

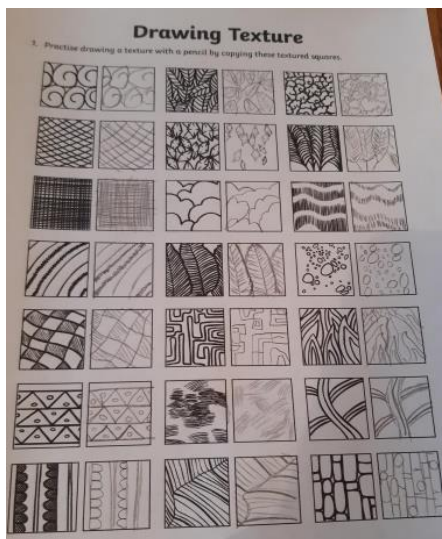
### A Note from the Headteacher

#### Remote Learning

It has been lovely to hear from so many of you this week with overwhelmingly positive feedback about our remote learning package. We will continue to streamline our Google Classroom provision in response to your comments, to ensure greater consistency across classes and an efficient but effective workload for teachers, so please bear with us. From your feedback it is clear that our teachers are doing a fantastic job of combining in-school teaching with their remote commitments.

It is great to hear that so many children at home are happy and safe and are engaged with remote learning. We would love to be able to share some of your home activities with the school community, so please feel free to send any photographs to the [school office](#) to be shared via Twitter, the newsletter or Google Classroom.

This week, Year 6 have been practising their art skills as well as producing their own creative writing.



#### My Creative Writing:

The amber sun beamed down on me it's radiant glow warming my skin. Cool sapphire water lapped at my tanned feet. My thoughts drifted back to my dive the day before, It was so fascinating watching the corals thrive. The explosion of their vibrant colours lit up the tranquil sea. Fish of every colour darted between the corals whilst an emerald turtle swam gracefully. Waking from my trance I looked out to see dolphins graze the surface of the water spraying a fine salty mist. Boats glided along the ocean pulled by billowing sails. I continued to walk along the shore, my feet relaxing beneath smooth pebbles. Glossy seaweed lay on the fine sand dripping with salty water. Cotton clouds sailed across an endless sea of blue. This was paradise.

#### Homework: Children in School

Just to clear up a possible area of confusion, children attending school full-time do not need to complete any online tasks unless directly instructed to by the class teacher. Learning in school and at home is closely matched to ensure equal coverage but may not necessarily all be delivered on the same day. Homework has been suspended for the time being but as always, we encourage daily reading and practice of spellings, number bonds and time tables. Please also encourage your child to take part in regular physical activities as these will really contribute to their wellbeing during this difficult period.

Please take a look at our Top Tips for Supported Reading documents, which can be found on our website. Please click for [KS1](#) and [KS2](#).

#### 'Live' Learning

I am aware that, as lockdown occurred at very short notice, resulting in the partial closure of school overnight, I did not have the opportunity to explain our rationale for the remote learning package that we have provided. If anyone would like to find out more, please follow the link below:

[Rational for Remote Learning](#)

## Coronavirus Rapid Testing

You may have seen in the news that primary schools will soon be provided with rapid lateral flow testing kits for staff, to be used twice weekly on a voluntary basis. Please be aware that, should a member of staff produce a positive test result, that staff member and their school bubble would have to self-isolate for ten days. We will of course communicate this to parents as quickly as possible but it is likely to be fairly short notice. It is vital, therefore, that parents and carers of children in school have provided us with their current email addresses and contact phone numbers.

## Spotlight on Safeguarding

We are so pleased to hear that your children are loving our Google Meet sessions. We are aware that some of you have not given permission via School Gateway for your child to take part. Please be aware that, if this is the case, your child will not be allowed entry to the meeting (see our remote learning protocol). If you are having any problems accessing School Gateway, please contact the office for support.

A polite reminder that all of our school policies remain in place during the lockdown period, with amendments or attachments as required. This includes our Acceptable Use Policy where parental consent must be given for a child's photo to be shared on social media. You as parents and carers have also agreed that you will only share photos of your own child. Thank you for your continued compliance.

## Wellbeing Worries

We have introduced a virtual 'talk box' for children working remotely at home, to replace our in-school 'time to talk' box. Please let your child(ren) know that they can message [talk@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk](mailto:talk@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk) if they have any worries or concerns about their schoolwork or if they are missing their friends or feeling lonely. Obviously we want them to share any concerns with you, as their parents or carers, but sometimes it can help to talk to someone else. If the worries are about technical issues or are work related, we should be able to solve these fairly quickly. These emails will be sent directly to Miss Greenway, our SENDCo/ Wellbeing Lead and Mrs Butcher-Collier, our Learning Mentor, and will be entirely confidential.

## Twitter

We strongly recommend that you follow the school on Twitter [@WisGreenSchool](https://twitter.com/WisGreenSchool). Should any last minute changes occur, this is our quickest way of communicating urgent information to parents. We also regularly upload links to wellbeing websites as well as other ideas for home activities so please do take a look! Here are just a few:

Explorify-Science at home: <https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/blog/explorify-during-school-closures>

Primary Times-a newspaper for primary children: <https://www.primarytimes.co.uk/>

Book Trust-online books and videos: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>

Place2Be-mental help support for children and their families: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/coronavirus-wellbeing-activity-ideas-for-families/>

## Wider Curriculum

**Competition time! Design your dream cycling jersey and win a Frog bike! Entry until 29 January 2021** – the winner will be chosen by judges from the Bikeability Trust and Frog Bikes teams. You can find a template to use here: <https://bikeability.org.uk/download/3786> – please be sure to make your design creative, fun and unique! <https://bikeability.org.uk/cycle-more/family-cycling/just-for-fun/>

Here is a series of short films to help families cycle more confidently together.

Each film focuses on different stages of a cycling journey and features the four core functions used in Bikeability training: <https://bikeability.org.uk/cycle-more/family-cycling/essential-cycling-skills-for-families/>

The latest West Sussex Music “Music on the Menu” can be found on our [website](#).

To take part in a free Rhythm Master Zoom Class, including drumming, beatboxing and body beats, with Ollie, please visit our [website](#) for more information.

**Covid Hotline** – If you receive a positive Covid result for your child over the weekend or during the evening, please email [covid19@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk](mailto:covid19@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk) straight away.

### Important dates for your diary

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Internet Safety Day**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Year 5 and 6 Virtual Titanic Trip: SeaCity Museum** (see separate letter for details)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term**

*Stay Safe and Take Care*