



Holywell Primary School

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15th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Week 8 of School Closure

The government announced last Sunday that schools should open from Monday 1st June 2020 for some year groups and we have been working hard planning for this. I appreciate that staff, parents and pupils will be anxious to get back into a routine at school. With that in mind and plans being finalised today, a letter will go out to parents on Monday with an idea of what reopening will look like. Everyone's health and well-being is being carefully considered under this plan.

Social distancing will be implemented and it is pertinent that all stakeholders follow the guidelines stipulated for the safety of everyone. The principles set out by the government includes pupils moving around in smaller groups instead of classes and that a group will not mix with another group to stop the possible spread of the virus. A deep clean of the classrooms that will be used from Monday 1st June 2020 will start today and we will be using new fogging technology as part of the deep clean. Pupils in school will receive an altered curriculum and plans for that will also be shared on Monday.

All staff from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be in school next Thursday and Friday to plan their work. Home learning for Year 1 and Year 6 will be set but unfortunately teachers will not have as much time as they had previously to respond to queries.

Home learning for Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, and Year 5 will continue on Monday 1st June 2020 and we will also continue to provide care for the children of Key Workers from that date.

Survey – Returning to School

Thank you to the parents who have completed our online questionnaire last week. I include here a link for parents who have children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Please complete the questionnaire and tell us if you plan to send your child into school from the 1st June 2020.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZVVXPCG>

Half Term

Monday 25th May 2020 until Friday 29th May 2020 is half term. The school will be open for pupils of Key Workers during this week.

Assembly

My latest virtual assembly was posted in the Google Classroom this morning. The class code for the assembly is **m2k2kos**. Please go to 'add a class' and enter the code, if you have not done so already, to access the assembly class. Please encourage your child to complete the activities set. They can easily be completed by all pupils from the family at the same time.



Playing Field

The long awaited work of levelling the school playing field finally started this week. It is very exciting to see the results of the fundraising and funding coming to fruition, we will have a brand new playing field when it is finished. I will give parents an update each week on the progress of works.



Nursery September 2020.

We have the capacity to take more children into our Nursery next year. Parents with children who were born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 can apply for a Nursery place for their child. We will also continue to offer 30 hour per week for parents who qualify. Follow the link here to apply <http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/> and send your completed application to the school office as soon as possible. Please tell your family and friends as well.

Isle of Wight Refund

Unfortunately due to the current situation the Year 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight has been cancelled. A full refund will be sent to parents next week by cheque.

Managing the effect of lockdown

We would like to provide you with some useful ideas on how to manage the effects of lockdown, including loneliness, boredom, family problems and sleep disturbance. Please follow the link below.

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2035/coronavirus-dealing-with-effects-toolkit-5.pdf>

Secondary School Transfers – September 2021

A letter was sent out recently to parents of children in our current Year 5. This letter gives detailed information about how you go about applying to take the Consortium Test for the following schools -



- Croxley Dames
- Parmiter's
- Queens'
- Rickmansworth
- St Clement Danes
- Watford Grammar School for Boys
- Watford Grammar School for Girls

The test registration website address is -

<http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

Home learning

As home learning is set to continue for many our pupils please give complete last weeks survey if you have not already to give us an understanding of your online learning needs.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9SCJBCV>

Free School Meals

We will continue to buy food vouchers through the government website for pupils entitled to free school meals for the week commencing Monday 25th May 2020. We will also buy vouchers for pupils in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 for the week commencing 1st June 2020. Pupils in school will be provided with a lunch.

