

## **Spring Half Term Newsletter – Deputy Headteacher’s Message**

To all in our Nishkam family may I extend a heart felt and warm thank you. To the parents working tirelessly with home learning, thank you. To our teachers providing the best remote education we can, thank you. To our ATs working with children on site, thank you. To our office staff who keep us all organised and informed, thank you. Finally and most of all, to our wonderful pupils who continue to work so hard, thank you.

We are so proud of everything we continue to achieve and this term has been no different. The work being sent in via Dojo is wonderful. Mr Dhanjal and I have particularly enjoyed the responses to the big question.

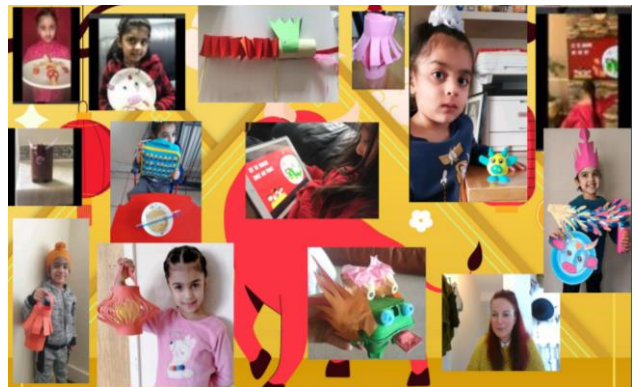
Like all of you, we are eagerly awaiting the announcement from the government regarding schools re-opening. Please rest assured, that whenever that may be, we shall be ready to open our doors to your children. We hope you have a happy and restful half term.

Please Note	
Date	Event
Friday 12th February 21	Last day of Spring Term 1
Monday 22nd February 21	First day of Spring Term 2 for both online and in school learning

## **Happy Chinese New Year 2021**

Children have been learning about this special day through Art, story telling and much more, here is some of what the children have been part of:

Reception – Arts and crafts with a lot of learning:



In school Group 3 have been busy making lamps and learning about the writings and symbols associated with Chinese culture.



In school Group 4 children wore a clothing item that matched the colour of their Chinese Zodiac.

## Truth 1 and Truth 2

A big HELLO to all our wonderful families! We hope you are all safe and well? We would like to say a huge thank you for all your hard work and support during this difficult time, you really have made our jobs easier.

We are over the moon with the engagement and hard work we have seen from our youngest members of Nishkam, they have shown true determination and resilience, which makes us super proud.

Our Winter Wonderland Topic has been fantastic, we have learnt so many amazing facts about the Arctic and Antarctica. We hope you have enjoyed it as much as we have :-)



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## **Service 1 and Service 2**

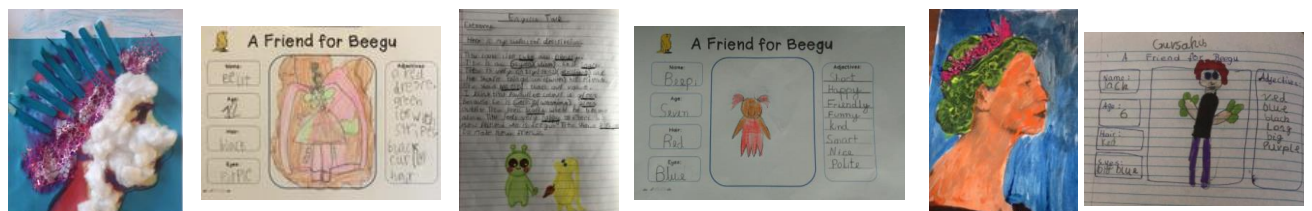
Hello friends! We hope you are all well. We just want to start by saying how incredibly PROUD we are of all children in Service class. You have adapted to home learning so quickly and the level of engagement is great. It has been wonderful to see how you have all been exhibiting our school virtues at home. We have witnessed multiple examples of Resilience, Determination, Creativity and Patience – from both children and parents! We would like to say a big thank you to all parents and grown ups for all of your enthusiasm and support throughout this time. The support you are giving is amazing and we are so grateful for everything you are doing.

