



**AVANTI GARDENS**  
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# Avanti Gardens Family Bulletin

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*Welcome to the AGS Family Bulletin. In this communication with parents and carers, we aim to bring together our whole school community by sharing information*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL :

Dear Families,

Firstly, I hope each of you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. We have great plans for 2021, which will be slightly adapted in light of the national lockdown, however we won't compromise of the necessary developments of the school.

This week pupils have begun their remote education, using the recorded videos from staff and speaking on the phone for 1:1 welfare and tutoring. We have been hugely impressed with the engagement received by pupils and parents! The minimum requirement for KS1 is 3 hours of learning, whilst KS2 is 4 hours as stipulated by the DfE. We have found that many of our families are spending this amount of time completing this work, and still engaging in extra resources from the BBC and other sources. Don't forget, Joe Wicks re-commences his home workouts for children on Monday – an exciting and healthy way to start the day.

Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals will continue to receive daily deliveries of lunch next week.

Laptops have now been received by those who required.

Please do ensure you are up to date with the communications from the school, which can be found on our school website in the 'letters home' tab. The team and I want to thank families for all their support during a very busy week. We will continually assess the effectiveness of remote education in the coming weeks to ensure quality learning across all classes.

Yours Faithfully,  
Mr Milum



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# CLASS UPDATES

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## RECEPTION

Happy New Year Orchid class!

It's been so lovely to speak to you on the phone this week.

This week in phonics we have been recapping our sounds and blending those sounds to read words. It's fantastic to see children now writing words also!

In Talk for Writing, we have been beginning to learn the story of The Enormous Turnip.

In Maths, we have been learning all about capacity using the vocabulary 'full', 'empty', 'half'.

In Topic, we have been asking the big question: 'What happens when we fall asleep?' We've been discussing our bedtime routine and putting our routine into order.

Jigsaw Jenie showed us all about challenges and how we can overcome them. We know that this is a challenging time for all of us and appreciate all that you as parents are doing to support your children at home.

*Mrs Osborn and Miss Griffith*

## DAFFODIL

What a funny week we've all had! I am so proud of the resilient and creative children in Daffodil class for adapting so well to working at home with their parents. Super well done to you all!

In Maths the children have been getting to know numbers to 50 through place value, ordering numbers and sequencing.

In English the children have been getting to know the story of The Magic Porridge Pot and have made their own porridge and have drawn and story map to help them re tell the story to their parents.

In Phonics the children have been learning with help from Rosie who has been teaching them sounds as well as helping them with their sentence writing.

In Science the children have been exploring varied materials from around the house and classifying, sorting and grouping them.

In History the children have been learning about the kind of toys that Victorian children would have played with and how they compare with their own toys.

I'm really looking forward to seeing some more of your home learning, you can either upload it to the google classroom or photograph it and email it to me directly.

Wow Work! It's been great to hear how you all are getting on at home this week. Well done to Jake who is really enjoying his maths. Sid has been busy setting up a special workspace with a desk at home and Ida, Leopold, Isobel and Zoya draw a wonderful story map of the Magic Porridge Pot!

You are doing so well! Keep up the fantastic learning, I cannot wait to see your learning next week!

*Mrs Cook*

# SUNFLOWER

Hello Sunflower Families

I hope that you are all well and are enjoying extra time at home together?

Miss Jeffries and I have loved speaking to you all on the telephone this week and hearing about what you've been up to.

We have been impressed with what a brilliant start you've made with remote learning, with most of you doing phonics, maths, reading and writing every day! Don't worry if you haven't managed this though. It will take a while to find a new rhythm and you can visit our google classroom to catch up on the learning at any time.

The highlight of the remote learning for me has been our literacy learning! We've learnt the story of The Papaya that spoke and have been focusing on adjectives in our writing. You used these to bring fruit characters to life.

Attached are some photographs of your fruit, your sentence writing and some wonderful stories.