If you are not registered for Free School Meals and believe you might be entitled please check via the Hertfordshire County Council website on the link below.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Nursery	Isaac	for working hard with his reading on Bug Club
Blue Base	Manan	for his great home learning writing.
Red Base	Maryam	for fantastic letter formation of one armed robot family letters;
Sycamore	Faith	for her fantastic effort to improve her handwriting and her excellent instructions for Beegu
Maple	Maisey	for showing a positive attitude towards all areas of her learning and writing a great set of instructions.
Hawthorn	Reece	for always ensuring that he is completing his work on time and to a very high standard!
Hazel	Adam	For always showing a fantastic attitude towards his learning.
Pine	Laxshan	for a fantastic, animated video performance of a poem
Aspen	David	for always working his hardest.
Mulberry	Arshaq	for using his resilience to create a piece of non fiction writing, taking on feedback and advice to improve his work.
Cedar	Lois	for working hard to complete tasks to a high standard
Chestnut	Lenny	For always completing his Maths tasks with high level accuracy.
Elder	Ayesha	for writing a detailed imaginative description using expanded noun phrases and figurative language.
Rowan	Mohammad Bilal	for trying hard during reading sessions.
Elm	Zafir	for his excellent work on place value
Birch	Enxhi	for excellent participation during online lessons

Contacting us

Even though school is 'closed' staff are still working. Those not in school each day work from home. If you need to contact the school then there are a few options available.

Telephone - 01923 225 188 term time from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm.

Email: admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk

Parents are reminded that they can contact Mrs Bahirathan by email bahirathanb@holywell.herts.sch.uk should they need other support and information not related to their child's learning but maybe around issues like welfare, mental health, financial support.



The school also has a twitter account that we use to share information with parents and that can be used more effectively should we get more followers. If you have Twitter then please follow us on **@PrimaryHolywell**

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Nursery	Mariah	for being busy, creating and sorting
Blue Base	Anannya	for her continuous reading.
Red Base	Bilal	for resilience during his learning at home
Sycamore	Sofia	for showing resilience in her learning when she is finding it tricky
Maple	Sathuja	for being resilient in her learning
Hawthorn	Haresh	for making an excellent effort this week with his online learning and showing great resilience!
Hazel	Lara	For showing reasoning when solving questions on the properties of shapes in maths.
Pine	Harley	for great resilience in writing a poem for VE day
Aspen	Sofia	for showing resilience in her work at school
Mulberry	Shamil	for giving 100% effort with all of his learning this (and every) week.
Cedar	Hassan	for using his reasoning skill to solve negative number word problems
Chestnut	Yaavarthan	For always being a responsible member and responding brilliantly during online sessions.
Elder	Wilan	for taking an active part in the online lessons.
Rowan	Amy	for showing resourcefulness and working hard on her home learning.
Elm	Adina	for her excellent reasoning during live sessions
Birch	Idhla	for an excellent autobiography using a range of features.













You may email your child class teacher with issues relating to their class work. Teachers email addresses are:

Nursery	Mrs J Hewett	hewettj@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Reception Blue	Mr G Szajko	szajkog@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Reception Red	Mrs A Lazar	lazare@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 1 Sycamore	Miss H Whiting	whitingh@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 1 Maple	Mrs R Hussain	hussainr@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 2 Hawthorn	Miss A Hampton	hamptona@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 2 Hazel	Miss S Rozan	rozans@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 3 Pine	Miss N Kharbanda	kharbandan@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 3 Aspen	Miss C Downey	downeyc@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 4 Mulberry	Mrs A McLaughlin	mclaughlina@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 4 Cedar	Miss P Sammy	sammyp@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 5 Chestnut	Mrs Gurunathan Sankaran	sankarann@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 5 Elder	Mrs L Clarke	clarkel@holywell.hert.sch.uk
Year 6 Rowan	Mrs L Bancroft Prescott	bancroftprescottl@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 6 Birch	Miss L Rogers	rogersl@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 6 Elm	Miss L Patrick	patrickl@holywell.herts.sch.uk

