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TEACHING & LEARNING

We were unable to have any Year 5 and 6 children in school last week as a positive COVID-19 case had been reported. The period of self-isolation comes to an end on Saturday night, and the bubble will re-open on Monday 8th February.

Like all schools, we have seen a steady increase in the number of children needing a place in school. We are now at the point where we have to expand the number of bubbles. Up until this point we have had four bubbles – one for each Phase group – but from Monday we will be implementing a bubble per Year group. This means we will be using teachers more in school which will limit the amount of time they have for other tasks. The Teaching Assistants will continue to support the children in school, and they will also help the teachers with responding to the children's work in the Google Classrooms. We anticipate that it will take us a little longer to provide feedback to the children and we appreciate your patience and understanding. Thank you.

HALF TERM BREAK

We have one more week of learning before we break up for the half term holiday. The school will be closed to all pupils and there will be no online activities – everyone deserves a very well-earned rest! The children will return to their learning on Monday 22nd February.

INTERNET SAFETY



Tuesday 9th February is Internet Safety Day. During next week, we will be posting links and activities to promote the children's understanding of internet safety in the Google Classrooms. Please look out for these.

DATA PROTECTION

Information about how we use the personal data you provide us with can be found on our website. Please click on the **KEY INFORMATION** tab on the homepage and scroll down to **DATA PROTECTION – GDPR**. In this section you will find policies and privacy notices.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB: 15TH - 19TH FEBRUARY

If you are interested in your child attending a half term holiday club please check out the *ActivKids* offer from AllKidsCan: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/icnmd/ijex/> Please note that this is not taking place in our school and bookings need to be made directly with *AllKidsCan*.

VIRTUAL SINGING

Mrs Hagerty posted information about our Virtual Singing Performance in the Google Classrooms this week.

To take part, the children will need to learn the song *Army of Love* and submit a video of themselves singing it. Short clips from the videos will be edited into a virtual performance. Please send in your videos by Friday 12th February.

Once completed, the Gordon School *Army of Love* video will be released in the Google Classrooms.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS

Applications for children to join our Nursery in September 2021 can be submitted now. **The deadline is 1st March** and you will receive notification of the outcome by 15th March.

Please visit the Admissions page on our website where you will find our Admissions Policy and application form: <https://gordonpri.sites.schooljotter2.com/parent-information/admissions>