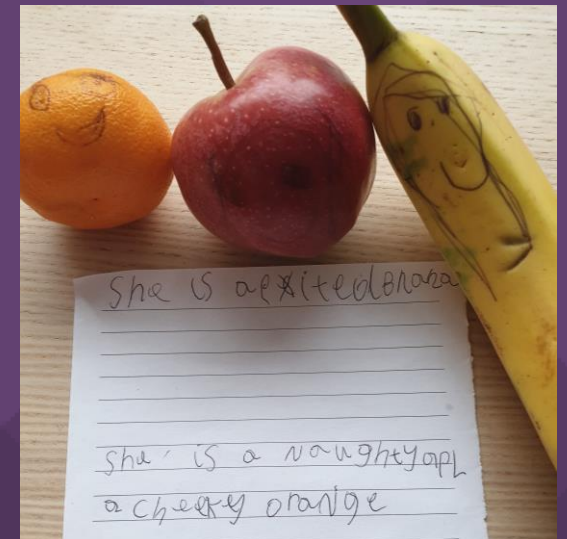
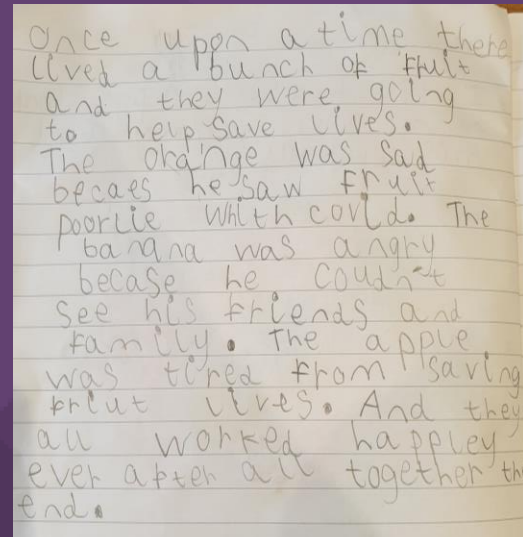
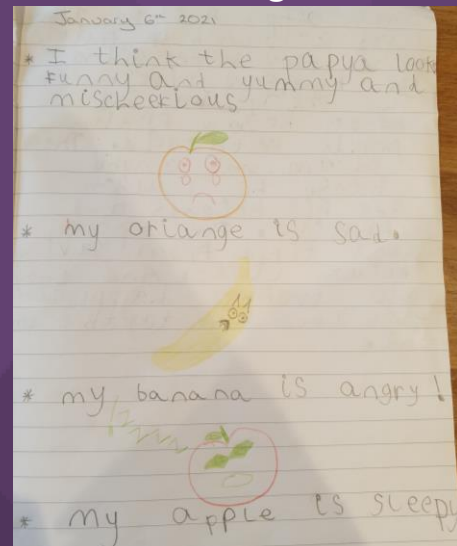
Also this week, Ember made lunch for Joden using her fractions learning, Elsie has made a bow and arrow and some invisible ink and Partick has been helping mum and dad in the office.

Well done - you are all superstars!

Next week Miss Jeffries, Miss Lollover and I are looking forward to seeing some of you in school, and to hearing those of you who are at home read on the telephone.

Take care!

*Miss Roberts*



## IRIS and PEONY

Dear Year 3 children and families.

What a funny time we find ourselves in. It was wonderful to be able to greet you all in school Monday morning before we moved back to online learning.

I know that last time was a great success, and you all did some amazing learning at home so I cannot wait to see what you do this time around.

I am pleased to see how well you are all already engaged with the lessons I have sent you online. Thank you for sending me some pictures of completed tasks.

*Miss Butterfield-West*  
Class Teacher

## FOXGLOVE

Hello Foxglove Families,

Miss Kitchen here – hoping that you are all well and enjoying some extra free time at home. I know that some of you in Foxglove class will probably be asked to do extra chores, this was the same for me when I was your age! Me and my brother took it in turns to unload the dishwasher, to lay the table for tea and to even cook the dinner! Making food was always with adult supervision and my favourite dish to make was Spaghetti Bolognese. I used to get confused with mayonnaise and bolognese when I was younger and so sometimes I would announce to my parents: "THE SPAGHETTI MAYONNAISE IS READY!" No wonder they laughed at me.

