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12th February 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

So, we have reached the end of Term 3 and it has truly been an extraordinary term. The children and families of Barnack have been wonderful; adapting to new ways of learning in the classroom and at home. It has been a joy to hear and watch children across the school embracing their learning and rising to the challenges that have faced them. Let's find out what's been happening during the last 2 weeks.

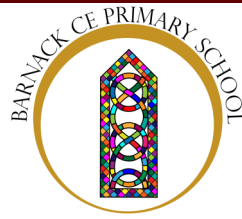
### News From The Classrooms:

Well, what a great half term we have had in Year 2! It's been an unusual one but one that all of year 2 have faced positively while showing great grit and determination. Despite the cold weather we have enjoyed sharing our snow day pictures and getting out and walking as much as we can - proof in the fact we WON the inter-school walking competition! We have been busy learning about the Great Fire of London and look forward to continuing our learning on this next term. We have loved diving into what life was like in 1666, learning about Samuel Pepys and the architecture of London at the time. This has helped us to answer our Big Question this term.

We have tried to maintain the classroom feel all term despite most of the class being at home. This has been great and both children at home and at school have been as engaged as they would have been in the classroom, although we will all be glad to get back to some normality and be reunited again soon!



Reception have been learning about all the different ways we can help our world, from reducing our use of plastic, to turning off lights when we leave the room. The children have become so engaged with this topic and have loved learning about David Attenborough and how he is trying to educate people to help our world. In maths this half term we have been learning about capacity, weight and tens numbers, the children have loved applying their learning with lots of practical activities, we have loved seeing how creative the children at home have become with creating scales from hangers and finding all sorts of objects in their homes to use in our lessons. Reception have had a fantastic half term and Miss Brass is so proud of everything they have achieved.



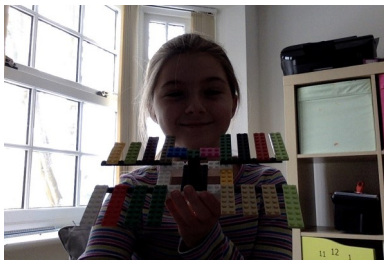
## Reception photographs:



This has been a wonderfully busy term for year 5, we have fully immersed ourselves in our topic of space across all of our lessons.

In maths we have conquered multiples, factors prime numbers and extended our knowledge of multiplication and division. We are beginning to look at fractions and take our mastery to the next level! In English we have been reading and writing about space, whether that be conducting research or composing our own reports. We will finish the term off with a big write to consolidate all the grammatical skills we have learnt this term. In science, we have been delving into our solar system to figure out how it works and the future of space travel!

Year 5 have worked so hard this term and should be looking forward to a well deserved rest next week!



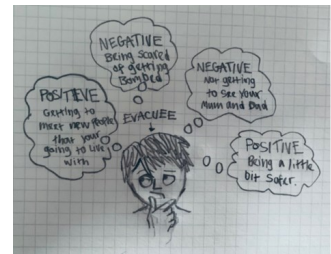
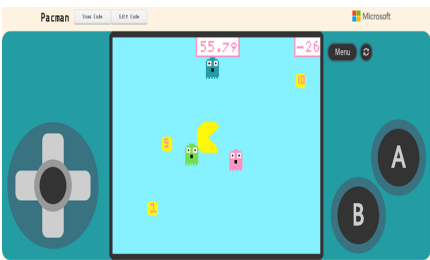
Year 3 have worked really hard over the last few weeks of the term. We have performed a dissection of a flower and an investigation into how celery soaks up water as part of our pollinators topic. In maths, we have converted metric measurements in a variety of contexts and used these skills to engage in a little codebreaking. We have been writing in role in English as we wrote letters to Hogarth and the Iron Man in response to our class reading book, Ted Hughes' The Iron Man.





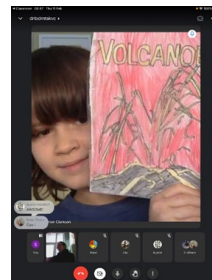
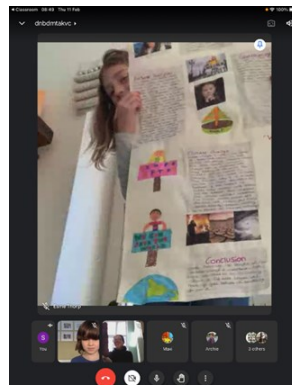
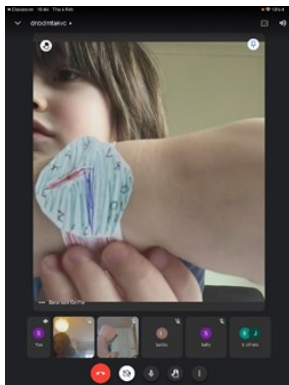
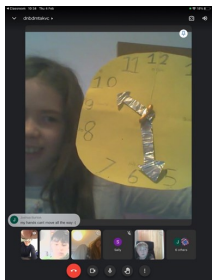
Wow that was a whirlwind! Where has the past 6 weeks gone? We should be super proud of all we have achieved during the past half term. Year 6 have worked tirelessly and adapted to blended learning effortlessly, this has resulted in continuing to make great progress in their learning. We have had great fun participating in the online computer game workshop which has ignited a new love of coding within the class.

We took part in a virtual author visit, where Danny Wallace shared some insightful tips to help improve our creative writing. Furthermore, a huge highlight for me has been the intelligent, mature; discussions and debates we have managed to have. Should graffiti be legalised? Is a Jaffa cake, a cake or a biscuit? The persecution of Jewish people during world war 2. The similarities and differences between Hinduism and Christianity, all conducted respectfully and with great enthusiasm. Thank you for all your efforts this half term Year 6, you continually make me proud. Keep up the good work!



Year 4 have had a brilliant term, the weeks have flown by! The children have made me and Mrs Jones very proud with their wonderful attitude, engagement and enthusiasm for all their learning. They have immersed themselves in blended learning and are now confidently sharing their work on screen. In computing the children have become confident experimenters and tinkerers using Scratch to create animation. Just this morning they learnt how to use Jamboard, I'm looking forward to seeing some of their interactive information boards after half term.

The children have been bust learning about non-chronological reports. The quality of the children's research, writing and presentation has been brilliant, well done Year 4!







### A message from Mrs Jones

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you. It has been lovely to see how engaged the children have been over the last few months and their commitment to learning. We certainly recognise the challenge for parents in a range of circumstances at this time. Through conversations, we are aware of the balancing act in respect of juggling jobs and home learning requirements. Each and every child has worked tirelessly throughout this term and it's thanks to you for this commitment.

Today we sadly said goodbye to Miss Walton, although she will return after half term as the SENCO one day per week. All the staff at Barnack wish her the best of luck in her new role and she will definitely be missed by all.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support. We wish you all a very restful, happy and safe half term and we look forward to seeing all the children and families of Barnack back on Monday 22nd February.

Warmest regards,

The Barnack Team

