

Happy Half Term !

I would like to say a huge well done to everyone for making it through this challenging half term.

I am so proud of the way the children have adapted to their new way of learning. They have tried so hard and produced some wonderful work.

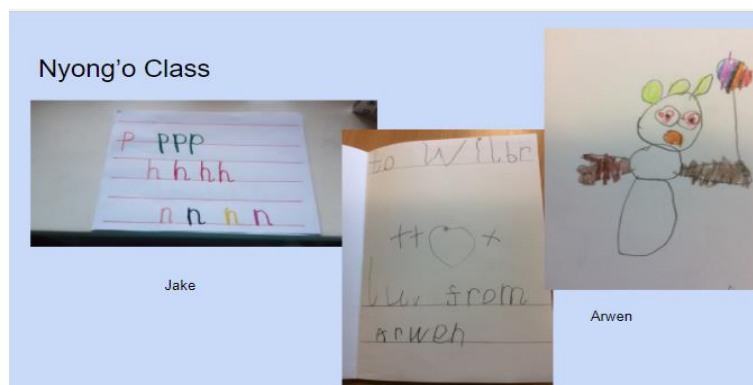
Parents, you have been incredible – supporting learning at home when trying to keep everything else going as well.

I hope you can all enjoy a good break from home learning and manage to relax during the half term break. The days are getting lighter and hopefully the weather will be good enough to get outside for longer.

Unfortunately there was a problem with the video of Celebration Assembly today so I have put the special mentions and examples of wonderful work from each class below.

Nyong'o Class

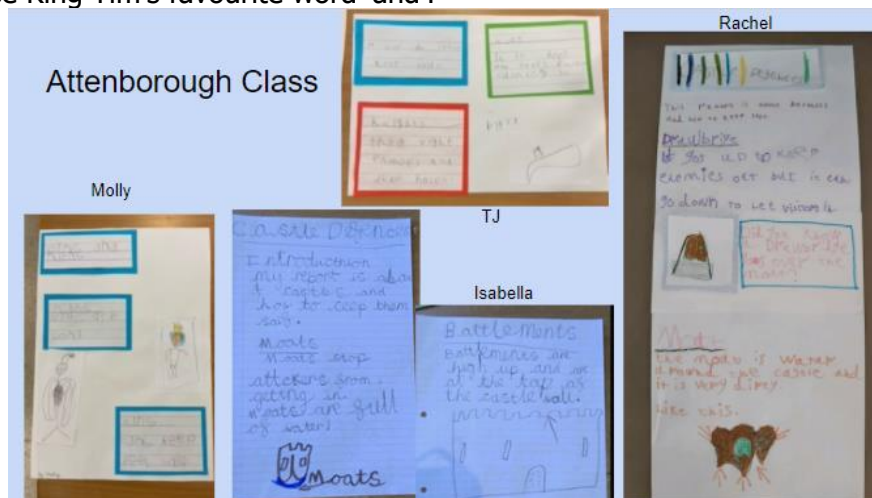
Jake has been working so hard on all his learning, but especially his handwriting.
Arwen has written the inside of her birthday card to Wilbur the penguin beautifully.



Attenborough Class

TJ and Molly have both worked so hard on their writing this week! They have created beautiful reports on castle defences and written their information independently remembering capital letters and full stops!

Isabella and Rachel have created some amazing reports on castle defences at home! Rachel has included some excellent facts and Isabella's handwriting is just beautiful! They have also both remembered to use King Tim's favourite word 'and'!



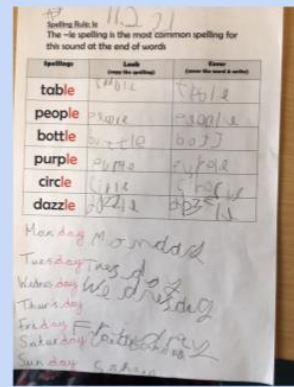
Johnson Class

AJ has been showing a really positive attitude, trying his best and has produced some super spelling work.

Aleksander has made some fantastic contributions in the Google Meets this week. Well done!

Johnson Class

AJ



Farah Class

Charlie has written a wonderful diary entry pretending to be Eric the boy who turned into a dog in our class novel (Woof!). His maths has been whizzy and his spelling has been consistently top of the hive!

Isla J's diary entry was funny and creative and used loads of adverbs!

Lucas works so hard on all our subjects and always hands in work that is accurate, great quality and on time! His adverb acting in our Google Meet was worthy of an Oscar too!

Farah Class

Unfortunately the lifeguard spotted me and started to chase me with a mop. I successfully managed to escape through the fire exit without getting caught by the mop.

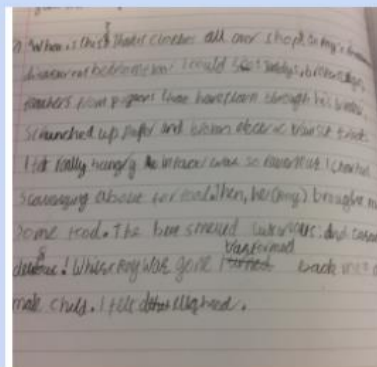
After we had escaped from the lifeguard and his mop we ran to the park. We were really hot and sweaty after making our great escape so Roy bought us each an ice lolly. My favourite flavour is lemon and lime and it tasted delicious. It was just what we needed after our close shave with the lifeguard. I was so relieved.

Later that evening, as I still hadn't changed back into my human self we decided to head to Roy's house. I couldn't go home as a dog could I?

