



Calveley Primary Academy Newsletter

January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what an interesting start to the term we have all had! I don't think any of us suspected that we would be open for one day before launching into a further national lockdown. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your tremendous support over the past two weeks. It is not easy for anyone having to change arrangements at the drop of a hat.

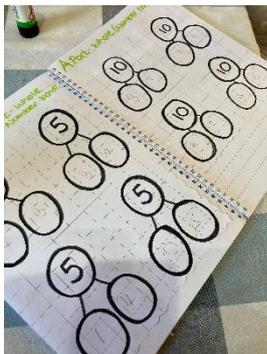
Remote Learning

I have to thank you all for an incredibly positive start to our remote learning offer. I know it is not easy for many of our families for a number of reasons. An astonishing 97% of our children have accessed their learning online and have been submitting work for our teachers to check and respond to. We are absolutely thrilled to see what has been achieved – so a huge thank you to you all for your support with this.

We have decided to celebrate the performance of our children by selecting our "impressive workers of the week" for each class. This can be children learning on-site or those accessing work from home.

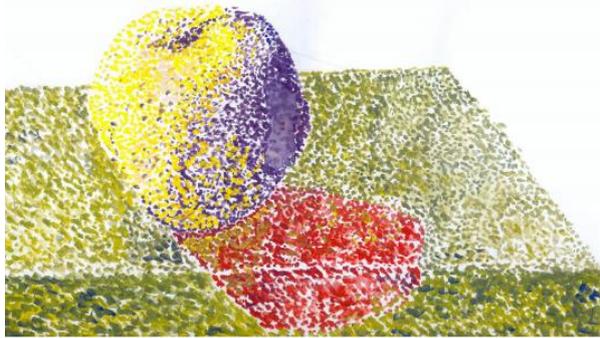
Class 1

Well done to Orlah Maudsley and Carter Burnett for their super Maths work and to Rossi Burnett for his Winter woodland artwork.

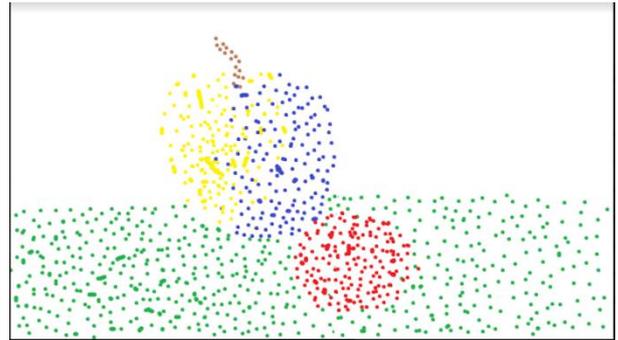


Class 2

For computing, the children learnt about an art technique called Pointillism, which is about creating pictures using dots. They then had a go at copying a picture using Paint, or a similar package. Poppy made a fantastic effort to copy the original picture paying attention to colour, shape and position. Well done Poppy!



The piece of work to be copied.



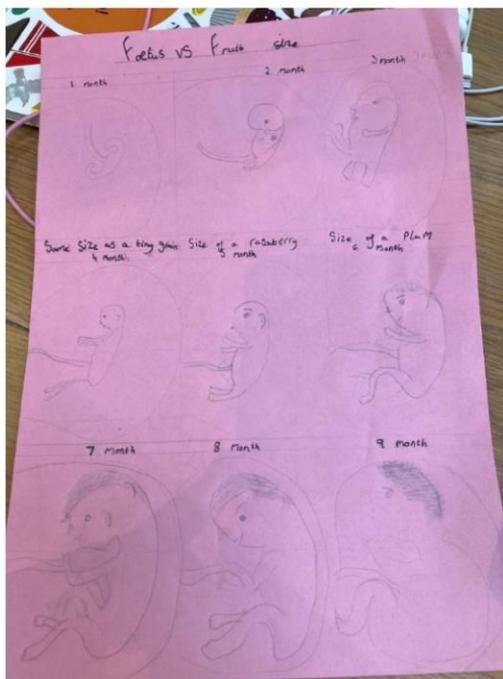
Poppy's picture.

Class 3

Mr Banks is delighted with Maisie Wootton, not for one piece of work in particular, but for her general effort with every piece of work from day one. She's been trying really hard with everything and handing it all in. She has produced some wonderful English work.



The lanky trees are swishing in the wind.
 The huge ship is floating in the wavy sea.
 The lonely plain paths are as happy as a baby with food because no one is standing on them except for 7 people.
 The towering buildings are as still as a statue.



Class 4

The children were asked to draw a developing foetus (an unborn human) at monthly stages during the gestation period as part of their science work.

Maisie Rowland drew wonderful diagrams, which included labels and a fruit size comparison. Mrs Spencer was very impressed with her attention to detail. At each stage you can see how the foetus is developing and what new body parts have grown. It's incredible to think that we all started like this!

Excellent research, work and presentation Maisie – well done!

Staffing News

We are very excited to let you know that we have 2 new members of staff joining our team. Mrs Laura Clothier will be joining us as a Teaching Assistant. Laura has a lot of experience working in primary schools and is a qualified teacher. Mrs Rachel Hughes will also be joining us on an apprentice Level 3 Teaching Assistant course. Both Laura and Rachel will take up their positions imminently and we are looking forward to working with them.



Mrs Spencer is expecting (again!!!). Her third child is due in May. I will write nearer the time with a staffing update for Class 4.

Assessment Information

As you may well be aware, all statutory assessments for this academic year have once more been cancelled by the Government. This means there will be no phonics screening check for our Y1 pupils, no Y2 Sats, no Y4 times tables test and no Y6 Sats. We will of course continue to assess our pupils and provide internal teacher assessments where required. We are awaiting further guidance from the Government and will update you once this is received.

And finally.....

Some more positive news - a huge thank you to FROCS who raised an incredible £522 in the Christmas raffle. We are also extremely grateful to Mike Almond who has been able to secure Barclay's match funding giving us a massive total of £1044 for the pupils in Calveley. Thank you everyone for your help, donations and ticket purchases.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest regards,

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