

"Growing and Learning Together with God."

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the end of another busy week in school and at home and I know that we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break. Just one more week to get through!

Class Activities

This week the **Tiddlers** and **Minnows** have really enjoyed some time away from screens and have completed many creative activities, including making pictures for our friends at home who we all miss.



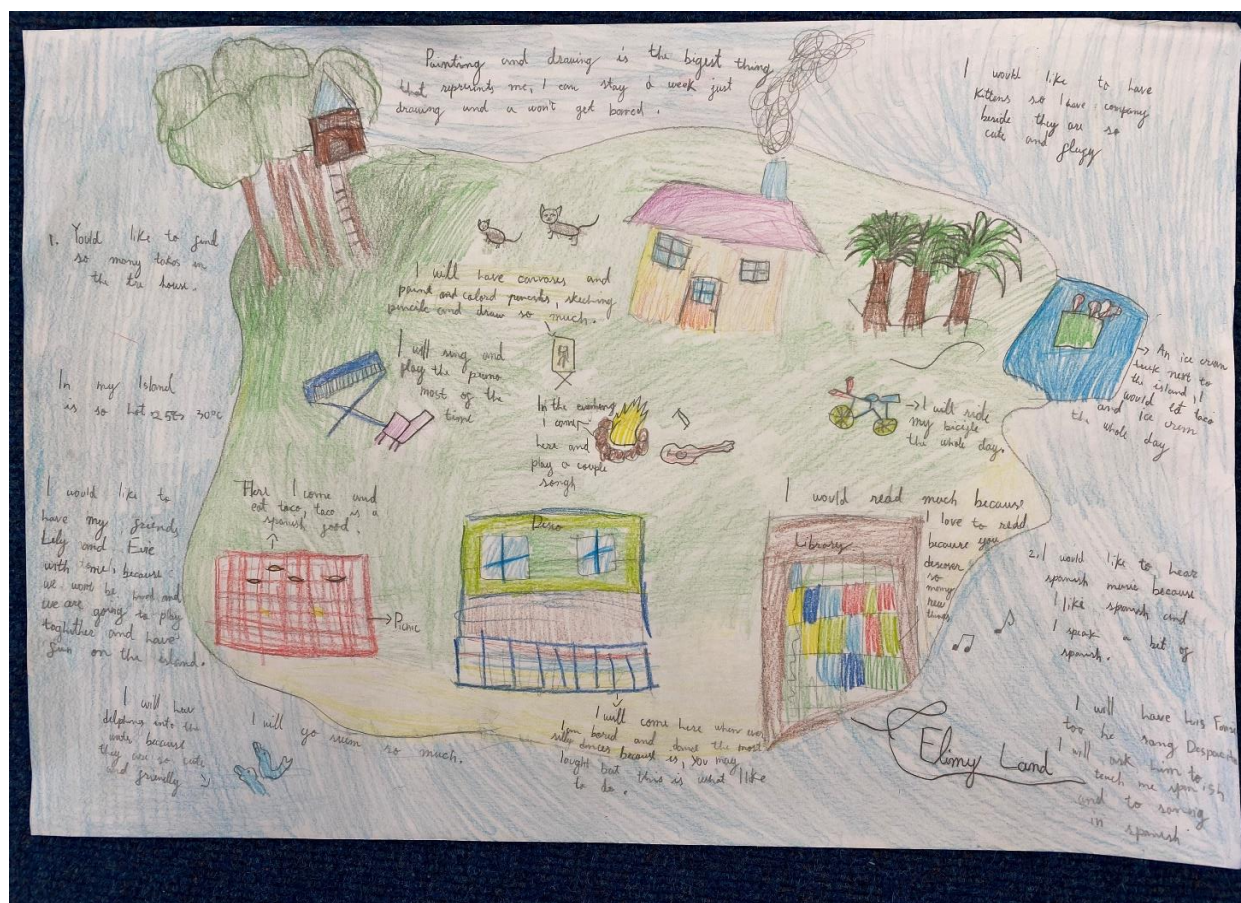
In English the **Sticklebacks** have been reading the story book 'The World Came to My Place Today', which is linked to their geography learning about continents and oceans and where our food comes from.

