

### Welcome to this edition of the digital newsletter.

Since March, the majority of pupils have been learning at home and school has only been open to certain pupils.

From 1st June, school has also welcomed back pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

Although most pupils remain learning at home, we wanted to begin sharing news from school once more.

As well as keeping you informed, the children in school would like to share some of what they have been learning each week.

### Attendance

If your child is currently attending school, but is unwell, please phone and let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dear All staff

We would just like to say Thank you ! to all of the staff at New Bolsover Primary School.

You made it possible to safely open the school to other pupils on the 1st of June and I know that we are very grateful for that. We feel that the social distancing plan is working really well. All of you have made it possible for our little girl to have her routine and normality back, Our child was beginning to struggle with the Lock-down and as her parents we also began to see her lose confidence and her sparkle.

She is like a different child this week and is so much happier.

Thank you again for all of the hard work and effort you have gone to.

### Keeping in touch

Over the next few weeks, we may get in touch with you about your child returning to school. If we contact you and you do not answer, please ring back at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

### Social Distancing

We are following the guidance from the Government and local authority to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please ensure you are following the guidance as a family in the home and community to keep everyone as safe as possible.

### Lovely News!

We were delighted to receive this letter from a family this week.

### Staff Insights... first week back

I've had a really lovely week.

I've really enjoyed it.

Good to have a sense of purpose.

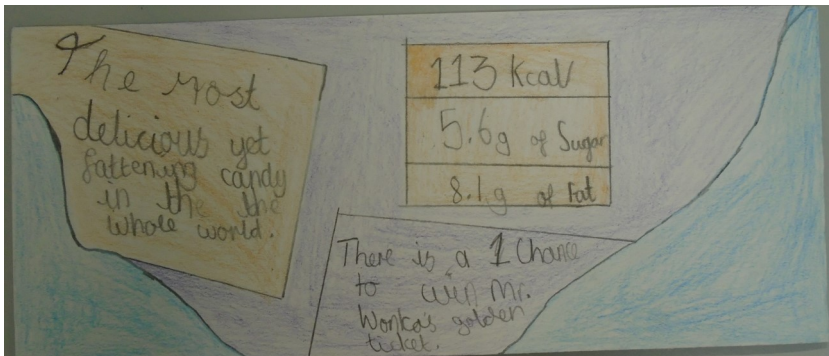
Enjoyed working with a new age group.

Children have been very settled and it's been working really well.