So many of you have been logging onto Google classroom for the first time this week or completing work via the shared drive. It has been excellent to see how many of you have engaged with the home learning so far.

Mrs Blackwell (our new SENCO) was amazed by the handwriting of the children in Foxglove class and really enjoyed marking your descriptive stories and sentences. Jonah stood out as somebody who has made a lot of effort with his writing in the last few days – Well done Jonah!

Don't forget that any work you have done can be sent back to us via Google classroom – or it can be sent to our email addresses. Miss Silverthorne will be working with the class next week and seeing as she knows so many of you so well – I think this is going to be a really good opportunity for you to show off!

I am excited to hear that Joe Wicks is back on Monday doing PE with Joe again – this time he is only doing a 20-minute workout so some of you might find that a little bit easier?

As you will know – I am going to be having a baby soon and so I can't do lots of jumping around my living room like I did in April. I will however be doing a live assembly on Monday via Zoom. Look out for my Zoom link on Monday morning.

Best wishes,  
Miss Kitchen

### **SNAPDRAGON**

Dear parents/guardians

Firstly, I hope you are all well and adapting to home learning. Hopefully, it will be for a shorter time as possible and we will be back together in school soon.

I really have appreciated the emails and work being sent in. Thank you for participating and giving it your best. I'll continue to post work for each day and mark what is returned. If you do have any problems or suggestions, please let me know. I'll be making phone calls to you on either Wednesday, Thursday or Friday – if it is inconvenient please let me know.

Stay safe and have a relaxing weekend.

Mr Youngs

## P.E.

Hello to you all,

During lockdown we will be offering Virtual PE in a bitesize format for home learners. We have also launched Sporting Chance Family Bootcamps this week! Both these activity sessions will be available weekly to all via our Facebook Page, Youtube channel and website. The main link you will need to take you to the 'lockdown videos' section on our website is below...all videos can be viewed from there. Join us and have a go!

### Weekly releases

Mondays - EY/KS1 and a KS2 skills lesson

Tuesdays - Family Bootcamp session 1

Thursdays - Family Bootcamp session 2

<https://www.sportingchance-csp.co.uk/lockdown-videos>

Stay safe, stay active, stay healthy!

Mr Davies, Mr Gill, Mr Evans, Mr Dyer



## WOW OF THE WEEK

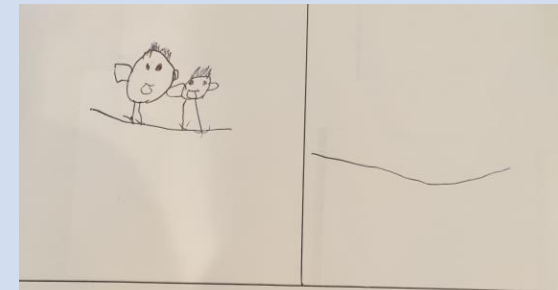
### EYFS:

Frankie sent in her representation in picture form of how to show the number 0 and how 0 is less than 2.

She also shared her bedtime routine, using the pictures to order her routine. Fantastic work Frankie!



Topic - When we fall asleep. Frankie talked through her bedtime routine with mummy. Put on pyjamas, have a cup of warm milk, brush our teeth, read a story, have a kiss & cuddle, turn on our bed lamps, snuggle up in bed with the teddies & bobby, close our eyes to fall asleep.



Frankie's maths homework learning about the number 0. She has drawn 2 owls sitting on a branch in the first picture, but in the second picture the owls have flown away meaning there are 0 owls.

### Year 1:

Wow Work! It's been great to hear how you all are getting on at home this week. Well done to Jake who is really enjoying his maths. Sid has been busy setting up a special workspace with a desk at home and Ida, Leopold, Isobel and Zoya draw a wonderful story map of the Magic Porridge Pot!



