



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your loved ones are keeping well and are staying safe in these uncertain times.

As we enter our 6<sup>th</sup> week of lockdown and the novelty of being at home has completely worn off, I am reminded about the importance of developing a culture of gratitude and appreciation. "Gratitude is great for our attitude, especially in hard times. It shifts your focus from what isn't there to what is there; from things that could go wrong to the things that do go right. So, if it's not already a habit, practise more gratitude and make it a daily habit. This is great attitude." Sacinandana Swami, a spiritual teacher and Bhakti monk, shares a pertinent aphorism from Marcus Aurelius: "Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking." He continues to explain that if we live a balanced life, at all times and in all circumstances, we become more self-content, and less dependent on all that is outside of us. His suggestion is to compile a mental list each day with items we can be grateful for. "You will immediately feel how your heart and vision widens. Gratefulness makes us look again into our lives and maybe discover it for the first time."

### Google Classroom and Online Lessons

Thank you for all your support in ensuring that the children continue to learn during these unprecedented times. We really appreciate your hard work in encouraging the children to complete daily tasks on google classroom.

We are pleased that so many children are participating in zoom sessions regularly. It has come to my attention, however, that some parents are using these sessions to ask questions to the class teachers and are therefore interrupting the lesson. If you have any questions, please ask your child/children to communicate via Google Classroom or send an email to the school office.

Zoom lessons only take place for a short amount of time which is why it is important for teachers to make the best use of this time. **You are welcome to observe the sessions, however the sessions are for children and it is their understanding and development that we are supporting. Through these live sessions and the learning, we plan and deliver via GC, we are encouraging autonomy and want children to continue to develop self-discipline by taking ownership of their own learning and answering questions independently.**

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Children will not be assigned any work on Google Classroom on the following dates:

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of May as it is a Bank Holiday (see more information below).
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May for all classes except 5SS and 1TT (Teacher report writing day)
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May for 5SS and 1TT only (Report Writing Day for these class teachers)

## **Video Conferencing Policy**

During these difficult times it become more important than ever to safeguard ourselves when working online, last week we shared, with children, how to keep safe online, this week I am sharing with you, our Video Conferencing Procedures and the crucial part parents play. Please find attached our Video Conferencing Procedures where you will find our school procedures and guidelines. Below you will find the section which refers to parent expectations:

- *Ensure that you have a safe and appropriate place with no inappropriate objects or information visible*
- *Ensure pupils are accessing appropriately and using the tool appropriately*
- *If a pupil is behaving inappropriately in a session, then the host (staff member) will warn the pupil, if it continues then the pupil may be removed from the session. A member of the school leadership team will follow up with parents before the pupil joins a future session.*
- *Agree to sessions being recorded by the school and saved securely by the school*
- *Ensure that pupils are supported with any video conferencing sessions and supervised where appropriate*
- *Ensure that the invitation link or the link to a recorded session is not shared with anyone or on any form of social media*
- *Ensure that the pupils have the correct environment for taking part in a video conferencing session*
- *Please note that the recording, taking screenshots or photographs of any session is not permitted. Online sessions must not be reproduced in any other way.*

## **My Hero is You: How kids can fight COVID-19!**

My Hero is You is a book written for children around the world affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. It is intended to be read to children aged 6-11 years. Feedback from more than 1700 children, parents, caregivers and teachers from around the world about how they were coping with the COVID-19 pandemic was taken into consideration during the development process. You can find the e-Book in the form of a PDF, attached to this email.

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## Online Drama Lessons – Perform for Schools



Perform for Schools have recently started Perform At Home - online drama classes for Reception to Year 6 children. These are 30 minute interactive sessions led by their Perform teachers in small groups featuring singing, dancing, storytelling and drama.

You can read more about it here: <https://www.perform.org.uk/classes-courses/perform-at-home>.

They are currently offering a FREE TRIAL SESSION for any interested child. They will be exploring Peter Pan with KS1 and The Greatest Showman with KS2. So far the feedback has been excellent and they have just opened more spaces.

For further information, please call 0207 255 9120, email us on [enquiries@perform.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@perform.org.uk). You can also visit our website [www.perform.org.uk](http://www.perform.org.uk).

