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Weekly Home School Newsletter - 24th April 2020



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our last April edition of the Weekly Home School Newsletter. Thank you for sending in your brilliant photographs of all the home learning that is taking place. As usual, below are some important updates for you followed by the wonderful pictures that you have sent in.

Home Learning

This week saw the beginning of our slightly new approach to home learning. On Monday, we e-mailed you some links to our school website that had four English lessons, four Maths lessons and four non-core/topic lessons for your children to complete at home. The responses and comments that we have had from parents and children has been brilliant and we're really pleased that you're finding the home learning so useful. Please do continue to send us in your comments, tweets and photos! **Note:** From Monday, the answers will be uploaded with the home learning so that you can check your children's learning as and when you go along rather than waiting until Friday. Answers will underneath the links to the lessons.

Online Safety

Due to the school being closed, it is very possible that the children are spending more time online than they perhaps usually would (and not just because of the home learning). Parents, it is very important that you closely monitor what your children are doing whilst online. The internet is a brilliant tool but it can also be a place where problems occur. Use the online poster (re-attached at the end of this newsletter) and material that we sent out to have conversations with your children about how to stay safe online.

Contacting school

If you need to contact the school, this can be done via the enquiry email address. This inbox is checked regularly and your query will be passed on and someone will be in touch. Address: enquiry@feathsn.bham.sch.uk
It is possible to also contact the school office by telephone in between the hours of 8am—4pm on 0121 675 9740. Please press option '2' when calling.

Ramadan

To all our Muslim families who are fasting during the Ramadan, I wish you lots of happiness and good health during the testing time—made even more so due to isolating! Stay safe and take this time to reflect in peace.

With very best wishes, enjoy the photos!

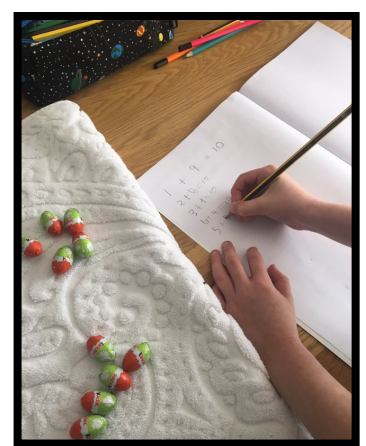
Mr. E. Gaibee

Headteacher.

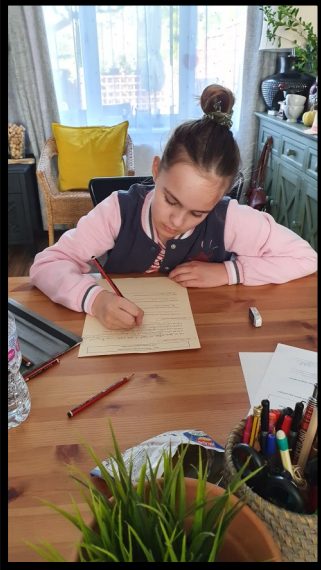


Left: Hanif is doing some brilliant artwork.

Right: Mason doing number bonds with Easter eggs!



Thank you so much for your home learning photos! There were just too many to fit on, again! Please email Mr. Douglas at: n.douglas@feathstn.bham.sch.uk if you would like your photo to appear in next week's newsletter!



Left: Kinga is working hard on her home learning.



Right: Very creative re-using of toilet roll holders!

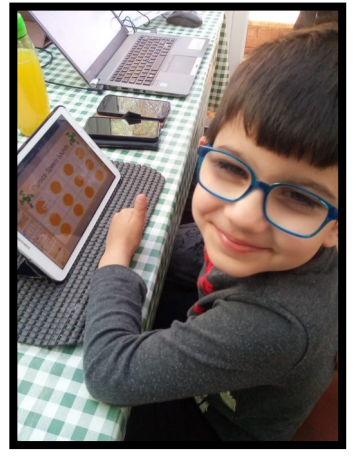
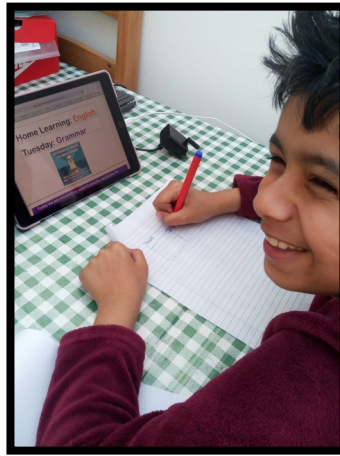


Left: The Waseem brothers working hard and helping each other on their home learning!

Below: Yousef and Adam loving the home learning!