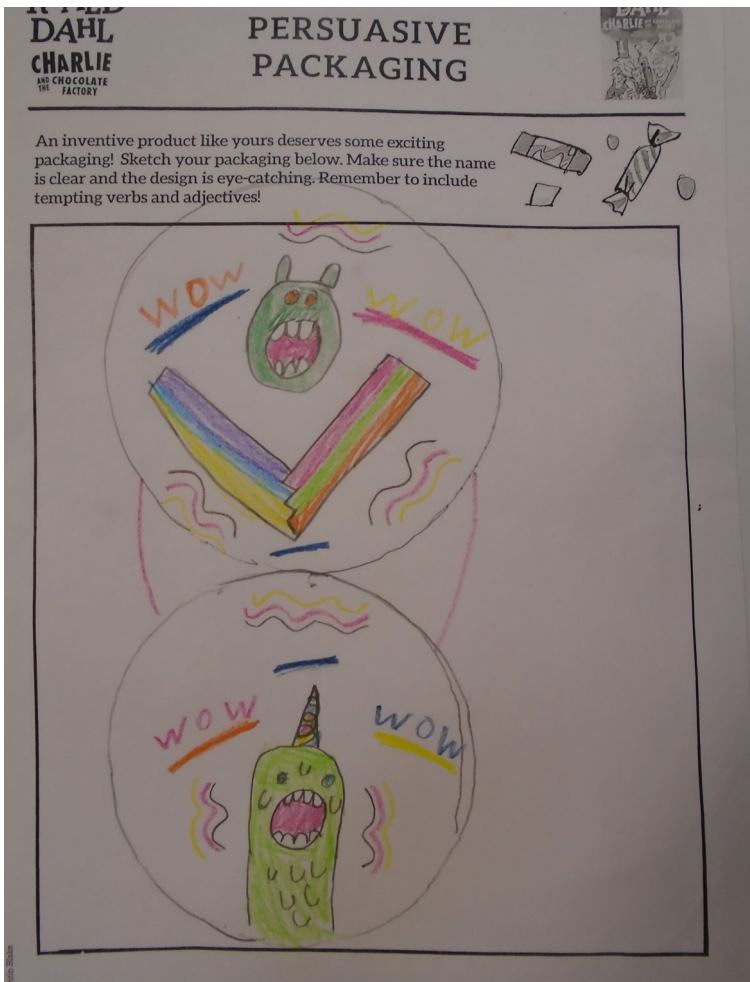
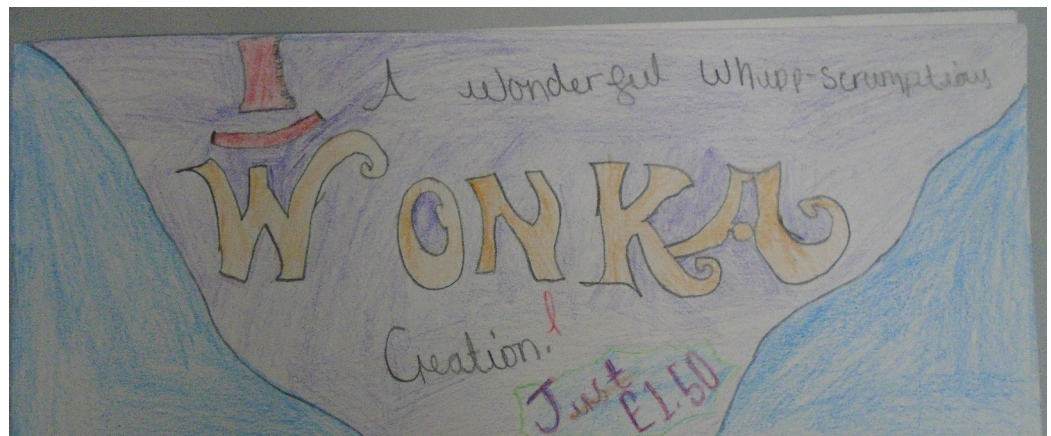
Nervous about coming back but feel positive and it's good to be back for self-worth.

Positive adults have encouraged the children to be relaxed and it takes their mind off what's happening in the world.

# Year 6



In English we've been looking at Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and have explored characters, designed a new sweet to sell and also persuaded Mr Wonka to give us a job at his factory.



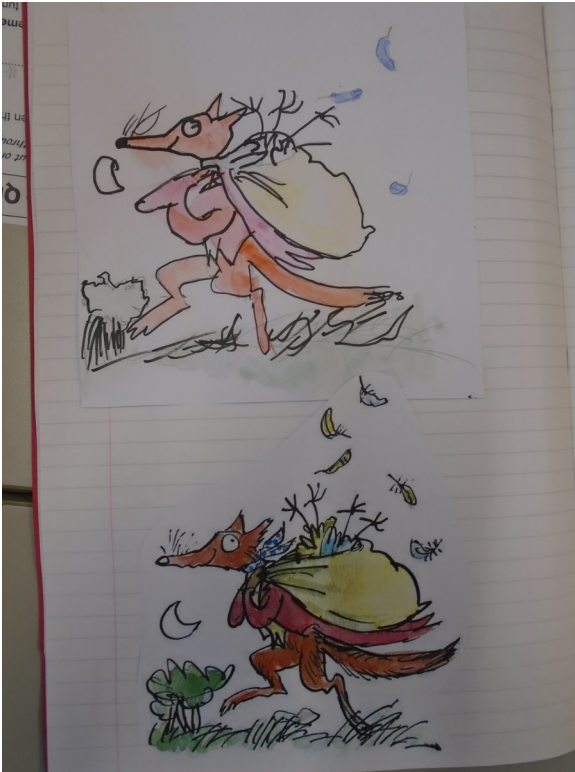
"We've had a really great week back at school."

"We are settled and it's good to be back."