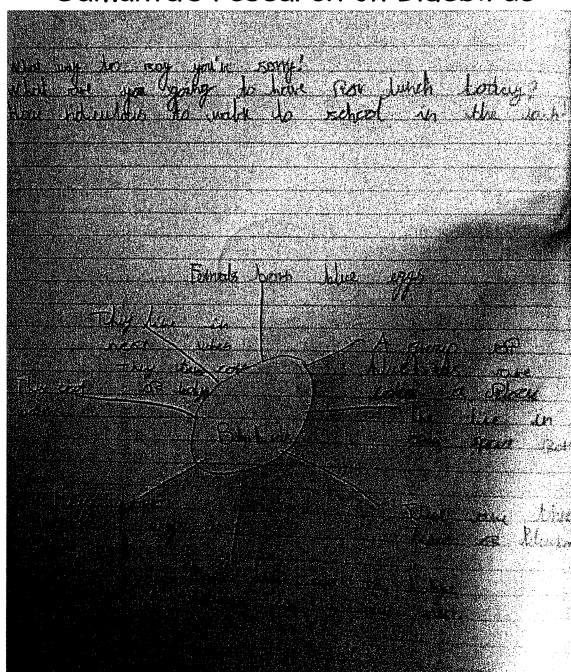
Good work examples this week :

Well done everyone for working so hard. Here are some examples of good work that your teachers have sent on









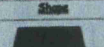


Samanta's work on the properties of 2D shapes

Shape	Name of the shape	Properties
	Rectangle	4 Sides Yes Also 180° 4 corners symmetrical
	Triangle	3 sides 3 corners Yes
	Square	4 sides 4 corners Yes
	Circle	0 sides 0 corners Yes
Shape	Name of the shape	Properties
	Pentagon	5 sides 5 corners Yes
	Hexagon	6 sides 6 corners Yes
	Heptagon	7 sides 7 corners Yes
	Octagon	8 sides 8 corners Yes
Shape	Name of the shape	Properties
	Trapezium	4 sides 4 corners Yes
	Irregular pentagon	5 sides 5 corners Yes
	Irregular quadrilateral	4 sides 4 corners NO
	Irregular shape	0 sides 0 corners NO

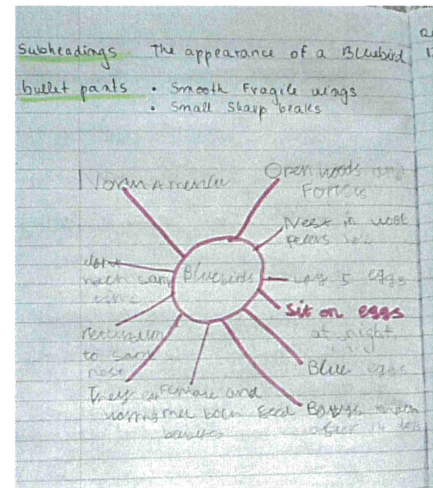
Samanta's research on Bluebirds



Stanley's work on the properties of 2D shapes

Shape	Name of the shape	Properties
	Rectangle	yes 4 sides 4 corners
	Triangle	yes 3 sides 3 corners
	Square	yes 4 sides 4 corners
	Circle	it is symmetrical 1 side 0 corners
Shape	Name of the shape	Properties
	Pentagon	yes it is symmetrical 5 sides 5 corners
	Hexagon	yes it is symmetrical 6 sides 6 corners
	Octagon	yes it is symmetrical 8 sides 8 corners
Shape	Name of the shape	Properties
	arrow	yes it is symmetrical 4 sides 4 corners
	irregular pentagon	yes it is symmetrical 5 sides 5 corners
	irregular hexagon	no it is not symmetrical 6 sides 6 corners
	irregular heptagon	not symmetrical 7 sides 7 corners

Rebeka's research on bluebirds



Samanta identifying the features of a non-fiction text

The lion is yellow and black
The Zebra is white and black
The giraffe has long tall neck and long legs
The elephant has a long trumpet

Headline must be underlined or bold
Paragraph is 4-6 lines
Fact: The first American woman was Bessie Coleman
in America in 1912
This text has two sections
First because it is a list

Why are non-fiction text important?
They are important because they tell us
people find and it describes it.