Left: Vittesh is being very creative in making this paper aeroplane.



Above: More tasty baking from Georgia!



Above: Harley creatively baking!
Right: Nia found a newt whilst pond dipping! (His name is Leopard in case you were wondering)!



Left: Brilliant phonics from Maximus!



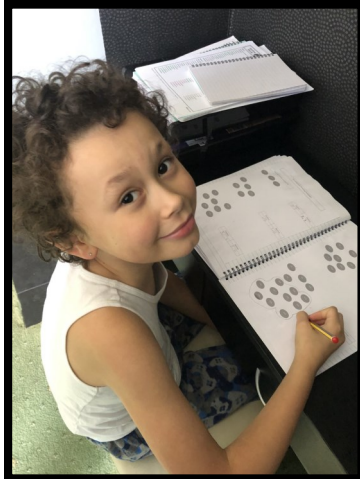
Children's Reminder: The Value of the Month

April: Patience

You are all being really patient in these tough times. There is loads of kindness being shown too! Keep up showing your values!



Left: Noah and Abigail are experimenting with capacity in the garden! What clever geniuses!



Left: Ellis is just adding the finishing touches to his maths work! Great job!

Right: Masion doing some brilliant science work to learn all about the weather! Super job!



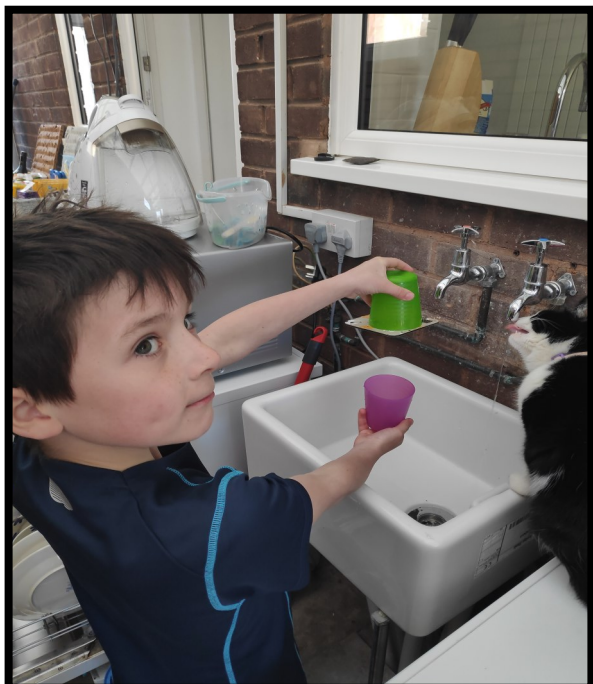
Left: Boaz is really enjoying his project about Thomas Edison.



Right: Sienna doing her Albert Einstein project.



Above: Khadija is enjoying doing her school work.



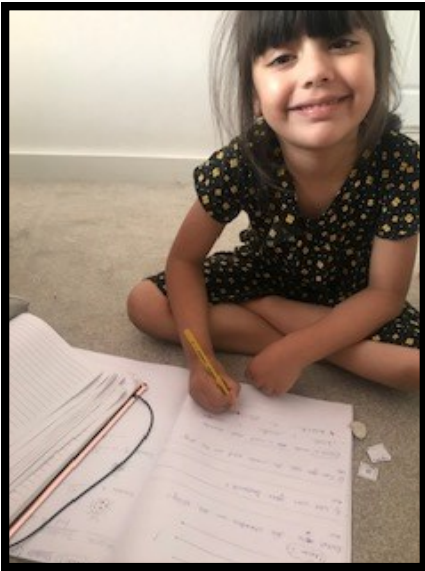
Left: Cat invasion! Gabriel is trying to do his science and Lulu the cat is having a sneaky drink!



Right: Robyn using the part-part-whole model in her maths.



Left: Big smiles all round while learning!



Above: Freya and Ronika loving home schooling!



Above: Kayla is doing a great job with her Albert Einstein timeline!

Left: Look at Aria's massive smile about her science!

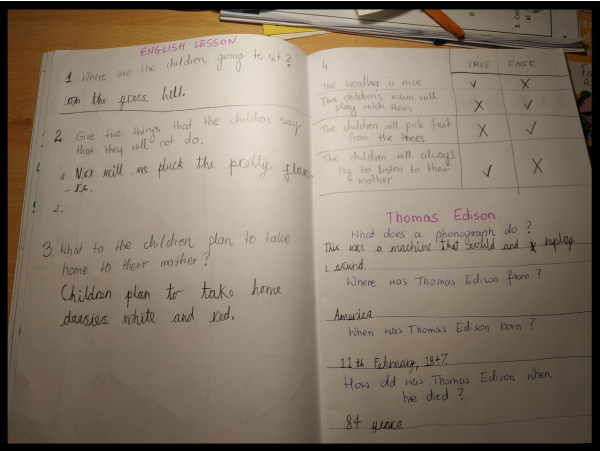


Above: Gurpal doing his maths!