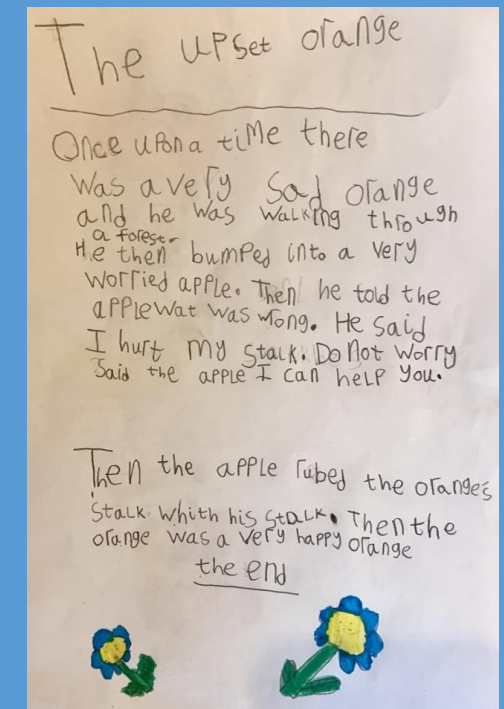
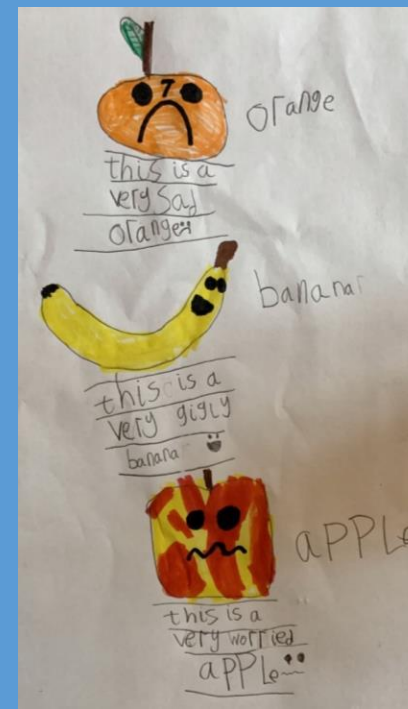


Year 2:

This week's WOW! work goes to Elba, who has really embraced the literacy learning.

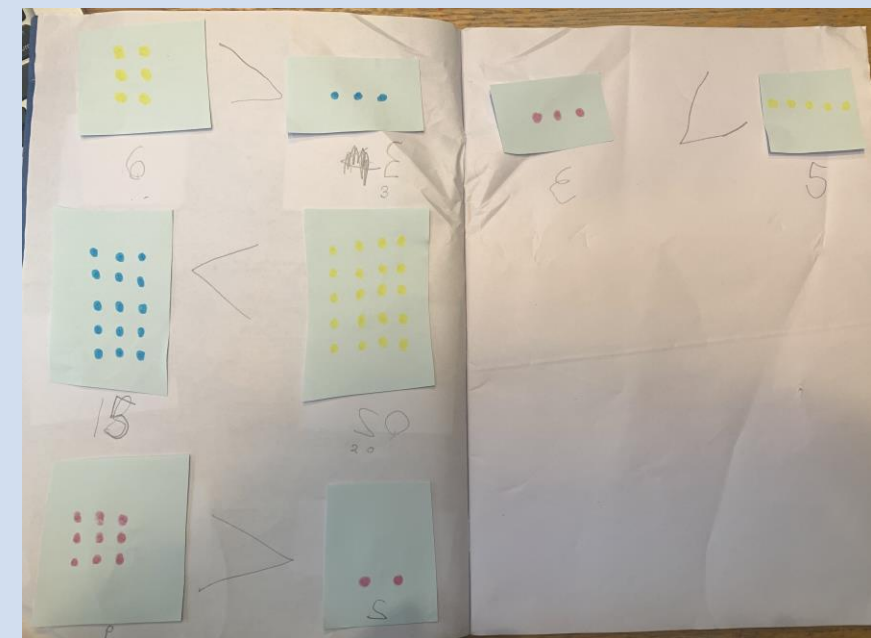
After she created her fruit characters and wrote a wonderful story about them, she took them for a walk to the woods and retold her story as a puppet show!