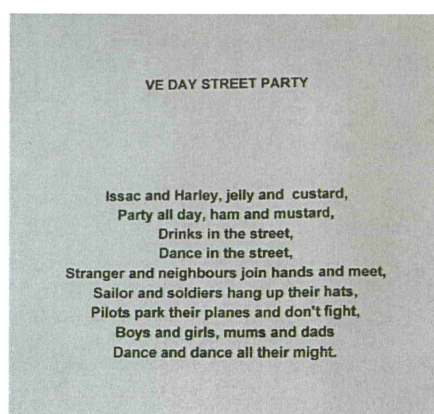
What are facts?
They are information and tells people
interesting things they might not know.

What is the purpose of a caption?
So people can know what it shows.

Neil Armstrong arrived in space. He was
the first American man to walk on the
moon.



By Harley - Year 3 Pine

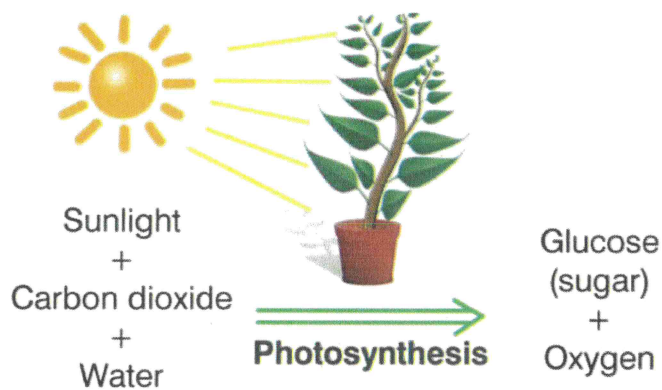


Photosynthesis

What is Photosynthesis?

Photosynthesis is a chemical reaction inside the plant producing food for the plant to survive.

Photosynthesis happens inside the leaves of a plant.

