

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely a strange and challenging time so it's okay if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at times. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by emailing the office or phoning school between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm. We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with remote working and provision for children of critical workers and will do until that guidance changes.

But just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Your children will have many activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on Seesaw. We love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home and will showcase it when we're back again. Thank you for encouraging your children to complete their activities at home - this connection to school is so important.

I can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully but rest assured that #Team Clarborough will continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Let's get cracking with our summer term!

Stay safe,

Mrs Cowell-Clark

**Below are some links from the Department for Education regarding things you need to know about school and education during the outbreak:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

**Supporting learning for our younger pupils:**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

## Childcare during school closure

The number of pupils using our childcare during school closure can vary depending on whether parents need to use the service. In order to make sure staffing numbers are correct, please ensure that you have informed school when your child will be here. Please let us know **the day before you need us** by phoning the school office from 8:30 until 5:30, emailing [office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk) or letting staff know when you drop off or collect your child.

Thank you.

## This week:

Some of our children from key worker families are coming to school; they are having lots of fun. They have taken part in a variety of activities including completing their work on Seesaw, planting some seeds and beautifully decorating the wall at the front of school.



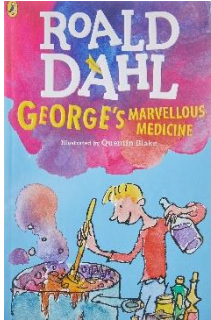
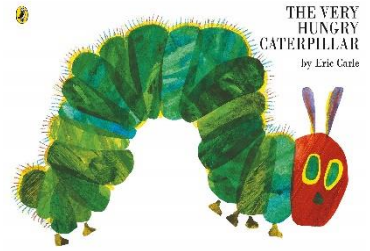
## Recycling

Whilst you are at home, if you have any empty crisp packets and bread loaf bags, please could you save them for our school recycling scheme if possible. We are able to accept any bread loaf bag and crisp bag but cannot accept popcorn bags, crisp tubes or any other packaging for this scheme. These can be handed in to the office when school re-opens. Thank you for your support.



## Virtual learning:

**Handel & Holst** - Mrs Dean and Mrs Turton are delighted that the Nursery and Reception Seesaw classes are up and running successfully. All the staff, staff pets and Bonkers are loving seeing and hearing what the children have been getting up to. The children have been doing lots of activities around The Very Hungry Caterpillar- they have made caterpillar and butterfly pictures, counted the things that the caterpillar ate and moved like a caterpillar and a butterfly. If your child hasn't been part of Seesaw yet then do come and join the fun!



**Debussy** children have been listening to daily story time of 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. They also created their own medicine and thought of lots of revolting, smelly things to include! The children have started looking at multiplication and now have their own log in to Times Table Rockstars!

**Schwartz children** have been revisiting work on place value. They have been counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's and partitioning numbers into tens and ones. The children have also been writing lots of questions. They found out what it was like when their parents/carers went to school and next week will find out what it was like to go to school 100 years ago. Mrs Green is really proud of how hard everyone is working from home. Well done Schwartz, you and your parents are doing a great job!



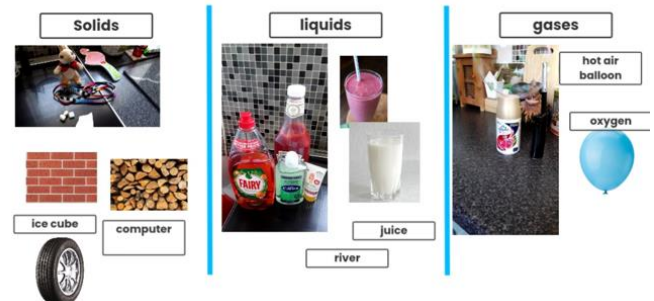
**Tchaikovsky** children have been very busy learning about light and dark in their Clarborough Curriculum. They went around their homes to look for opaque, transparent and reflective objects. They also celebrated St. George's day yesterday by finding facts out about him and designing a St. George's day t-shirt.

In Maths they recapped finding fractions equivalent to a whole number and then they found fractions of an amount...this really stretched their brains using their multiplication and division skills, well done year 3! In English they watched a short film which had no speaking in and used their inference skills to describe the characters feelings.

**Williams** have submitted lots of work set by Miss Marshall and Mrs Garton. This has included:

- Looking at solids, liquids and gases in science and taking photos of items around their house that they can categorise;
- Completing some great pieces of writing and maths work;
- Accessing Charanga for the first time and listening to music by the Beatles;
- Completing arts and crafts submissions

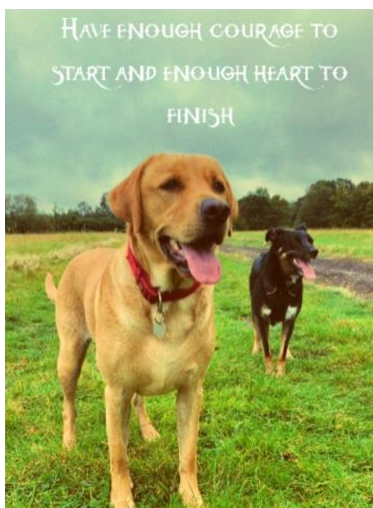
Remember Year 4 – keep practising those times tables on TT Rockstars!



**Schumann** children have:

- Taken part in Joe Wicks's morning workouts and have uploaded videos of all their hard work;
- Completed science experiments, creating super designs such as the tallest towers and floating devices;
- Completed a BBC teamwork activity, recognising and appreciating all of their qualities that makes them unique and a great team player;
- Looked at some tricky maths including revisiting work on negative numbers and super maths challenges;

It has been absolutely fabulous to watch them in their videos and also listening to their reading via audio recordings – it's really pleasing to see how engaged they all are!



**Puccini** have started the first week back with a great attitude with lots of children interacting with Seesaw. Mr Byrom is really impressed with their resilient approach to learning and wants you all to keep up the hard work!

In Maths the children have been continuing their learning and understanding about angles. Exploring angles in a different triangles and calculating missing angles.

English has seen the children learning about St George for their reading comprehension and are keeping on top of their SPaG knowledge by completing SPaG Spotters.

Computing has involved editing photos. The children learnt how to screen shot, import the photo and then edit it by adjusting the effects and even some added text. An example is to the right.