



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are keeping well and safe during this current national lockdown.

**Please read the following information –especially if your child is currently attending school:**

From next week school staff are being invited to take part in rapid asymptomatic coronavirus testing. Testing will take place using Rapid Flow Devices that give a result 30mins after the test has been taken. Currently, NHS data suggests that as many as one in three people who have coronavirus do not display any symptoms (*source NHS Test and Trace 21.1.21*). The Lateral Flow Test is designed to rapidly identify people who are positive for Coronavirus helping to slow the spread of the disease. This will mean that the vast majority of adults working in school, will be taking a twice weekly test, at home, prior to coming in to school. If a member of staff tests positive it will mean that they and their family/ bubble will need to begin a period of isolation and then take a second PCR test (these are the tests that are taken at a COVID testing centre).

This may mean that your child's bubble needs to close at short notice.

We will be beginning testing this coming week. If a member of staff does test positive, we may need to make a bubble closure, this information will be shared with you via eSchools. However, please be aware that this could be at very short notice. The likelihood of this happening is most likely to be at the beginning of this process.

**Remote learning**

We are closely monitoring children's engagement with Remote Learning. Last week just under 80% of pupils engaged with remote learning, with our Remote learning Champions being Year 6 (90% engagement –well done), closely followed by Year 2. It is absolutely crucial that every child completes their daily Remote Learning. If your child attends school part-time, then on the days that they are not in school they need to complete their remote learning. We will continue to support families with remote learning. **If you are struggling with technology or do not have enough devices or suitable devices to access Remote Learning please get in touch with school.** We may be able to help you. Where ever possible please hand in work daily, this allow the teachers to mark them daily.

Thank you for your support

HM Government

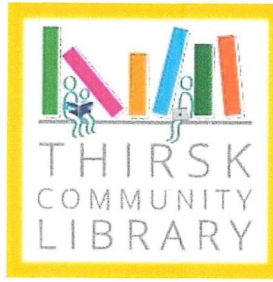
**STAY AT HOME**

- ▶ Only leave home for food, medical reasons, exercise or work
- ▶ Work from home unless you are unable to do so
- ▶ Do not travel unless necessary
- ▶ Essential shops will remain open
- ▶ Schools will remain open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. All other children will learn remotely until February half term.

Find the latest guidance and exemptions at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES





AT HOME or CLICK & COLLECT

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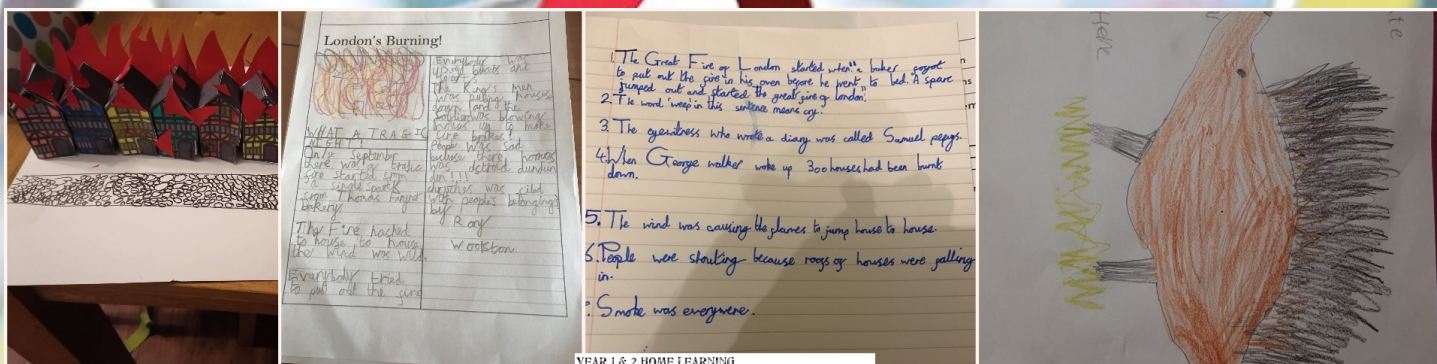