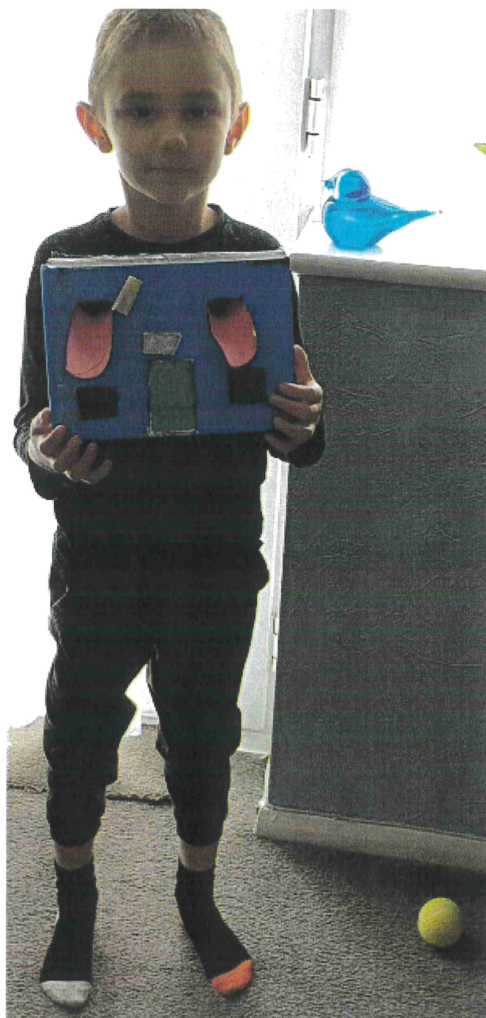
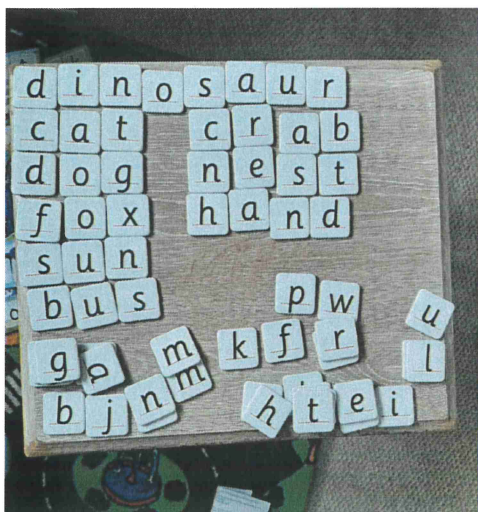
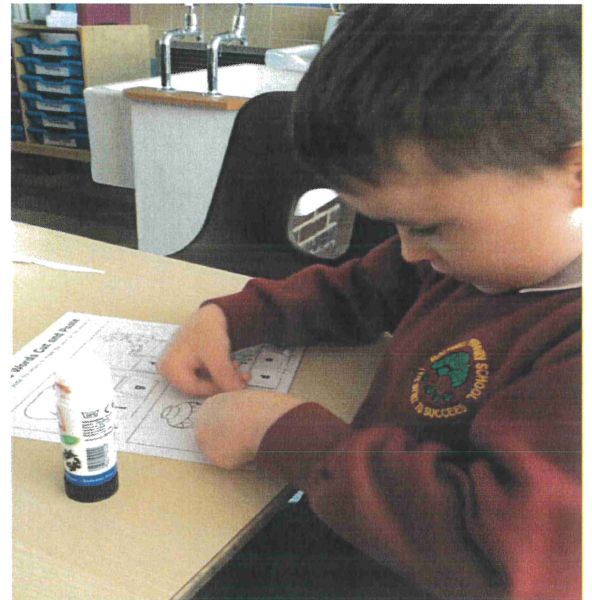


What do you need for Photosynthesis to work?

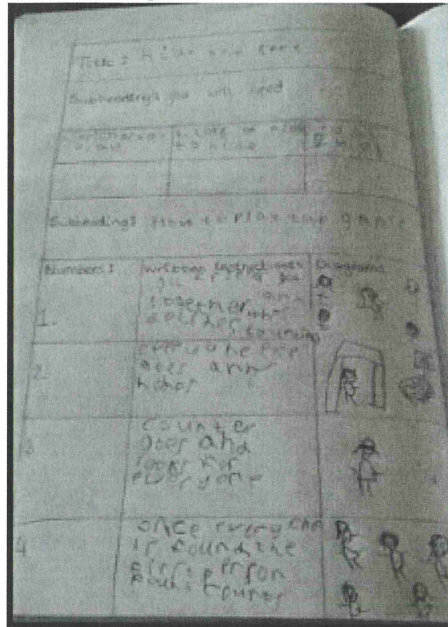
- Seeds
- Soil
- Water
- Roots
- Sunlight
- Carbon Dioxide
- Oxygen
- Glucose