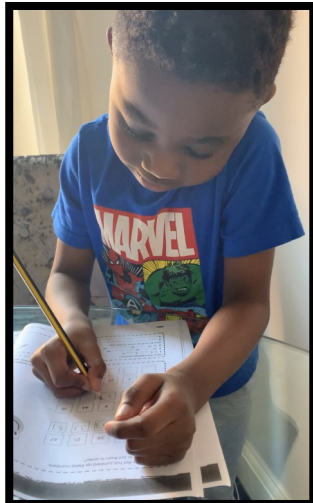


Left: Willow wondered why people were clapping. After understanding, she then decided that when she's older, she wants to be a carer just like her Mom. What a brilliant ambition, Willow!

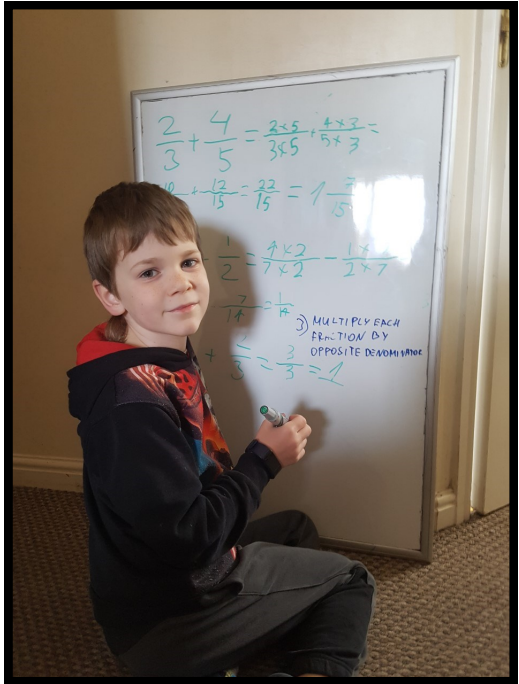
Right: Leonard looking very teacher-like. Just look at that complex Maths!

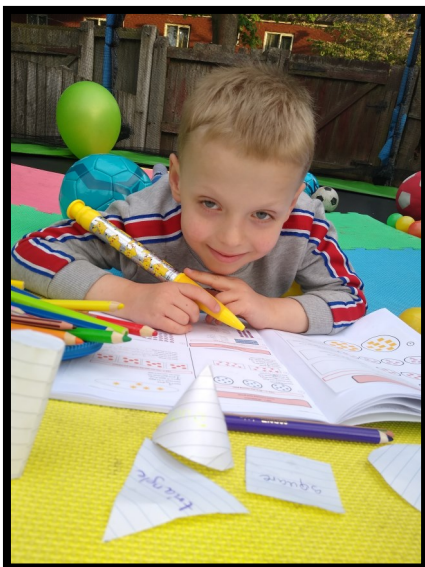


Above: Look how neat Fabian is being in his learning!



Right: Micah working very hard from home!

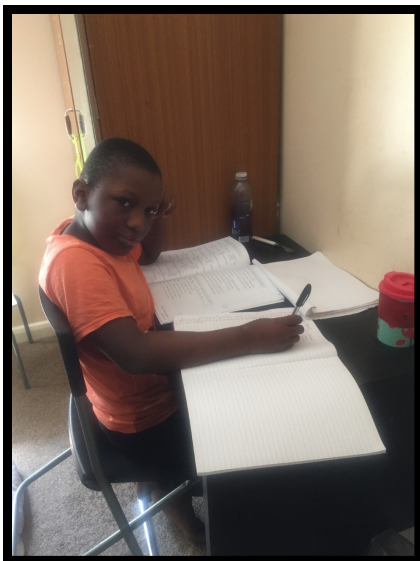




Left: Tymon very happy doing his school work.



Welfare Calls
 Throughout the period that the school is closed, Mr. Gaibee, Mr. Douglas, Miss. Lacey, Mr. Gravell, Mrs. Harrington, Miss. Whitehouse and Miss. Modhvadia will telephone families to see how you all are! These will continue whilst the school is closed.

