

Friday 27th March 2020

Mrs Wright Writes!

I hope you are all well and that the first week of distance learning has gone well. As we have already said, please do not worry and do what you can do. We are very aware that everybody has different circumstances and that for some families their work, illness etc is adding extra stress.

School has been closed all week to the majority of children but open to children of key workers, those with a social worker and those with an EHCP plan who can't be at home. There has been a group in school each day who I have been told are a delight to be with. I have been sent pictures of them enjoying their sessions.

All the staff at Jeavons Wood are doing all they can to support the school community through this difficult time. Some of our staff are having to self-isolate due to their own illness or illness in the family. We still have no confirmed cases in our school community but are aware that with the limited testing we could have cases. Some staff are working from home while juggling looking after their own children (I am sure you understand!) We have a team of staff who work each work in school looking after the children in school. Our office staff are very busy setting up vouchers for free school meals, dealing with emails, contractors, etc while the cleaners and caretaker, along with the staff in school continue to make sure the school is as germ free as possible. I am so proud of all of them.

I am currently working from home but contactable through email. I am in constant touch with school and know what a superb job they are doing. Mrs McMurray with Mrs Chapman alongside her and team one have organised this first week so well that we have been able to share the good practice with other schools.

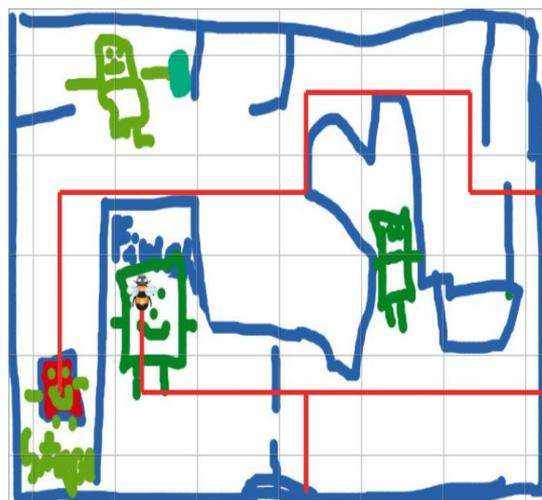
We currently have four teams set up; they all work one week in school, out of the four. We also have staff on standby to help if needed. It is looking likely we will be open to key worker children only over the Easter Holidays and if this is the case all the staff will have a two week break for their holidays. If they are working in school over the holidays, this break will be at weeks either side of the holiday. It is important that they all get some rest so please be understanding if your teachers Easter break is not at the expected time. I will let you know which dates they are working once this is confirmed next week.

Thank you all so much for your kind words and positivity. There have been some fabulous examples of community spirit. Here is to a hope that this will continue once this is all over.

Take Care

For families who need help with foodbank email is info@cambournecrescent.org with name and phone number and someone will contact them. There is also a form to fill in on www.cambournecrescent.org/vtf/ and someone will make contact! They will also help with food parcels when people are self-isolating and cannot get out.

Miss Lewis – Ladybirds - Harry made a pop-up volcano just like his big sister! Shihua created her own maze on Purple Mash 2go, well done!



Book review by Milly Q – Bears

TITLE: The Person Controller.

Author: David Baddiel ❤️

Illustrator: Jim Field

★ ★ ★ ★ ☆ 4½/5

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I think this book is for ages 8 and up because it has some tricky vocabulary which younger readers might not understand.

If you enjoy this book, here are a few other books you might enjoy:

Birthday Boy,
AniMalcom,
The Parent Agency,
and Head Kid.

REVIEW

The Person Controller is about a set of twins (Fred and Ellie) who are obsessed with gaming. When Ellie's controller goes missing, they decide to go in search of another one. Ellie spots an attractive controller and they are sure that this would be their controller. They click on the controller and a Mystery Man, who refuses to tell them anything about the controller pops up on the screen. Fred and Ellie think this controller is the key to all their wildest dreams, but the controller has other ideas.

BOOK REVIEW
BY: Milly

Mrs Day - Bears – The diary of a Monk during the Viking's raid on Lindisfarne by James L