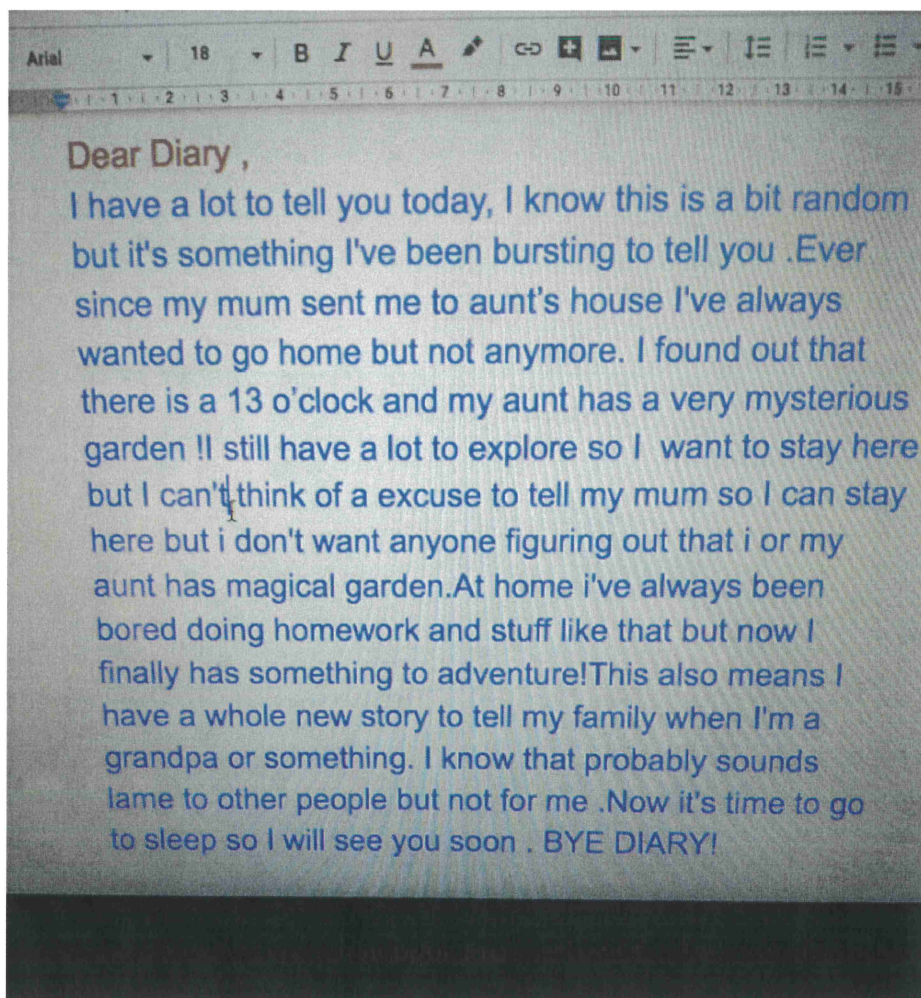
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Faith Sherriff - English - Instructions for Beegu



Nuredin's diary - Year 5 Elder



12.4.2020

Dear Diary, when I first came to my Aunt's home I was so eager to leave as soon as I could, I even said I'd rather have measles with Peter than stay with my Aunt Gwen.

But now I don't want to leave! The garden is so confusing and I have so many things I need to figure out 10 days is not enough for anything. I have to find a way to stay longer so I can figure out more things about the garden!

I could try to catch measles but then I wouldn't be able to go out of bed for the whole day and I'd be too tired to walk so I can't do that. Maybe I can fake a fever by getting a rag, soaking it in boiling hot water, clampen it, then put it on my head so my Aunt will not watch me too closely in fear of getting measles!

That's a good idea, but I still need to think!

See ya Diary,

catch you
next time!

Kavya – Year 6 Birch

Work based on the book 'Way Home' including a poem and the beginning of an autobiography.
It's this:

Way Home Poem

A quiet alley,
In the dead of night,
Hidden away,
Out of sight.

Abandoned buildings,
With crumbling walls,
Once stood stable,
Strong and tall.

No sound could be heard,
The air was cold,
Even the wind,
Grew tired and old.

Clouds were grey,
Trees were bare,
Everything here,
Was filled with despair.

Rain lashed down,
Tears from the sky,
Without misery,
Not a day went by

Idhla – Year 6 Birch

The beginning of an autobiography about Shane, the boy in the book we are studying.

Autobiography about Shane Hudson

It's difficult being me; especially when you're homeless. You probably expect people to pity you once you tell them you are, but that really isn't the case. In fact in the urban areas of America people pass by you trying to avoid eye contact. People scowl at you as if you're some sort of, I don't know, rabid racoon. I usually would say to myself that 'I'll be the person scowling at you soon in my green jag' but who knows when that will really happen.