In English, we have been looking at the story of Beegu. We have designed a new friend for Beegu and even created our own setting for where Beegu lives. The writing has been wonderful, the children are all working hard to keep their presentation neat and use lots of description in their work.

In Maths, we have been focusing on place value. Children have persevered and worked hard to deepen their understanding of identifying numbers up to 50.

In History, we have been learning all about Monarchs. We have been looking at the role the Queen plays and why we have a Parliament. In Art, we have been looking at Pop Art and we have so many wonderful artists who have created amazing pieces of work.

Here are some pieces of work that show the hard work that has been shown so far during home learning.



## Humility 1 and Humility 2

We hope everyone is safe and well. We are so proud of how hard Year 2 are working at home and how they've adapted to home learning. Well done everyone! Make sure you keep up the good work and keep engaging in your lessons.

We have really enjoyed reading 'The Day The Crayons Quit' and we have done lots of writing to support our learning. We've discovered that Duncan really doesn't show his values! The children have been so determined to do some fantastic writing at home!

In Maths we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes which we have really enjoyed! We have also had lots of fun in History, learning about the Stuarts and creating our collages in Art!

Don't forget to login into Times Tables Rockstars and keep our battle rounds going!

Well done Year 2 and keep up the good work!



## Compassion 1 and Compassion 2

We hope you are all safe and well! We can't even begin to tell you how proud we are of Year 3, for how they have adapted to home learning and their superb engagement with lessons. We talk to the children regularly about values such as Determination, Resilience and Commitment and we can see it all shining through Class Dojo. Thank you children for working so hard, and thank you parents for the truly amazing support you are giving your children at home, to ensure their home learning is a success.

In English, we have been reading 'The Tin Forest' and we have been working hard to plan and write an informal letter. The children are really trying their best to add lots of exciting detail, and they are also working extremely hard to extend their sentences using sentence ladders.

In Maths, Year 3 have just finished their topic on money, including adding, subtracting and converting! It hasn't been easy but as always, they have shown resilience and perseverance. We have now begun our new topic on handling data, which the children are enjoying.

Art and History has been Egyptian mad! The children have been learning interesting facts about the Ancient Egyptians including how their society was run, gods and goddesses, and even the mummification process. They have also made Egyptian jewellery, canopic jars, and have been exploring what they would look like as a Pharaoh, with some very interesting self-portraits. Keep up the good work Year 3!





## Forgiveness

We hope you're all safe and staying positive. A HUGE well done to everyone for your unbelievable work ethic and for consistently showing the value of Resilience throughout these challenging times.

In English, Year 4 have been delving into the book: 'The Lost Happy Endings'. We have completed diary entries, setting descriptions, analysed the author's choice of vocabulary and now we are currently planning our alternative endings.

In Maths, Year 4 have worked on area and fractions this half term. We have looked at key vocabulary and used our multiplication skills to calculate the area of squares, rectangles and rectilinear shapes! For our work on fractions, we have looked at unit-fractions and non-unit fractions.

In Art, the children have focused on the artist, William Morris. They have looked at artwork he created and how symmetry is evident in his paintings. Year 4 were asked to replicate an art piece of William Morris. The children drew some fantastic pieces of artwork. With the example below, Miss Dawar and Mrs Bing found it difficult to distinguish between the two. Can you tell the difference?



Well done and keep up the hard work!

## Contentment

Year 5 have worked extremely well this term engaging and adapting to home learning. They have shown real resilience and determination by engaging daily with their work in all subjects. Miss Kainth and Mrs Chahal are both very impressed and would like to say a big thank you to parents and guardians for supporting their children and making home learning a success.

In English, Year 5 have been focussing on the poem "The Highwayman" writing a range of wonderful diary entries, haikus, informal letters and more. They have edited and ensured they use the sentence ladders to improve and up level their work.

In Maths, Year 5 have worked on fractions this term. They have learnt a range of skills such as converting mixed fraction to improper and vice versa, comparing fractions and adding/subtracting fractions. They have used and applied their times tables knowledge in order to successfully solve the problems.