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## VE Day



Friday 8th May is VE Day and a Bank Holiday. Teachers will therefore not assign any work on Google Classroom on this day. VE Day is the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and has been made a Bank Holiday to mark the occasion. Before restrictions were put in place due to COVID-19, communities all over the United Kingdom were planning outdoor celebrations, concerts and street parties to mark the celebration. We are still going to mark the occasion and we invite you to join us. We would like to encourage you to take part in a picnic on Friday; whether that be in your garden, your backyard or lounge. You could create flags or bunting to decorate your home. We would like each family to design a poster with the words 'We'll meet again'. In our next newsletter, we can share the photographs of our wonderful families taking part in our picnic holding their signs. We hope that you will be able to take part and we look forward to seeing your photos!

## Free School Meals

As you are aware, the Government have administered a voucher scheme providing allowances for children who are entitled to Free School Meals. By now, you should have received an e Voucher from a company called Edenred to the value of £15 each week for every child in your care eligible for benefits-related free school meals. If you have not received your voucher, please check your clutter/SPAM folders before contacting Mr Koorichh via email who will then make further enquiries.

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## Staying Active - Dan the skipping Man



During lockdown, it is important to remain active and healthy! Dan the skipping man has been producing videos of the amazing skipping concept for schools and pupils to learn from. They offer a variety of skills for children through their videos which easily be followed on their YouTube channel. If you have a skipping rope at home, why not try this out!

<https://www.youtube.com/dantheskippingman>

## The Young Artist Competition

A huge thank you to the 62 entries for the Young Artist competition!  
Here are a few examples of outstanding pieces of Art:



**Roses of Hope by Shaniaya Parmar 4HH**

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**Abstract Process Art by Aaryan Patel 4 HH**



**Colourful Flowers by Niva Patel 5SS**

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**Dancer by Vidya Joshi 3KK**

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**Flowers by Sanjana Khatri 3GG**

**Celebrating children's excellent work**

I am very proud of all the hard work and effort that the children are putting into their daily work on Google Classroom. I am also grateful to you all for your support in continuing to motivate and encourage the children.

Please see some examples of fantastic work below!

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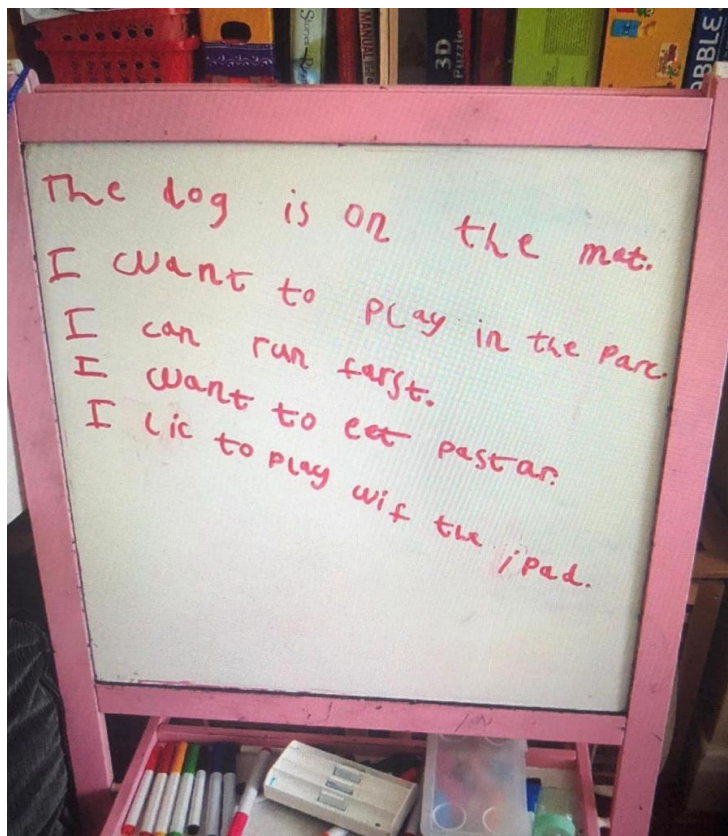