But it isn't all bad; I mean the whole of America is open to me so there isn't anyone to stop me from being adventurous and I do get on with other animals you see as nobody else wants to talk to me. I guess you want to hear more about being homeless and how I ended up being so. So you might as well read from the beginning.

My name is Shane Hudson and I'm twelve years old, I've been living on the streets for seven years (since I was five). I was born on the 15th of August in L.A and I lived with my parents Joe Hudson and Maria Hudson until I was four. When I was born the doctors diagnosed me with Tourettes (a common neurodevelopmental disorder that begins in childhood). So I can't say I wasn't much of a nuisance to them. However everything was fine, I'd go to school, play with my friends and just enjoy life until my mum died.

Aisha - Year 6 Birch

Cats

Scaredy cat,
Come back,
Skinny minny,
You're so pretty.

Spitfire,
Catlegs,
get off the edge,
of the window-ledge.

Whiskettes,
Pussycat,
Come out here,
Don't fear!

Cat number one,
Get out and run,
Clever baby,
Don't get too hasty.

Fat cat,
Don't lie on the mat,
Upcat,
get down here stat!



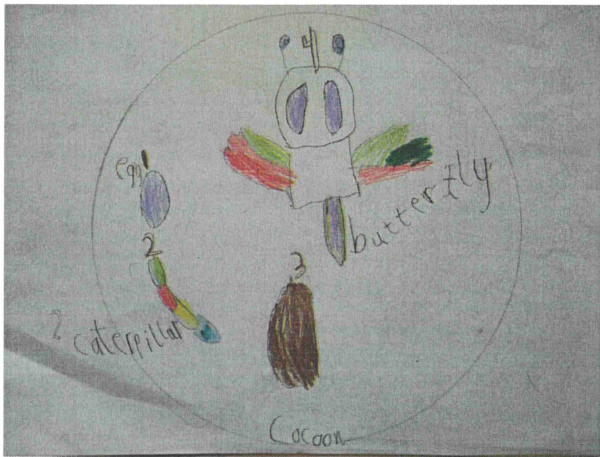
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Dear Diary

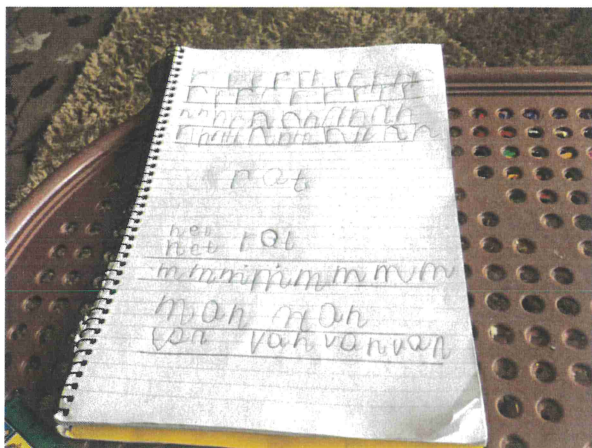
I have a lot to tell you first of all I'm so scared of going home because I don't want to get sick with the measles. I've had my temperature taking everyday and all is good so far. And I don't want to leave my. Magical garden, you should see it I wish you could come and look around and Explore with me we would have so much fun. I didn't believe in magical fairy tales but it is real you have to believe in it.

I'll keep you up to date talk to you soon peter!!!