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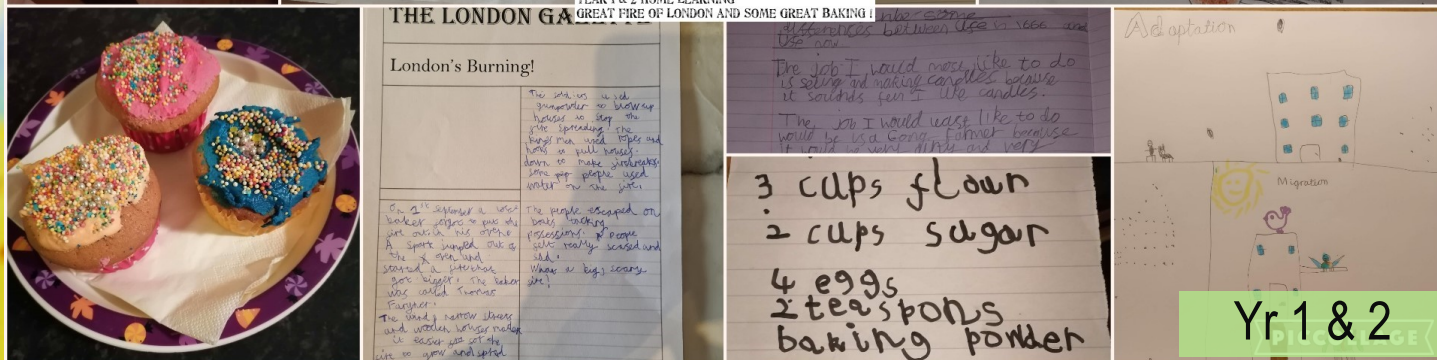




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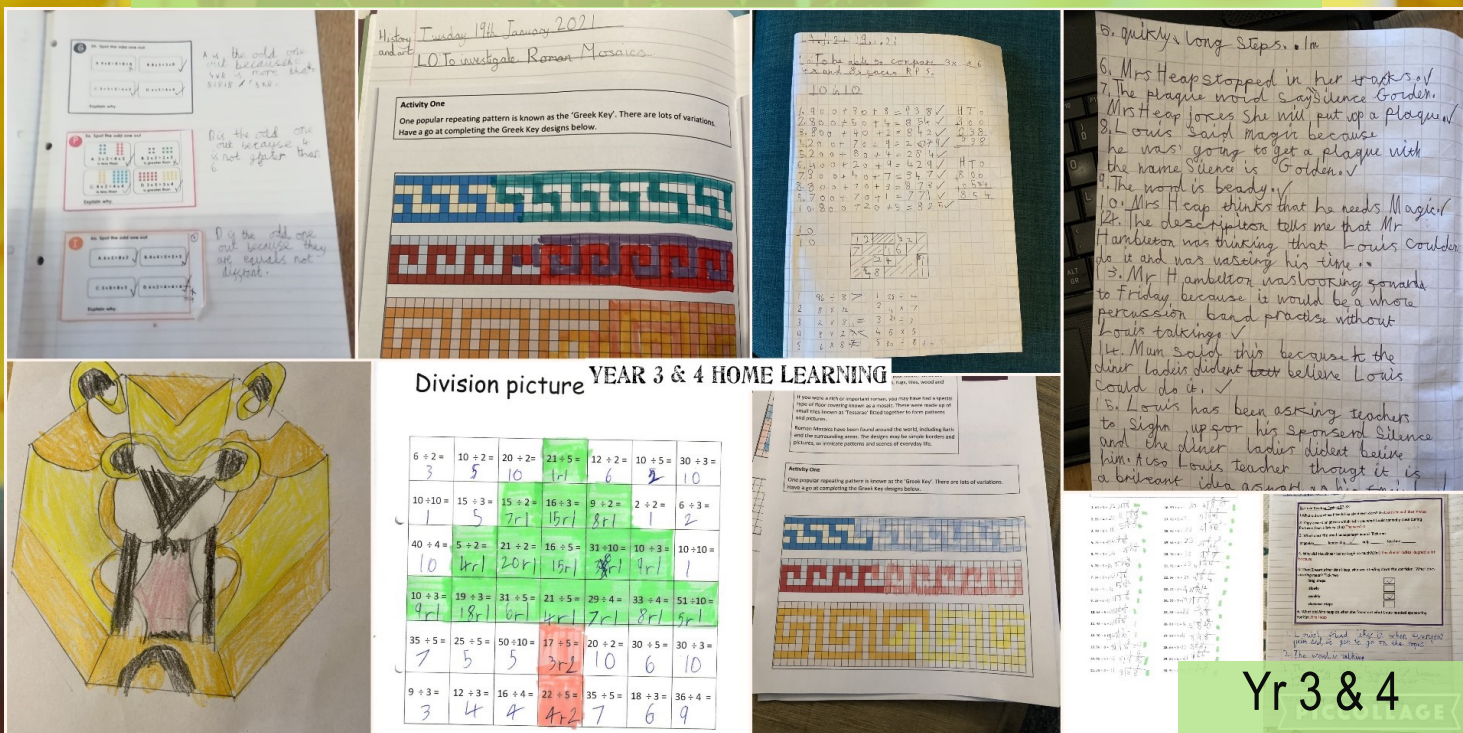


## GREAT FIRE OF LONDON AND SOME GREAT BAKING



A massive well done to the parents/carers/guardians, thank you for all your patience and hard work during these strange and ever changing times. We really do appreciate your support.