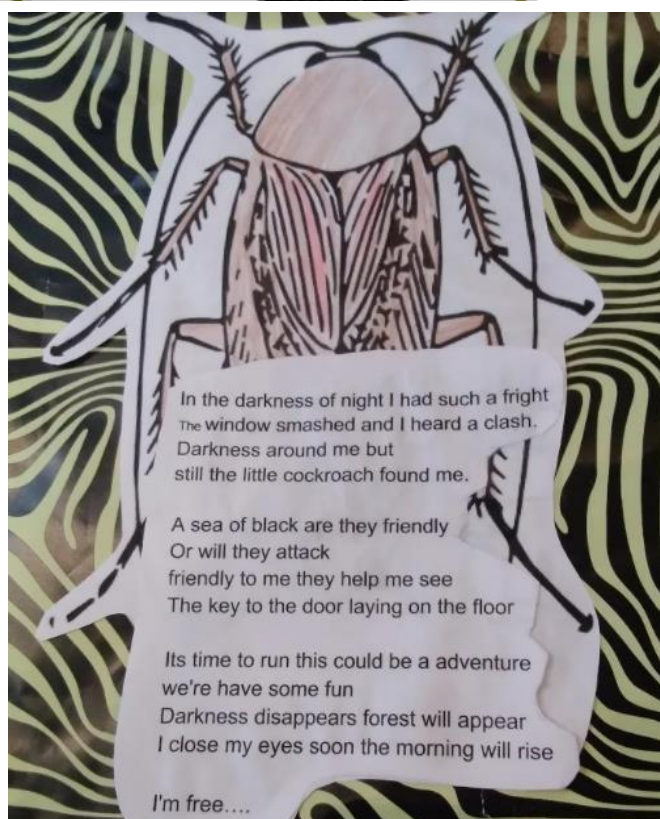
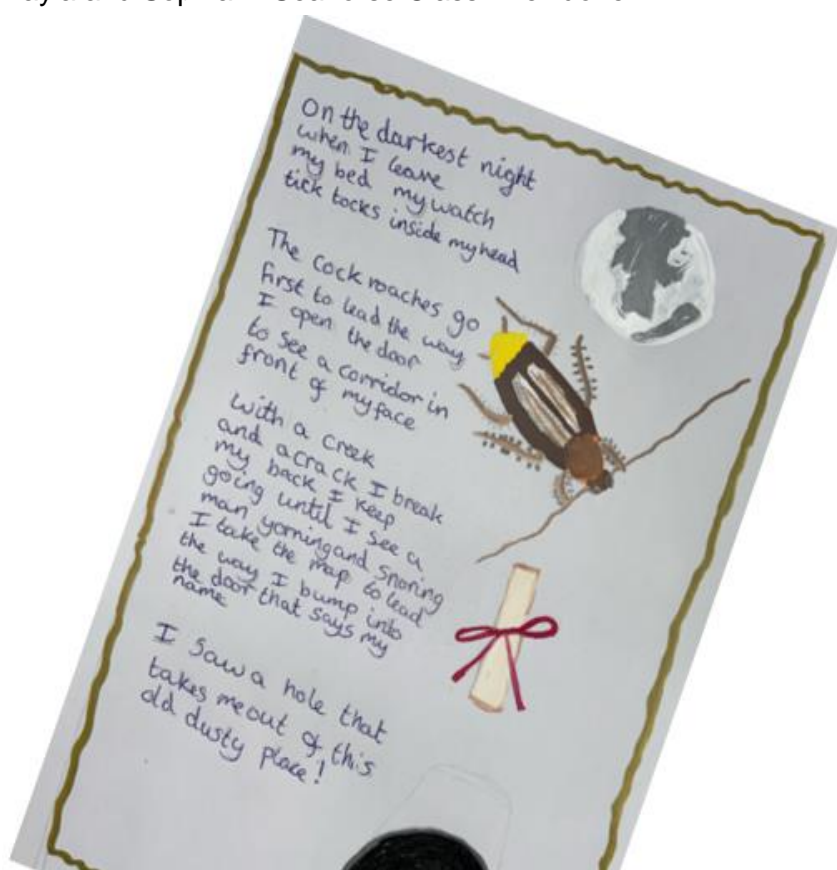
PERSONAL CHALLENGE

FoG's latest fund-raiser is linked to personal challenges. We are asking the children to choose their own challenge and help to raise funds for FoG. Such a challenge could be: running a certain distance, skipping for a certain amount of time, walking and counting steps, selling cupcakes, performing a puppet show, learning how to juggle, reading a certain number of books and so on. You will find more information about this project on the FoG website: <https://friendsofthegordon.wixsite.com/schoolpta/personalchallenge>

We would be extremely grateful if you could encourage your child to take part – they do not need to raise loads of money; just having a new focus and a challenge could really help their well-being during these difficult times. Thank you for your support.

POETRY

Once again, we have been impressed by the fantastic work that has been submitted this week. Here are some poems from Kayla and Sophia in Seahorse Class. Well done!



WELL DONE

Clownfish (N): Courtney-Mai for carefully working through her home learning pack

Conch (R): Alma for a super explanation during 'show and tell'

Coral (R): Magnus for consistent hard work and effort in all areas of home learning

Dolphin (1): Felix for a fantastically imaginative independent story

Jellyfish (1): Jess for her wonderful and creative animated story

Lionfish (2): Alivia for super online maths work and a great contribution to our maths workout this week

Lobster (2): Albert for an excellent description and illustration of his imaginary bed

Mussel (3): Emily for challenging herself in maths

Octopus (3): James for his informative, professional and fantastic presentation on Cuba

Oyster (4): Nevaeh for her brilliant participation and contribution during online lessons

Penguin (4): Soniya for working very hard on Google Classroom and being a great help in school

Seahorse (5): Taya for writing an excellent persuasive letter and putting 100% effort into his online learning

Stingray (5): Tommaso for all his excellent work, especially his super poem

Turtle (6): Sophie for great effort with her maths work

Whale (6): Georgie for a fantastic effort in her English work

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