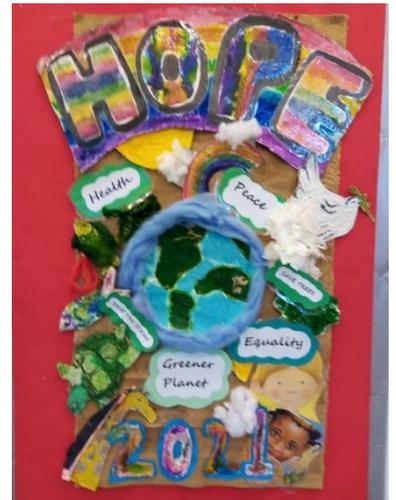




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### **Happy holidays and a pause to remote learning**

All the staff at Shipley would like to wish children and families a happy half term. We hope that you can enjoy some time away from screens to be outside in the sunshine or being creative indoors or reading. Have fun!

Tomorrow is an Inset Day and we return on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Remote learning will begin again on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and school will be open for support with any aspect of this. Remember - whatever you are doing to support your children is making a difference. Joining Google meets and Zooms is an important part of child's social development and helps them keep in touch with their friends and teachers. I know we have had some technical difficulties this week with some live meets but we are determined to resolve these by next half term. It is particularly important for those who have face to face Zoom lessons with Mrs Davies - please try and attend if you possibly can. They are set up to help support your children.

If any parents wish to stick to routines and continue with home learning, there are some topic based tasks on the class web pages and children can go back to Google Classrooms/Tapestry and complete any tasks they have missed.

### **Return to school**

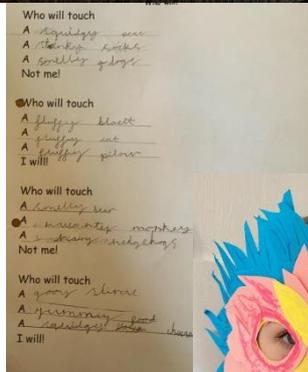
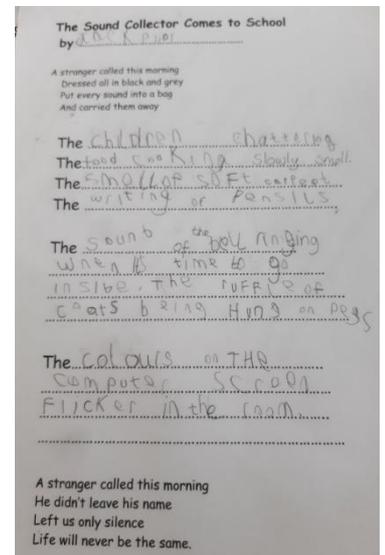
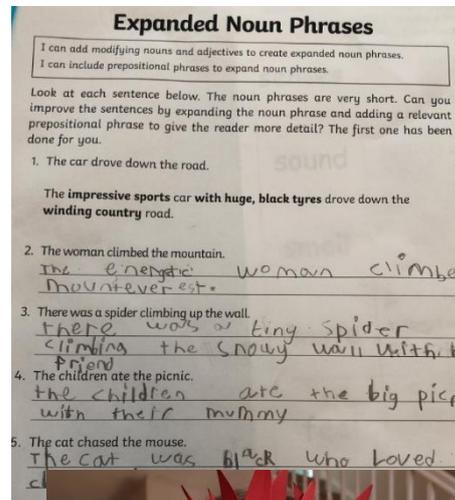
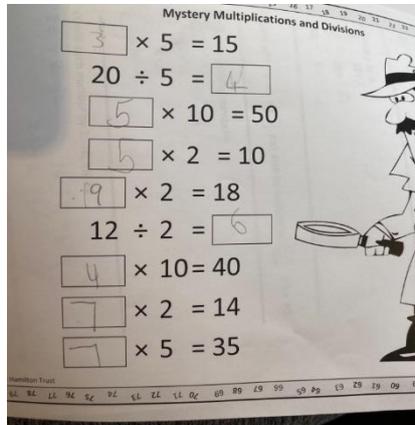
We await the announcement due Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February for the return plans. There is a lot of speculation about phased returns and extending the school term. Please ignore the speculation. Rest assured we will make a robust plan for Shipley as soon as we know the facts.

### **Parent consultation meetings**

These are scheduled for the fortnight beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> March and will be via Zoom. Full details will follow in mid-March.

## Oaks

Oaks have been working really hard this week but having a lot of fun too. Lots of people played in the snow and found icicles which sounded great. We have made bird masks, learnt about dividing and written poetry. Our Zoom call this week was funny because Mrs. Simpson had trouble with the sound and was having to make hand gestures, everyone laughed. We drew a frying pan and made pancakes. Lots of fun, as always, thank you everyone.



## Ash

Well, what a half term! Not how we expected to start the year but you have all been so brilliant with coping with all the changes, so well done! We know the challenges of home schooling and how it's not possible for everyone to always complete the work but we wanted to mention a few children who have worked incredibly hard at home and handed in almost every piece of work! So a HUGE well done to Max, Buddy, Maisie, Abi, Issey, James and Eve - fantastic effort!

There's been some great learning this week from everyone both at home and at school. We have our thinking caps on with some maths investigations and have finished our Iron Man topic in English with a book review. Time for a well deserved rest now! Enjoy your half term and we all looking forward to hopefully seeing you soon.

## Sycamores

Sycamore Class have had a great week and I continue to be greatly impressed by their hard work and enthusiasm. This week, children listened to and performed 'From a Railway Carriage' by Robert Louis Stevenson. Using a mysterious image from the past, they created a character and carried out some descriptive writing. In Forest School, many children made crepes, which

looked delicious. Additionally, we continued reading 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' and were introduced to the silent film industry by watching a clip from 'Safety Last' featuring Harold Lloyd.

Thank-you to all those who completed a task from the 'Home Learning Activities'. We had some wonderful piano and keyboard playing from a number of children! Have a wonderful half-term, everyone.

### Flexible Friday themes

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET day and Freedom Friday for children
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	French Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Days
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Where's Wally day



The children built a snowman before the snow melted away!

The children have been working with Mrs Judith Petros on ideas for saving our planet.

Kind regards

Mrs Jen Harvey and Mrs Karen Stocker