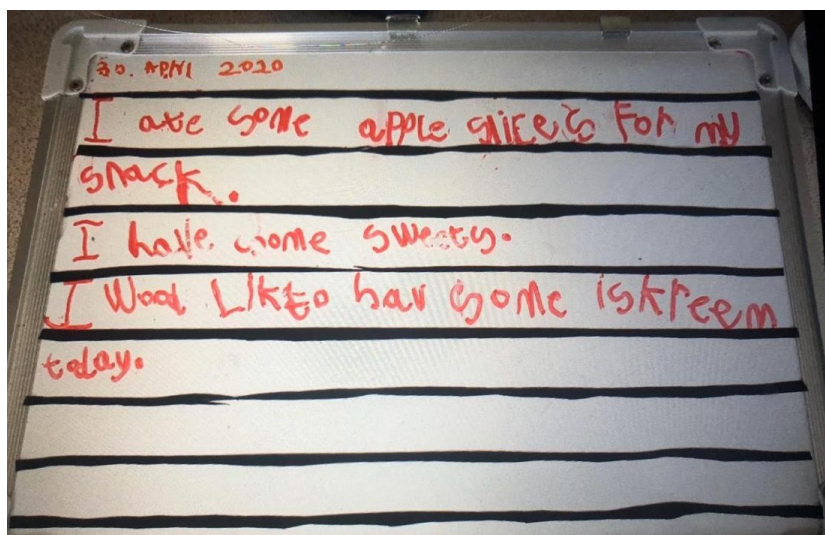


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**Riya Rathod RBB**



**Monika Kotecha RBB**

Both Riya and Monika in Reception Busy Bees have been uploading lots of work throughout lockdown and their writing has really improved! Miss D and Mr Burns are very proud of their work.

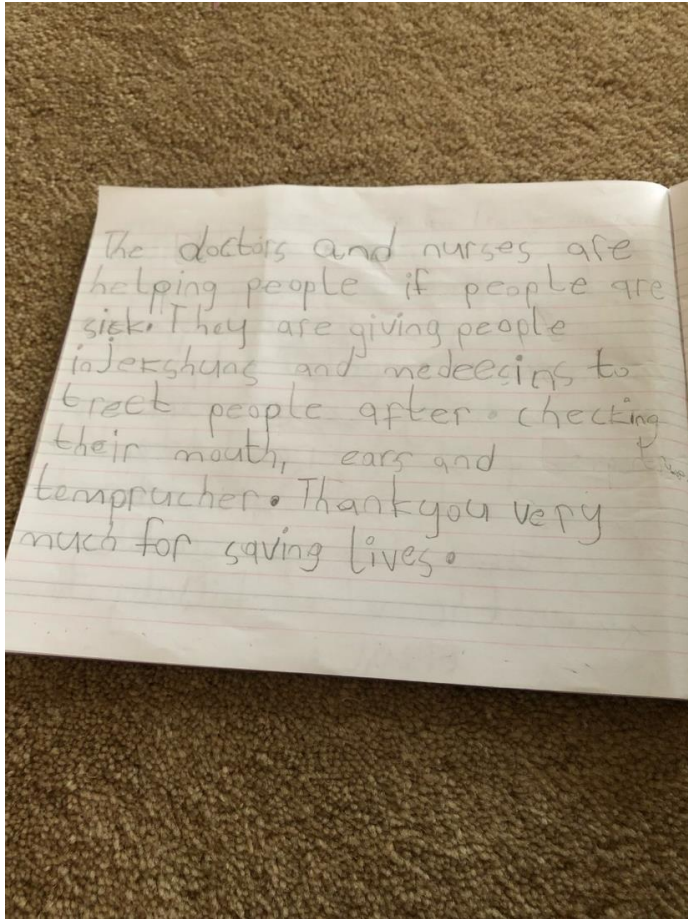
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**Mia Patel RLL**

Mia has been doing lots of independent work at home, we have been learning about the NHS/ doctors/ hospitals, she wrote some information she has learnt independently. the first picture also shows her work from our phonics Zoom class.