Dear Diary,

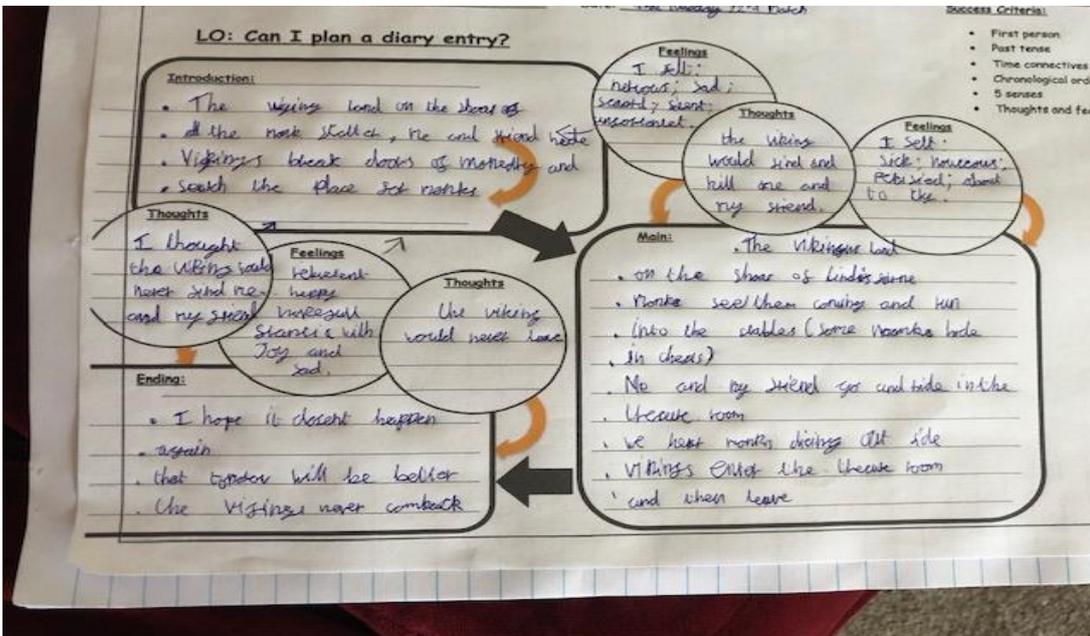
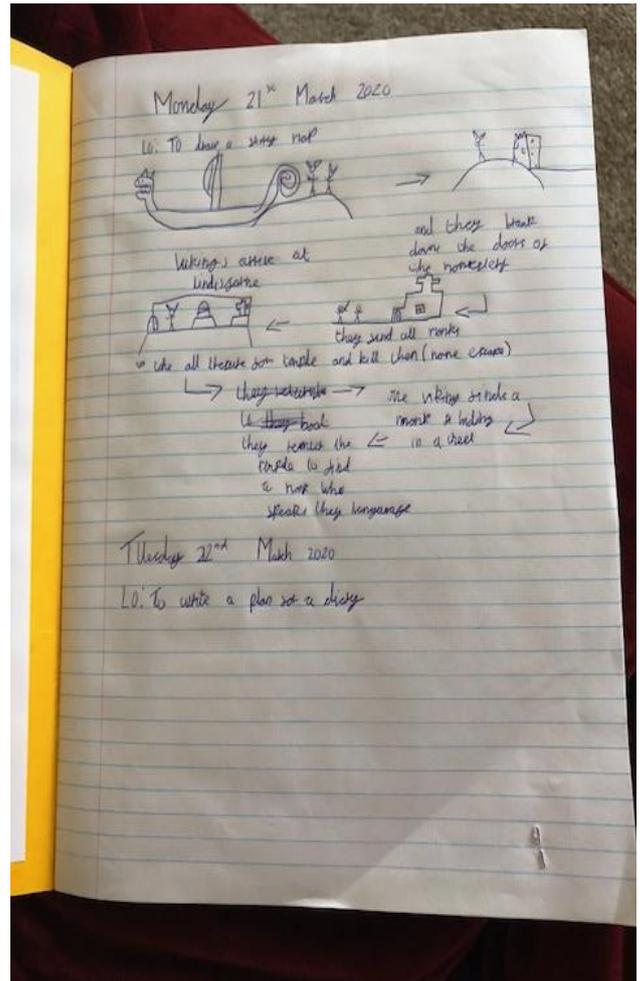
I'm sitting crossed legged on the cold damp floor, writing to you to tell you what has just happened today. I hear the priest saying his prayers in the temple, and the rest of the monks walking through the big, wooden gates and into the temple too.

As soon as I woke from my small straw bed in my tiny hut, we all had to go to the temple to pray. In the meantime, Vikings were arriving on the shores of Lindisfarne monastery. Later we are all hiding in the stables of the monastery, staying as silent as we can. I could hear the Vikings purposeful footsteps, as they stomped through every building, trying to find us. My heart was thumping uncontrollably, as they passed the stable doors.

Suddenly someone grasped my arm, I turned to face my friend, he was pulling me out of the stable (at the time I didn't know what he was thinking). We ran passed the Vikings, at one point one of them turned back and I thought that we had been caught, but luckily we were out of view. We ran straight for the temple, rushed in and shut the door. We hid behind a rusted table, I could hear the screaming of men mixing with those of the animals, as they ran like headless chickens. Then, after a while, it stopped. Eventually, we looked up, only to find the whole room empty. Panting, I went off to find the safety of my tiny broken hut.

I hope tomorrow will be better, and it never happens again. The Vikings were so terrifying and viscous, I wish they had never come and I hope they will never come back. I will write tomorrow.

Yours,
James



Joe Wicks, The Body Coach will be holding live children's PE lessons every day on You Tube between 09:00-10:00.

Useful websites for supporting children who may be experiencing mental health difficulties over and above what is considered normal during these difficult times:

www.keep-your-head.com

<https://youngminds.org.uk>

<https://kooth.com>

<http://www.cpft.nhs.uk/casus>

<https://www.changegrowlive.org/young-people/what-we-do>

<http://chums.uk.com/emotional-wellbeing-service>