Smashing work Elba, well done.



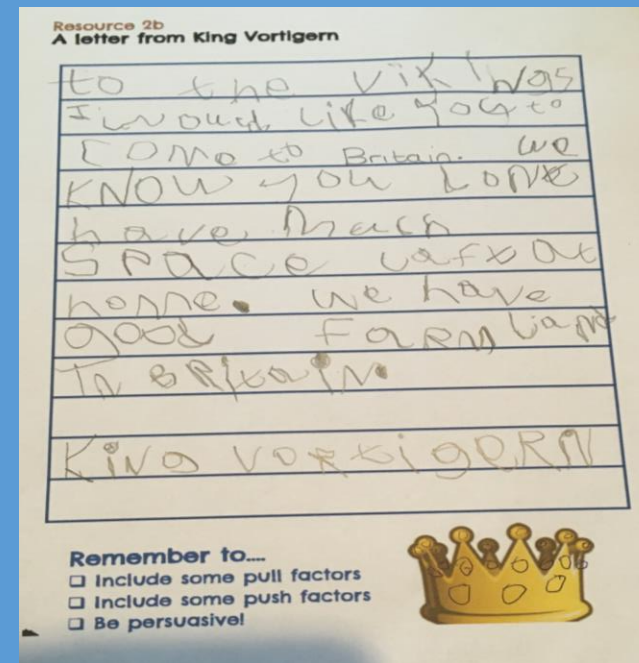
Year 3:

This week, I have picked Nell as WOW work. I was really impressed with her maths. She took great care in copying out the arrays and did an amazing job of comparing them using the symbols. Well done Nell.



Year 4:

Our WOW work this week is from Riley. He has not only completed the work that has been set but also chosen to write a persuasive letter from King Vortigern. In his letter, he has told the Vikings why they should come and visit Britain. What fantastic writing Riley. You should be very proud of yourself.



Year 5/6:

Luke has had to write a character portrait of a minotaur. Using adjectives, similes and a range of punctuation. He did a fantastic job using really imaginative language.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

L.O. To write descriptive paragraph (using, similes adjectives and a range of punctuation)



Using your sentences from yesterday put them into a paragraph. Remember to use connectives (joining words) and follow the instructions from the video.

The minotaur was the most horrendous creature in the land. He had terrible, blood-shot eyes. Every one feared him. His horns twisted like coiling, writhing serpents and his razor sharp teeth were large and bloody. His snout blew foul smoke like a chimney and his coarse fur was matted and ridden with lice. His furious tale whipped and lashed like a whip on a slave's back, and he smelled more vile than a 7 year old egg salad sandwich. For all these foul reasons, he was feared throughout the land.

## NOTICES

### EVENING POST ARTICLE

This week Avanti Gardens featured in the Evening Post. To read the article please click on the link below.

[Bristol Evening Post](#)

### VIRTUAL ASSEMBLIES

From Monday 11.01.21, we will be leading Live Assemblies for all year groups. These assemblies will be a maximum of 20 minutes. A link will be uploaded to each class' work.

Monday 10:30 - British values and Avanti Way  
Wednesday 10:30 - Rights Respecting Schools  
Friday 10:30 - Achievement Assembly

### ✿ Yoga and mindfulness with Kate ✿

Wind down as it gets dark with 40 minutes of mindful yoga and meditation to bring in the light. Kate will be running a mindful-yoga 'after school club' session for those who would like it beginning next week.

Reception and Key Stage 1: (years 1 & 2) Every Monday 4.20 – 5pm

Key Stage 2: (years 3,4,5 & 6) Every Wednesday 4.20 – 5pm

If you are interested, please get in touch with Kate:

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Price per child will be £2.50



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