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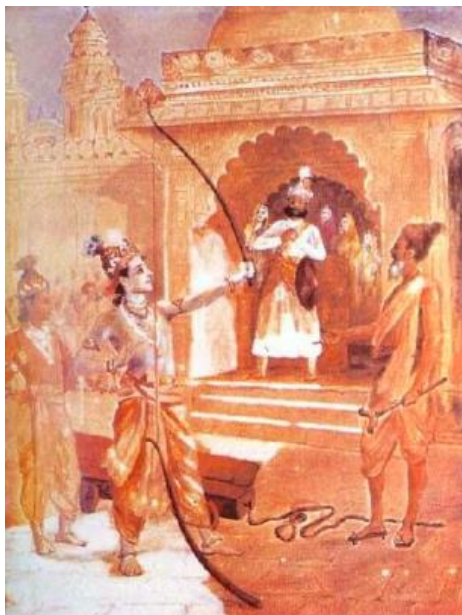






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## Lord Rama Presentation

*By Xavier Vara 2PP*

Mr Hirani was very proud of Xavier Vara's PowerPoint presentation (**see attached PDF for full presentation**). This was part of project leading up to Ramanavami. The children used their English skills for sentence writing and their computing skills (which they learnt at school) to create a PowerPoint. This project was of course linked to PRE too. Great work Xavier and Year 2!

## Lord Ramachandra (birthday 2<sup>nd</sup> April)



**Ramachandra PowerPoint presentation by Ayushi Shah in Year 2 FF (See attached PDF for full presentation)**

**WHO** Lord Rama

**WHAT** was born

**WHERE** in a city called Ayodhya

**WHEN** over 5,000 years ago in a royal family.

**WHY** His father who was King Dasharatha, His mother Queen Kaushalya and 2 step-mothers: Kaikeyi and Sumitra had prayed for children to the gods.

He had 3 brothers Bharata, Shatrugna and Laxman

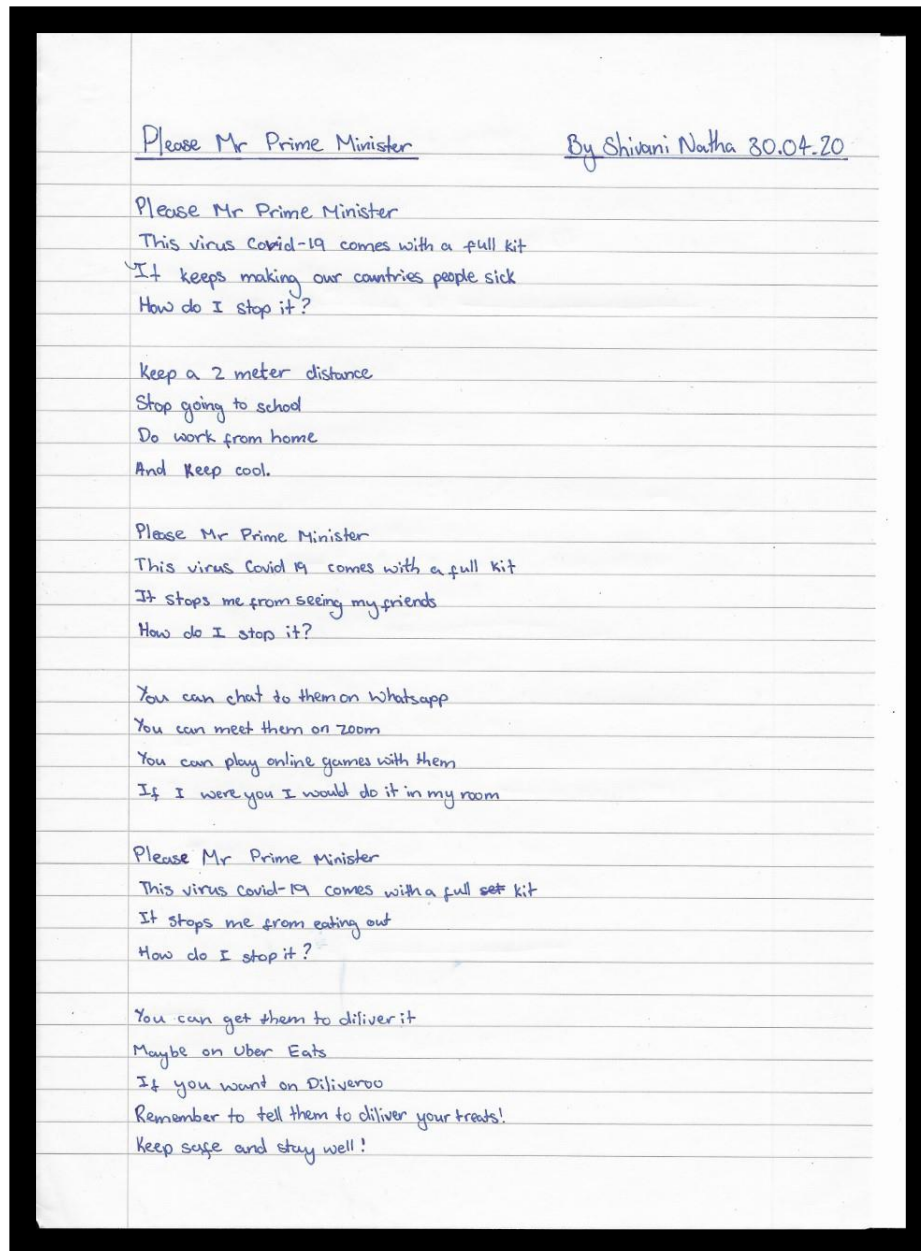
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## “Please Mr Prime Minister” by Shivani Natha 4 HH

