

# The Orchards Primary Academy

## Newsletter

22nd January 2021 / Spring Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now coming to the end of week 3 of the national lockdown and partial school closures. We hope that you are continuing to stay safe and well.

To try and steer away from constant communication regarding Covid – I thought I would update you on progress with our rebuild instead!

We are entering a very exciting time in the phases of the build as we are expecting the modules to be delivered to site next week. I'm told that the school will start to take shape very quickly from this point! I will continue to upload photographs of the process to our school website, for those of you who are currently unable to attend school.

On the second page of this newsletter, you can see just a few examples of the brilliant work that is being completed by our home learners. Keep uploading your work to DB so that we can see what you are doing at home. It may even end up on this newsletter in the coming weeks!

Stay safe,

Mrs Carrier

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### Lateral flow testing for school staff

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, school staff will have the opportunity to take part in regular lateral flow testing. Staff who opt in to the testing program will take home tests every 3 – 4 days and will receive a result within 30 minutes. The aim is that any asymptomatic staff will be picked up quickly, therefore reducing the spread of the virus. We hope that this will continue to reassure parents that their children are being kept as safe as possible whilst they are attending school during the pandemic.

### Home learning

Home learning will continue to be planned by teachers via The Oak National Academy. For foundation lessons, staff will be providing pre-recorded sessions for the children. These will continue to be available via DB Primary. Teachers will now make welfare calls fortnightly to provide support with home learning and anything else that you may need during this time.



## News from our home learners

Our home learners are continuing to work really hard during lockdown. Here are just some of the things being produced by our clever children!

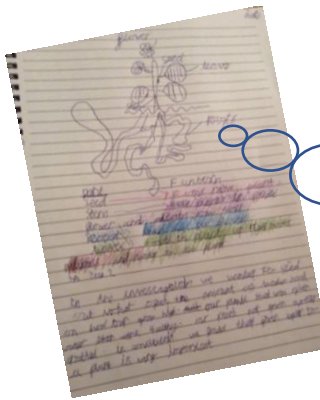
Miss Perkins has received some fantastic videos on DB of children achieving individual milestones from home. It is very clear that some children are doing lots of practise to progress which has included: ordering numbers, letter formation, phonics practise and name writing; both first and surnames for some children! This is a really impressive achievement – well done Reception, keep it up!

Year 1 have also been sharing their work from home which has included phonics, maths and knowing the continents for their topic work.

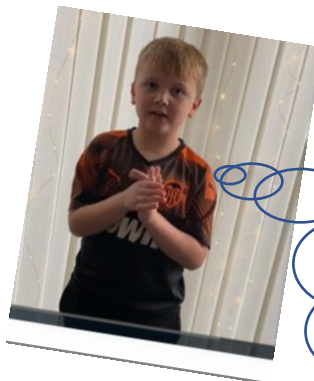


I remember that the Bronze Age houses stay close together so that they can grow bigger and keep animals for food".

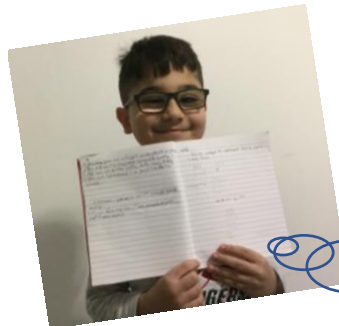
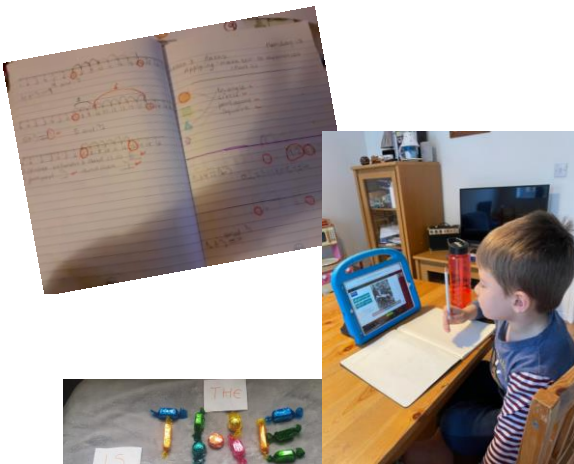
Dylan, Year 3



Elliott in Year 3 has been creating diagrams to show parts of a flower and investigated the impact water has on a flower's growth.



Oliver really enjoyed practising his music skills and clapping the beats. He uploaded a fantastic video to show what he had learnt.



Daniel has been working hard and uploaded his home learning every day. He is really proud of his Maths work here.

Keep sharing the work you are doing at home so that we can show everyone on this newsletter!