



Englefield CE Primary School

Sowing the Seeds for a Flourishing Future

Finally! Pupils and staff are back fulltime and school is feeling normal once more.

Most of our pupils have been learning at home since the start of January and have done magnificently. Our parents showed themselves to be super teachers and our teaching staff became very creative at teaching live using Microsoft Teams. Our teaching assistants worked in school supporting our growing keyworker group as well as giving additional online well-being support when needed. Engagement in learning was excellent, though of course we all missed our friends and the range of opportunities that being in school provides.

School Lockdown seemed to last an eternity and the whole school community is rejoicing now that it has ended for us. Warren Taylor, one of our parents who owns Combat Pest Solutions, gives our building a fortnightly 'fogging' with disinfectant, and everyone is still following the 'hands, face, space' guidance as we really hope to keep the virus out of school as we did in the autumn term.

Times like these really test us and we are delighted to have come through this period as a whole school team. Homes can now return to being havens of peace and tranquility and school can return to being a busy, buzzing centre of learning and friendship.



The whole school has used the book 'After The Fall – How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again' by Dan Santat; this is a wonderful book that has allowed us to think about the ways in which situations can hurt us

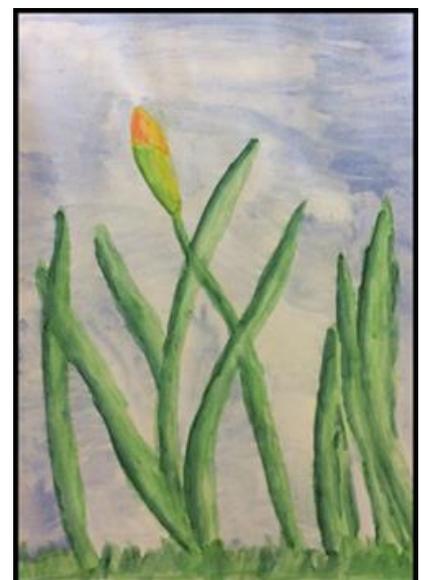


and how we can get help, as well as help ourselves, to get past these difficulties. This is hugely important at the moment as emotional well-being is at the heart of our school recovery plan.



Years 1 and 2 had some fun with the story and decided to design and make boxes to keep Humpty Dumpty safe. They then tested their boxes by throwing them off our adventure playground and seeing if their Humpty Dumpty egg stayed intact...I am happy to say most did!

Years 3 and 4 spent some time in our grounds painting and drawing. It was a good opportunity to catch up with friends too.





Years 5 and 6 have taken part in an online STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) lesson with other schools courtesy of the Tim Henman Foundation. The lesson involved designing and making gliders which they then tested on the school field. This was a great way to reintroduce teamwork to the classroom after so long working alone.

We really hope that the gradual easing of restrictions will mean that we can get out and about more in the summer term and maybe even start playing sport against other schools. It is amazing how many things we all take for granted until they are taken away.

We wish our local communities a healthy and happy run up to the Easter break.