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Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020

My friend Amber.

My friend Amber  
Goes to hockey with me  
My friend Amber  
Got stung by a bee.

My friend Amber  
Is named after a traffic light  
My friend Amber  
Sleepwalks at night.

My friend Amber  
Is extremely nice  
My friend Amber  
Has head lice.

My friend Amber  
Likes to eat curds  
My friend Amber  
Chases flocks of birds.

My friend Amber  
Likes copper glasses  
My friend Amber  
Steals expensive vases.

My friend Amber  
Is very rude  
My friend Amber  
Snatches food.

My friend Amber  
Is as quiet as a mouse  
My friend Amber  
Has a horrible huge house.

My friend Amber  
Is the best  
My friend Amber  
Isn't like the rest.

## **My friend Amber by Lalita Bhimjiyani 4HH**

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**LEARNING OBJECTIVE: To write a creative story based on the themes of the Highwayman poem.**

**By Krisha, 5SS**

It was dark at night in the spring season. No sign of movement. All that was heard was the harsh breeze that hissed like a snake amongst the absence of the world. The moon shone down like silvery ropes which lit the path for a silhouette figure riding a creature down the steep hill like a flash. The sinister background was slightly intimidating. The figure headed towards the petite cottage which stood by the stream.

A slender woman paced back and forth next to the bridge as if she was waiting for someone or something to appear out of thin air. She wore torn pieces of cloth and a cloak draped across her shoulder. Her eyes twinkled like two magnificent stars. Her face was exceptionally pale almost as if she was worried sick. Her name was Megan; Megan Moore. As a matter of fact, she was worried sick. Worried sick for a man that was her only happiness in the universe. Megan's eyes were swollen. TLOT! TLOT! TLOT! TLOT! Had she heard something? TLOT! TLOT TLOT! TLOT! At once she looked up and there he was; her true love!

A smile spread across her face and her eyes lit up. Megan knew this would only last a short amount of time as Augustus (Her fiance) was always too busy with his crew all for the better so that one day he could afford a house. He muttered, 'Oh my one true love, I am afraid I shall be gone till midnight though back with a sack of gold just for you and I. I won't be gone for long and will be back before you know it my sweetheart. You are not to worry.' Megan replied, 'Oh Augustus, how am I not to worry when you are gone for so long and risk your life? Please be back before midnight. The more heists you commit, the more sins you shall carry on your shoulder. I love you too much to let you go.' the bandit nodded and kissed her, before galloping away towards the pitch-black surroundings. Once again, Megan turned pale.

Philip, the gardener, was hidden behind the cottage and eavesdropped into the two love bird's conversation in the mood of jealousy for he loved poor Megan just as much as the bandit did. Unfortunately, for him, Megan ABSOLUTELY detests him though her father hired him so there was no turning on her father. Phillip had an undoubtedly heinous personality. In his emerald green eyes, there were shards of fury that shot out of them. They were like two devils longing for revenge. Every time he peered around the edge of the cottage, his bleached cheeks became hot red.