Red base

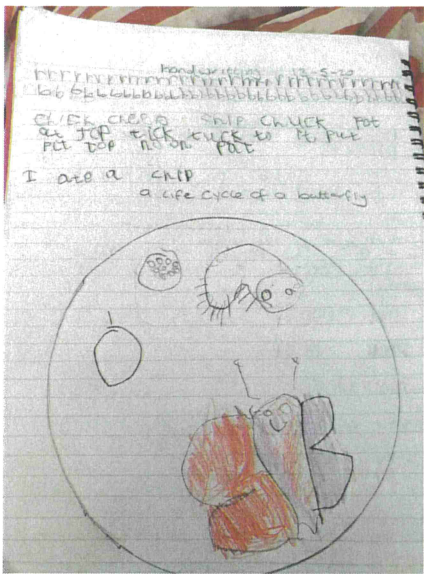


Julio' s drawing of the Life cycle of a butterfly!

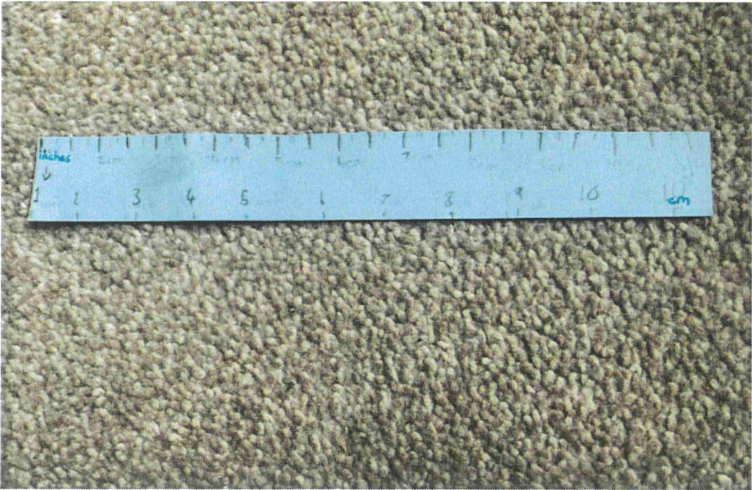


Maryam was practicing writing the one armed robot family letters.

Amelia Rose was practicing her handwriting and drawing The life cycle of a butterfly.



Neja’s imperial to metric conversion paper ruler:



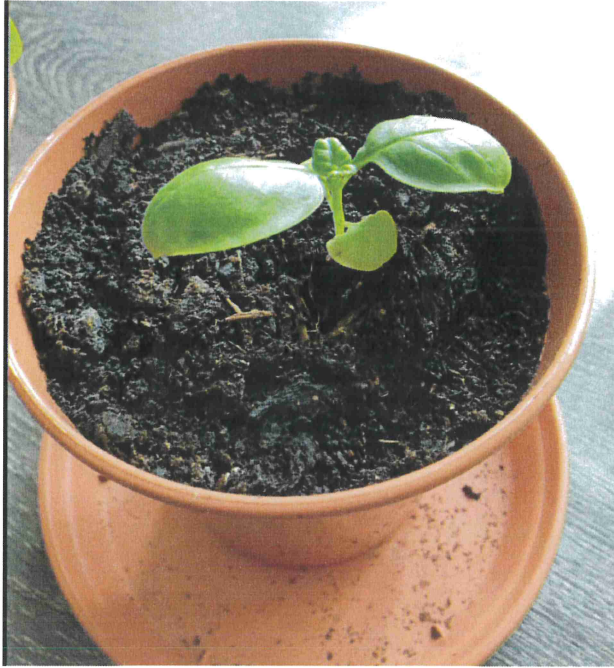
Nuredin’s table with imperial to metric conversions

Now measure these items using your measuring tape,
in both cm and inches

The following are some of the items you can measure: But add at least 6 more items and measure them both in cm and inches.

Items	cm	inches
Pencil	14cm	5.7
Sketch book	Width:15cm	6
Piggy bank	12.5cm	5
Table length	13cm	5.5
Candle	7cm	2.7
Math book	27.5	11
Keys	5.5	2.3

Katie about her Science work –“This is my Science homework! I grew from seeds Lettuce, Pansies, Beetroot and Basil!! My dad helped me mix compost and pot them.”



Arya's Plants



Ayesha's Chickpeas