In Art, the children have created some wonderful pieces based on our topic "Wildlife." They created some beautiful and creative art pieces such as feather drawings, creating art using nature and drawing a range of birds. We have been very impressed with the creativity and imagination of our students when creating such pieces.



## Optimism

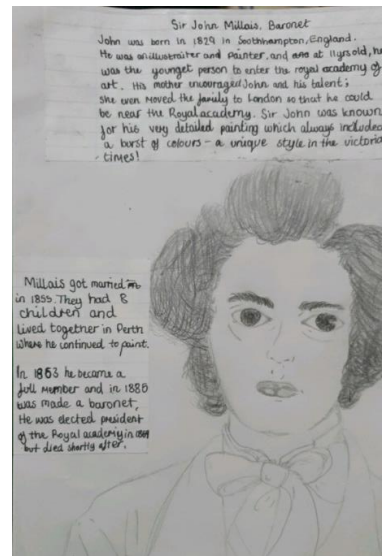
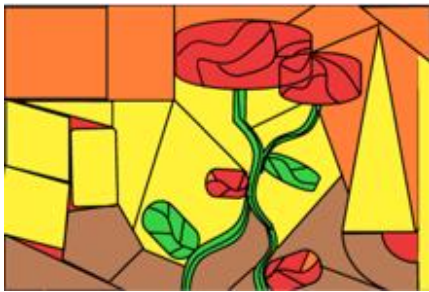
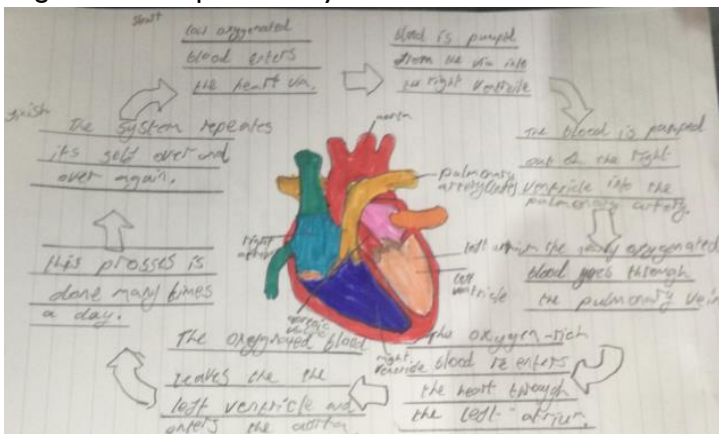
Mr Darby would like to say a massive thank you to Year 6 for showing determination and resilience when adapting to home learning. They have worked extremely hard, and we would also like to thank all parents, guardians and family members who have offered their support at home.

In English, we have been writing about The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. We have created a discussion about Mr Tumnus and a diary entry in the role of Edmund amongst other things. We have also been continuing our weekly comprehension lessons that have seen us cover a wide range of texts.

In Maths, we have been busy converting metric measures and learning to use algebra to solve problems. We have just started to interpret, create and problem solve using line graphs to help us. We have also continued our weekly calculations lessons throughout.

In History we have been learning about the Victorians and the changes and developments that they made towards modern life. We have also learnt about Victorian artists and designers and the contributions that they have made.

Our science lessons have seen us exploring the circulatory system and learning about the heart and the effects that exercise has on us. We have also learnt about the components of blood and how they work together to keep us healthy.



## Please Note

If a parent has a valid reason to visit the school office, please ensure you are wearing a face mask. For any other queries please continue to contact the office by telephone: 01902 537 970 or email the school on [enquiries.npsw@nishkamschools.org](mailto:enquiries.npsw@nishkamschools.org).

Following an appeal on social media, some children in Year 5 made birthday cards for a lady named Lillian, who was celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. This was a lovely act of Love and Compassion, which I am sure Lillian appreciated. Well done to all!

**Make Lillian a 100th Birthday card**

Birmingham care home calls for help celebrating resident's 100th birthday

Lillian has no close family to help her celebrate the milestone



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