As midnight came, Megan expected Augustus to show up. There was nothing. Time flew by all the way till the evening. Thoughts raced through her mind like: Should I stay in case someone notices that I am gone, should I go to save his life? But how could he betray me like this?' She was panic-stricken! Megan had her answer when she glanced up...



A whole troupe of Romans marched towards her. There was no option. She had to give up. She thought that she couldn't give up. No, not now. As they arrived, they headed in Megan's direction. Her instincts told her to run so she did but she just wasn't fast enough. The Romans thrust their weapons at her. Julius (their leader) shouted in victory, 'Megan, since you are a royal, you shall finally get to marry me and the bandit shall be tracked down and killed forever. I don't understand why you ran away from me. I thought our relationship was indomitable' Megan exclaimed, 'Julius, you have no right to interfere in my life. Although I am a royal, my heart belongs to someone else that I met a few weeks ago and so I shan't let you have everything your way. I ran away as I hate the way you and my father treats me and at least now, I get the respect that I deserve.'

Splinters of ferocity spat out from his eyes. At once, he ordered, 'Tie her to the chestnut coloured chairs inside or outside in the garden full of blossoms. It is time for revenge. I will do all it takes till he (the bandit) is killed.' Megan's spine tingled. There she sat, struggling in pain. Her bleached skin was as pale as a ghost and her throat was exceptionally dry. Soon Megan became unconscious of her surroundings. The lids of her swollen eyes were shut and it had been almost as if she was abandoned for years as her skin began to rot away.

Once again, the bandit came, TLOT! TLOT! TLOT! TLOT! 'Hadn't they heard it?' Megan thought. TLOT! TLOT! TLOT! TLOT! Megan had finally realised it; Augustus had returned, but not at the right time. Megan just had to do something to warn him. Her mind was blank and nothing was processing well. She was too caught up in her own mind as she loved Augustus so much. Though her true love had not noticed that she was in danger so he just kept galloping towards Megan's cottage. When he strode along, he was still a silhouette figure amongst the pitch-black sky.

As he arrived, he was speechless at the sight that lay before him. There was absolutely nothing he could do. Beside Megan lay a pistol so even if she tried to move, she would still experience an extremely painful death. At last, Megan set her mind straight and then BOOM! She died! Megan only did this because she knew Augustus wouldn't survive the Romans as he was a piece of dust against all of them together.

Mountains of blood dripped across the wooden flooring from the heart of Megan. Augustus shrieked. He was startled at what lay before him. He howled a curse to the sky and on the floor lay two bodies without souls and with blood dripping down from their hearts.