We arrived at Roy's house, but because I was still a dog, we had to sneak upstairs to Roy's bedroom as quietly as we could so his parents wouldn't see us.

"What a state!" Roy's room was so messy. There were so many toys, books and stinky clothes on the floor. I couldn't even see the carpet!

Isla J



Charlie

Kahlo Class

Kaleb has been consistently improving his handwriting and working hard to ensure all of his written work is neat and legible, as well as always being a kind friend to everyone in the class.

Archie W has continued to apply himself and try his hardest, even when he is struggling. Archie has made positive contributions to all of the Google Meets and managed to make Mr Levick cry with his beautifully written letter.

Kahlo Class

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Dear whomever it may concern,

I sincerely hope this letter finds you well.

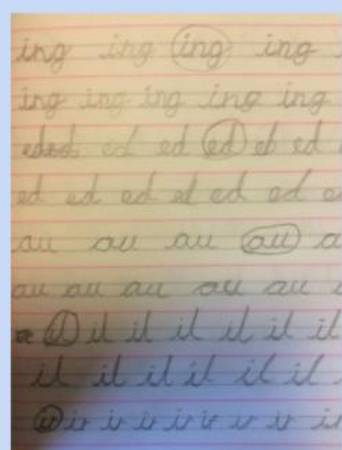
I'm writing to you today because I have some fantastic ideas for the new for away tree book. The land I've been thinking about is called the land of peace and heaven. There would be birds chirping, the sun shining, waterfalls falling into beautiful clear lagoons and angels flying around playing big gold harps. The afterlife of loved ones is accessible through the waterfall where you can meet with our nearest and dearest that departed the earth and went to heaven. The land would make the characters feel very safe, tranquil and great comfort seeing their loved ones.

I would be very grateful if you would read my letter and consider my proposal carefully.

Your sincerely,

Archie White
(7 Years Old)

Archie W's beautiful (and emotional!) letter.



Kaleb's amazing handwriting!

Sentamu Class

Both Stanley and Elissa tackled the work on reading information from tables brilliantly. They took their time, read the information carefully and worked out what the questions were asking. These are really important skills that we can sometimes forget.

Sentamu Class

How many more girls than boys chose purple?

How many more boys chose red than blue?

Which animal was chosen by the greatest number of children?

As Betsy approached the Mistress she stumbled, spilling some of the tea from the silver teapot. Rapidly, the Mistress sprang up to her feet, with a look of violence in her eyes. The mistress stepped closer. **With fear crawling in her skin and licking her bones, Betsy quietly whispered her apologies, trying not to cry with fear.** "You horrible and clumsy girl!" the Mistress viciously shouted. "horrible and clumsy girl! horrible and clumsy girl!" Squawked Mr Bird loudly. The old lady approached the girl, while Betsy was holding back tears and trying to get enough confidence to **apologize** loud enough for the Mistress to hear. Betsy quickly rose up to her feet with fear in her eyes. She knew how violent the Mistress could get, and the thought of it made her even more terrified. Betsy quickly backed away from the Mistress, before she would get hurt!

"What do you think you are doing you STUPID GIRL?" said the Mistress **ferociously!** "stupid girl! stupid girl!" squawked Mr. Bird loudly. "I am very very sorry about that," said Betsy sheepishly. "I do not care if you are sorry or not you idiot!!!" snapped the Mistress cruelly. **Hastily, Betsy sprinted** off of the veranda before the Mistress could yell at her again. She had a slight feeling in the back of her mind that the little old Mistress was going to follow her, but luckily for Betsy she was not. For the whole rest of the week worried Betsy tried not to go anywhere near the **VICIOUS** woman.

Elissa and Stanley did some fantastic work using information from tables.

We've been looking at adverbs and writing about a character in our book Freedom this week. Abigail and Hunter did some great work. Mrs Bruce particularly liked Abigails line "With fear crawling in her skin and tickling her bones, Betsy whispered her apologies."



Happy Birthday to Ella in Nyong'o who celebrated her birthday this week.

Happy Birthday to Natan in Farah and Jasmine in Kahlo who will celebrate their birthdays in the half term break.

Reporting Covid Cases during the half term

If your child develops Covid symptoms within 48 hours of last being in school and has a positive test please email stbarnabas@york.gov.uk. This email will be checked once each day during the half term week.

I am pleased to inform you that we have not had any Covid cases in school this half term. Thank you for helping us to keep numbers in school low and the school a safe place to be.

Return to school

We have no further information about when the children will return to school. The government have said that schools won't return before 8th March and that we would be given 2 weeks notice of reopening so we are expecting to have some information soon after the break. Let's hope it won't be too long before everyone can return safely!

Review of our remote learning offer

Thank you to parents who completed our survey on remote learning. Your responses were generally very positive about our remote learning offer and mostly confirmed it was working well. Your feedback about improvements along with your regular communication to teachers about difficulties has been very helpful. In light of this, we have slightly reviewed our offer for children in Year 2 to Year 6. A letter telling you about the changes can be found [here](#). The offer will stay the same for children in Nyong'o and Attenborough Class.

Message from the Governors

The Governors would like to thank you all, for once again encouraging, cajoling and working with your children at home in the Remote Learning. As a School, we have been working hard to provide learning which is streamlined and hopefully easier to access. Governors want to thank all the Staff in School who have been working conscientiously on the Remote learning and teaching those pupils who are in School. It's been nice to see you!

Please let us know about the positives and ask any questions. Thank you to all those who replied to the questionnaire a few weeks ago.

We want to wish you all an enjoyable half term holiday, with an opportunity to rest.