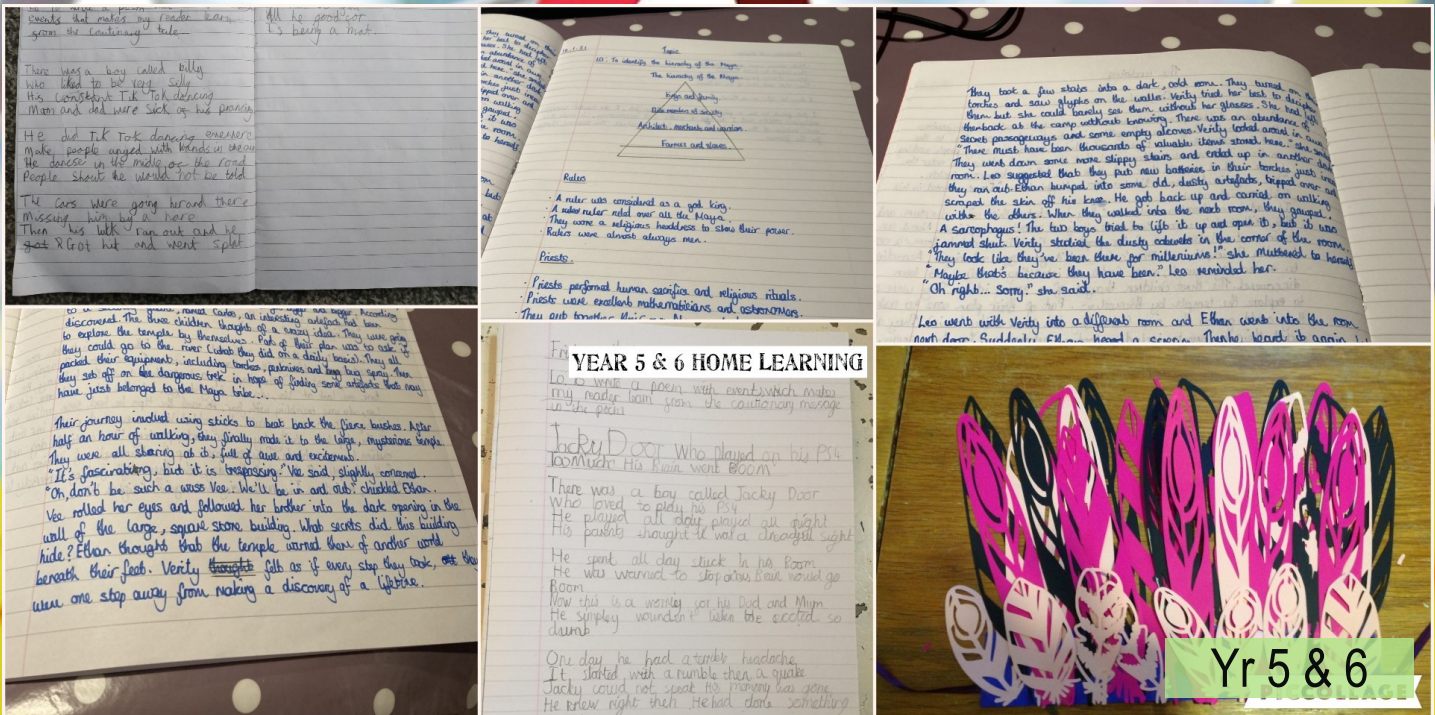
Thank you



Yr 3 & 4



## More Home Learning !!



## Some quotes from our fabulous parents!

### A parent from 4AT

They wanted to say how brilliant she feels the school has done and the video's are great.

A few year 1 & 2 parents have also commented on how useful they are finding the video's and they feel school is doing a great job !

### A Year 6 parent

One mum thanked and praised the staff, on line learning has been fantastic and is also impressed with the school.