## Highway Man Story by Krisha Pattni 5SS

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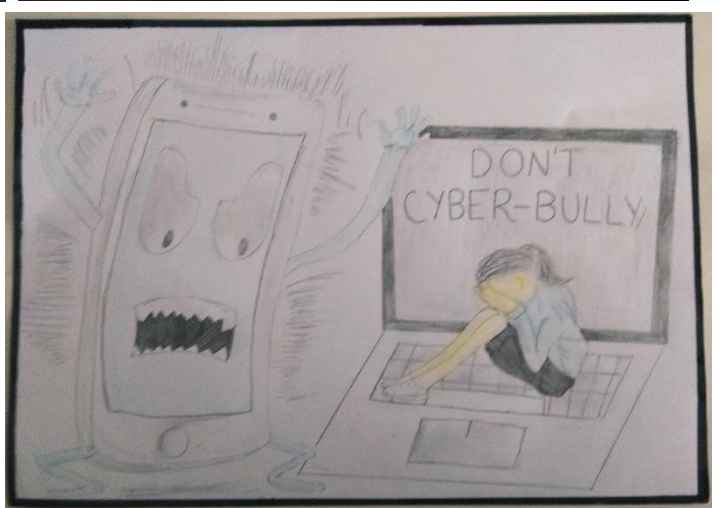
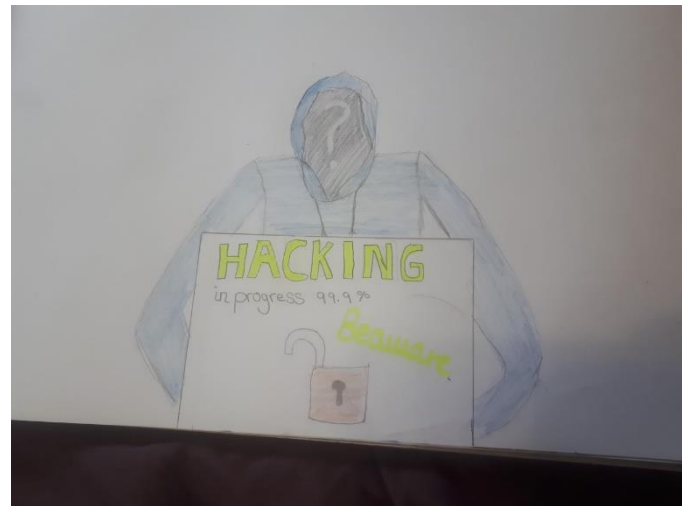
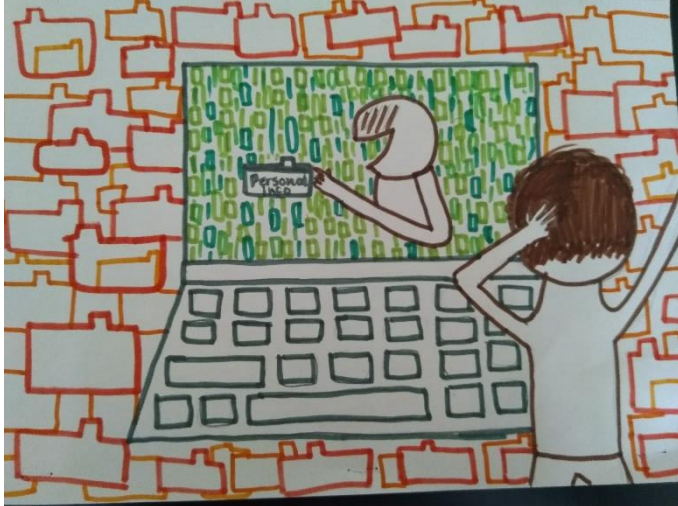