They also enjoyed making their Christingle oranges and listening to the service.

This week the **Seahorses** began their maths unit on money and have started planning a fairytale set in ancient Egypt. During Mental Health Week they have also been looking at ways to celebrate being themselves through dance and the clothing they wear.



As it has been Child Mental Health Week **Stingrays** have been focusing on how they can make themselves and others feel better. They have used the picture book 'We're All Wonders' to think about valuing how we are different. In music they used singing and dancing to express themselves and they created their own perfect day by imagining what they would do if they were stranded on a desert island.





Sharks have been enjoying expressing themselves in lots of different ways for Children's Mental Health Week; in English the children have been reading their favourite books (lots of David Walliams and Harry Potter) or writing their own stories (adventures in different worlds which liven up lock-down and a number of horse-themed stories). They have also used art, music and dance to explore different emotions and drawn self-portraits which not only show what they look like, but their interests and aspirations! The free-choice "Express Yourself" lessons have been as creative and varied as we are : tree-climbing, den building, horse riding, baking, playing music, skateboarding, art..... We are all unique and proud!



Christingle Service

A huge thank you to the Reverend Helen Barnes for the wonderful Christingle Service shared on Tuesday. The children had great fun making the Christingles and it has been fantastic to see the finished articles – we hope no one ate too many sweets!

Mental Health Week

We have really enjoyed seeing how the children like to express themselves with a range of creative ideas and the colourful outfits they have worn today for the “Express Yourself” day. Looking after our mental health is so important and being able to express yourself is a way of ensuring you build a positive mental outlook. As an extension to the week the Mental Health Support Team are running an art competition; if you would like to take part please see the poster which was sent out earlier this week for the details.



Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 9th February

We will be supporting Safer Internet Day next Tuesday 9th February – “An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world”.

This year in the UK Safer Internet Day explores reliability online. The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how do we separate fact from fiction?

We will be setting the children an assignment on the day. There are some brilliant resources for parents and carers which can be found on our e-safety page under the parents tab or on the safer internet website hyperlink - [I am a parent or carer | Safer Internet Centre](#)

Street Tag

You may have heard about Street Tag; this is a family-friendly game app that rewards primary school pupils, communities and schools for physical activities such as walking, running, and cycling. It is exceptional at bringing together families at schools, encouraging them to be physically active by turning their streets into a virtual playground and increase their outdoor experience.

During Street Tag, participants record their distance walked, run or cycled by scanning virtual tags with their smartphone at various locations. They can then watch their total distance accumulate to climb up on the school's leader board whilst creating competition, being physically active, connecting with green spaces, enjoying the opportunity to rediscover their area, and earning prizes.

We are delighted that Fritwell School has now joined the Street Tag Schools Leader board. In the leader board the school can have up to 250 participants in the school team (these can include parents, children, and the staff) and can also have 2 x teams of 250, depending on the size of the school. Our school team collectively competes in physical activity against other schools on the leader board.

Look out for the separate email and information about how to join and take part!



Homework Projects

Next Friday morning's live session will be a sharing of homework projects and a celebration of the term. If you have not already submitted something, and are able to, you still have until Wednesday to hand projects in.

And finally.....

Full Governing Body Meeting

On Thursday evening the governing body met to discuss the current scenario and our future plans for the school.

Testing and Symptoms

As part of the national programme staff are now undertaking covid testing twice a week; we will inform you as soon as possible if we need to close any of the bubbles as a result of the test. We also remind you that if you have any symptoms in your household you are to self-isolate and book tests.

Reminder – Parent/Carer Survey for Governors

Please do remember to complete the anonymous parent/carers survey for the governors which was sent out last week; all responses are to be in by Friday 12th February. Thank you all.

Enjoy your weekend and stay safe!

Jonathan Hart
Headteacher