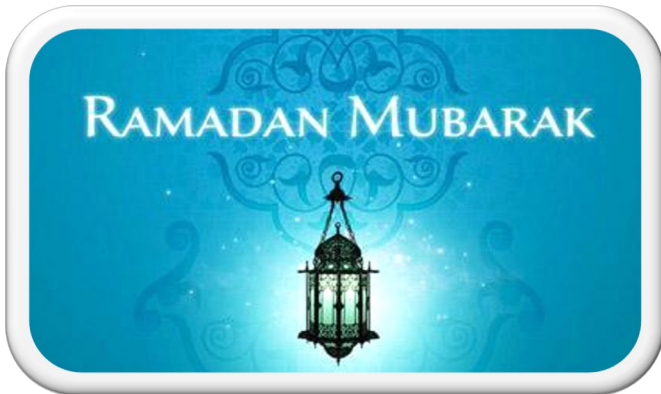


Left: Al-Amin
 Right: Timeea
 Both children clearly working very hard on their home learning! Keep it up!



Not only do we have a whole-school Twitter account, which is [@FeatherstoneSch](https://twitter.com/FeatherstoneSch) but we also have a Twitter account for each of the year groups across the school. Please do follow our Twitter accounts so that you can see what the teachers are posting when the school is closed. Messages, learning ideas and challenges have been posted this week. Oh, and we love it when you tweet back!

EYFS	@FeatherstoneEYFS
Year 1	@FeatherstoneYR1
Year 2	@FeatherstoneYR2
Year 3	@FeatherstoneYR3
Year 4	@FeatherstoneYR4
Year 5	@FeatherstoneYR5
Year 6	@FeatherstoneYR6





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Computing Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you about the e-safety elements of our curriculum and to provide advice regarding how to ensure the safety of your children whilst they are online.

E-safety in school

As part of the computing curriculum, we at Featherstone deliver key age - appropriate lessons are delivered to ensure that our children are safe and responsible users of technology, both at home and in school.

Key themes already taught:

- Online bullying
- Not sharing personal information

Key themes next term:

- Using iPad apps safely
 - Trolling

E-safety is not just taught in our computing lessons. Staying safe online is a message that is discussed on a weekly basis within our school. Children are encouraged to speak to parents or trusted adults about the things that

What do the children do online?

Current trends of which games to play and which apps to use are always changing which makes it difficult to keep up with all the possible threats online. During school time I make an effort to speak to different year groups in order to get an understanding of current trends.

What are the results?

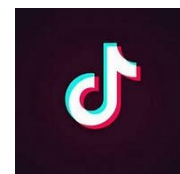
Many of our children, although they do not have direct access to, talk about how they use the following apps:

- Facebook (13+)
- Instagram (13+)
- TikTok (13+)
- Snapchat (13+)
- YouTube (13+)
- Snapchat (16+)



TikTok

TikTok is essentially a social network that allows users to make video clips, lip sync to their favourite songs, create short videos, as well as view the clips and videos of others. There is also the option to **live stream** videos and **directly interact** with users via the online chat.



When you sign up for TikTok, your account is public by default, meaning anyone can see your videos, send you direct messages, and use your location information. Parents should make sure to turn on all privacy settings for accounts kids are using, so only people you know can interact with your videos or message you on the app.

Because of TikTok's emphasis on popular music, many videos include swearing and sexual lyrics, so it may not be age-appropriate for kids to use on their own.

YouTube

After speaking with many children at Featherstone, it is clear that watching YouTube videos plays a big part of their online life at home. Whilst I agree with the children that some of these videos can be entertaining, it is also clear that some YouTubers have a big impact on our children and can be very influential, positive or negative.



“You may never have heard of half the folks your kids watch on YouTube. But YouTubers are super influential on kids, garnering millions of views. And unfortunately, information about YouTube channels– the content, quality, and age-appropriateness, for example – isn’t easy for parents to find.” – Common Sense Media Website.

What do we suggest?

- “YouTube Kids” is an app that can be downloaded that provides “Kid-targeted videos with parental guidance.”
- Read reviews of YouTube channels to gauge whether they are suitable for your child. Available at: www.commonsensemedia.org/youtube-reviews
- Simply ask your child what type of videos/YouTubers they watch and watch a video with them to see what they discuss.
- Encourage children to subscribe to their favourite YouTubers (that you are happy with) as this will encourage children to watch their videos rather than searching for potentially negative videos.

At Featherstone, our aim is to make the children responsible and safe internet users. We will continue to teach the children regarding how to stay safe online and will encourage them to speak to a trusted adult if they have any concerns.

If you have any concerns, or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Alternatively, you can get further information from the following websites:

- www.net-aware.org.uk
- www.internetmatters.org
- commonsensemedia.org