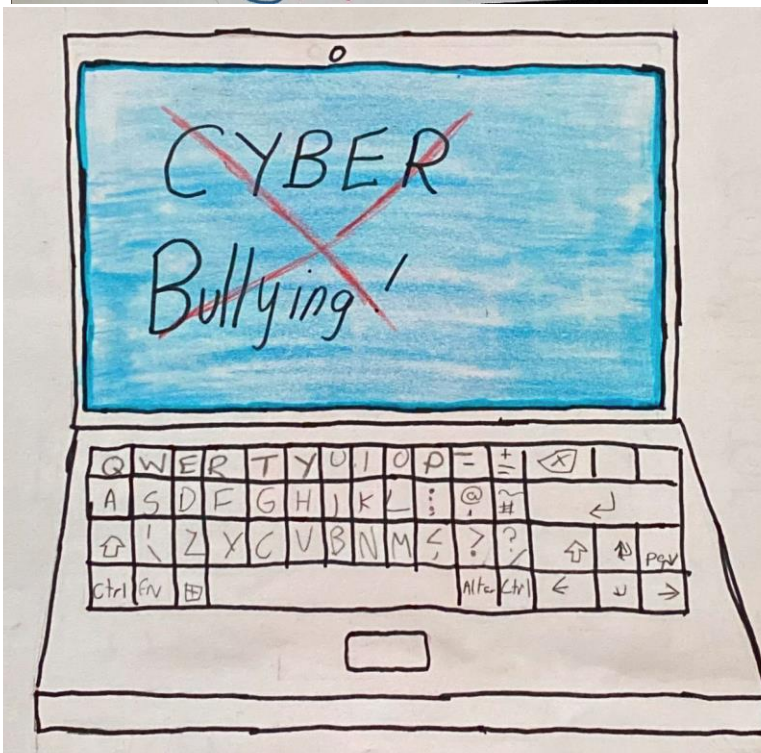
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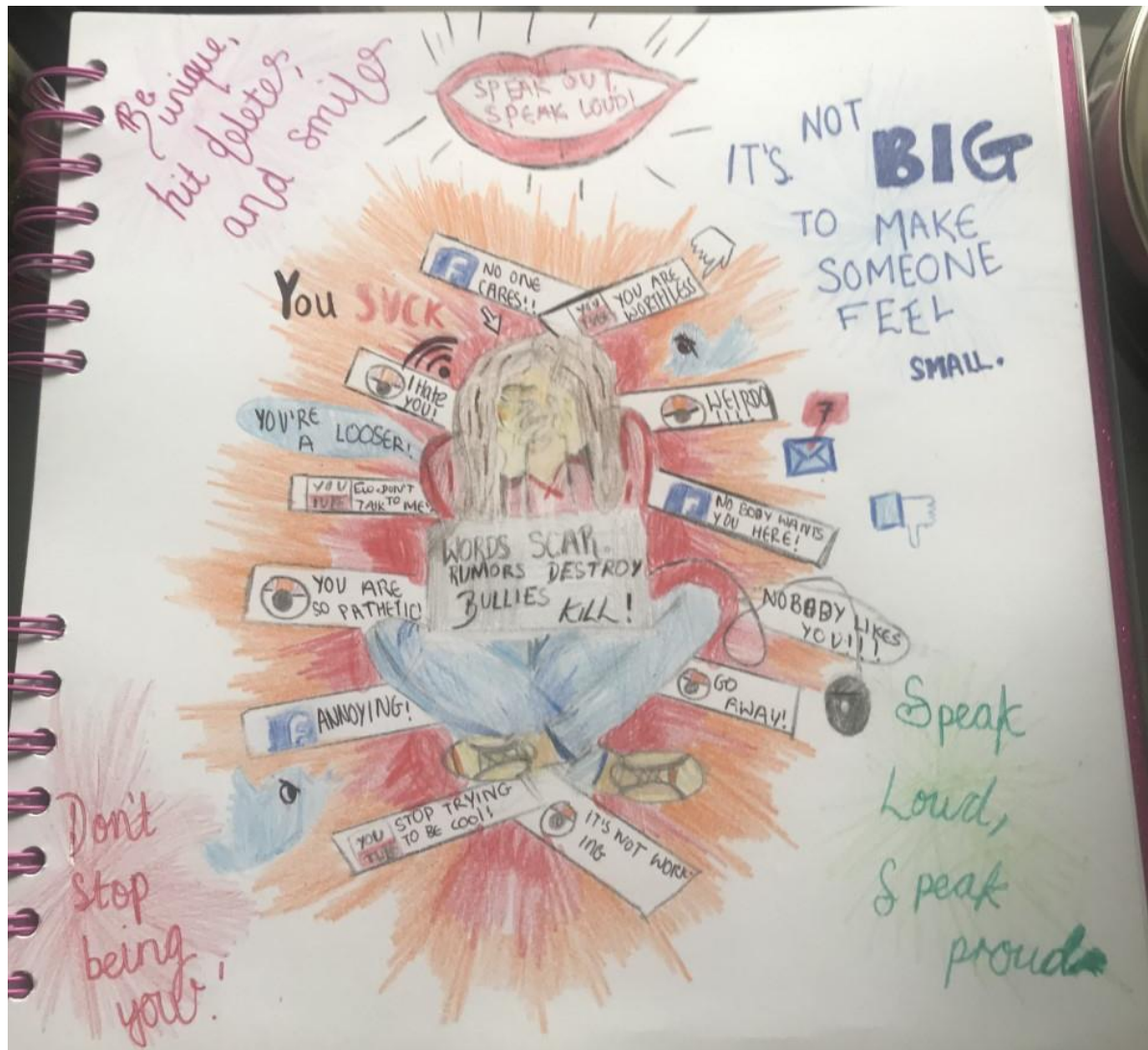
Year 6 have been working on creating 'stand out' online safety posters as part of their PSHE unit on Keeping Safe. Below are examples of some of their work.













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Thank you once again for all your support.

Very best wishes to you all.

Mrs Bellare

Principal

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