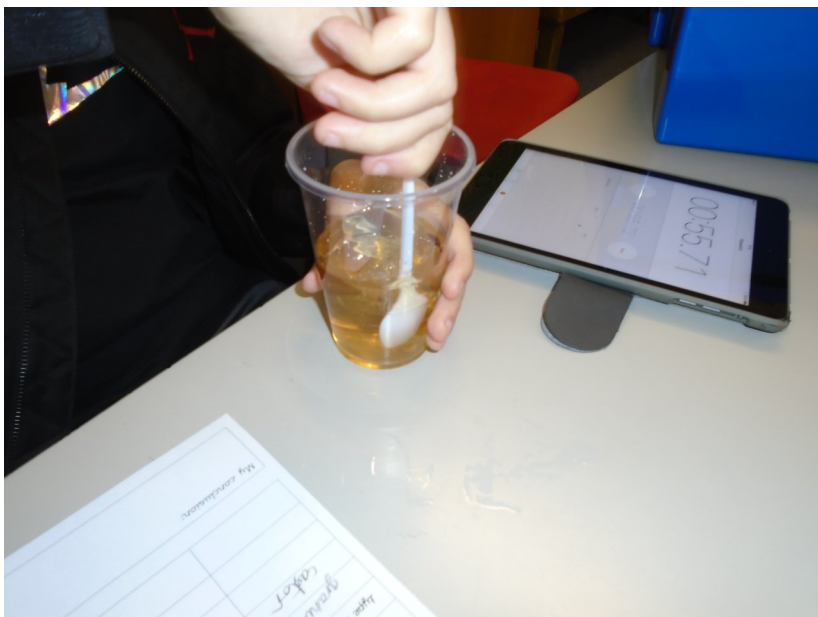
"The adults have helped us relax and forget about what's happening in the world for a bit."



# Year 6



In art we used Quentin Blake as an inspiration and did artist studies of his work. The results were fantastic! Next week we're creating self portraits in the style of Quentin Blake.

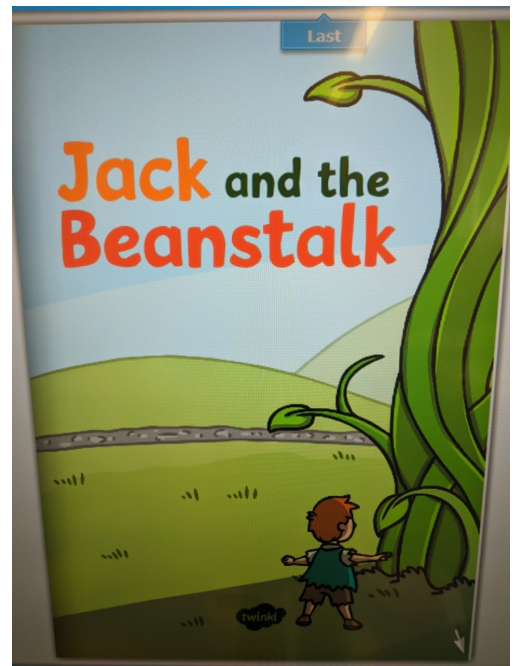


In science we investigated which sugar was the best to use based on how quickly they dissolve. Caster sugar was the quickest (we decided it was because of the smaller particles) and the children decided cubes were the slowest because they need to break down out of the cube before they can all dissolve.



# Year 1

Year 1 have had a great first week back at school. We have been learning in two bubbles and have started our new book Jack and the Beanstalk. We have had a go at planting our own magic beans and will be turning these into a scene from the story. During the sunny first half of this week, we have been out and about searching for natural materials to create some sculptures and art with. We also had a go at painting and printing using some of these materials. I hope those of you who have been learning at home are all well and everyone at school is looking forward to seeing you as soon as possible.





# Year 1





# Reception

In Reception we have been starting a new topic about plants. The book we are looking at in English is Jack and the Beanstalk and we have even planted our own magic beans! We have been looking at famous plant paintings and have had a go at our own using water colours. We have also explored the woodland walk and created dens for toy animals.





# Reception

We painted our own version of Sunflowers by Van Gogh and had fun making it out of our own playdough.



Then we listened to a part of our class book 'Jack and the beanstalk' and decided to see if we could grow a beanstalk. We wrote a text map of instructions and then went outside to plant our magic beans.



We are looking forward to seeing our beanstalk soon!

# Miss Wigmore's group

This week we have made potions that were very sticky, slimy or gloopy. The colours were amazing! The ingredients we used were: baking soda, vinegar and food colouring (black, green, red and blue). We tested to see if they were neutral, acidic or alkaline. Can you guess which was which?

