children are struggling to be one of up to 30 again after such a long break and are finding the full day and week more challenging than in previous years. We have already introduced an extra playtime as well as well-being sessions in the day, but have decided to pare back plans over the next weeks to ensure children are well settled. You can help at home by ensuring evenings and weekends are as relaxed as possible, so that children are refreshed for school.



**Celebrations:**

This week Reception children have had their first PE session. We are really impressed with their great listening and enthusiasm! They are continuing with their 'All about me' Learning and it is lovely to see the gallery of family photos in the classrooms celebrating this. Year 1 have been geographers this week. With the help of Beegu they have been finding out about the physical features of our land as well as imagining the features they might find where Beegu lives! Year 2 have been historians, learning about past kings. They evaluated the evidence to decide which they thought would make the best ruler.



### **Stars of the Week:**

**Class 4: Max**

**Class 5: Eryn**

**Class 6: Austin**

**Class 7: Ben**

**Class 8: Elliott**

**Class 9: Jessica**

### **Class of the Week: Class 4**

For demonstrating great listening skills during carpet times and being roles models in their play and how they move around our school

Well done to all of you for shining out this week!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker

### **Messages:**

**Curriculum Information for parents-**A separate communication will be sent next week with a link to a curriculum information presentation and a follow-up Q&A session. Please look out for it and submit any questions.

**Wash stations-**We have been notified that many parents are needing to help their children to use the taps on our outside wash stations. We are unable to provide hand gel for parents, so ask that you use your own sanitiser if you are needing to support the use of the taps to reduce the risk of transfer from this touch point.

**Home Learning-**A reminder that planning is accessible via the Class blogs for those at home. **In the event of a class or wider closure,** plans will be adapted by teachers. In response to parent feedback in the survey last term, teachers will also plan a phone call to each child

to check in and maintain contact. They will inform you via email which day this will be on, but please expect a call from withheld number as teachers are required to keep their numbers private.

**Government Covid Guidance-**Guidance for the re-opening of schools has now been made more accessible and is translated into a number of languages.

### **School meals**

#### **Menu swap - fish and chips on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Please note, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October is the day of the school census when the universal free school meal funding is calculated. In order to promote uptake of meals (and maximise funding to the school) fish and chips will be available on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October alongside the ham/tuna and cheese wraps normally served. The pork/chicken/Halal or vegetarian sausage/pasta option will be served on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. It would be really appreciated if your child could have a school meal on Thursday. Thank you.

#### **New simplified menu**

Please find attached a new school menu. This has been simplified as pupils were finding the considerable number of choices available confusing. The new menu alternates the option of jacket potato or tomato pasta for separate days.