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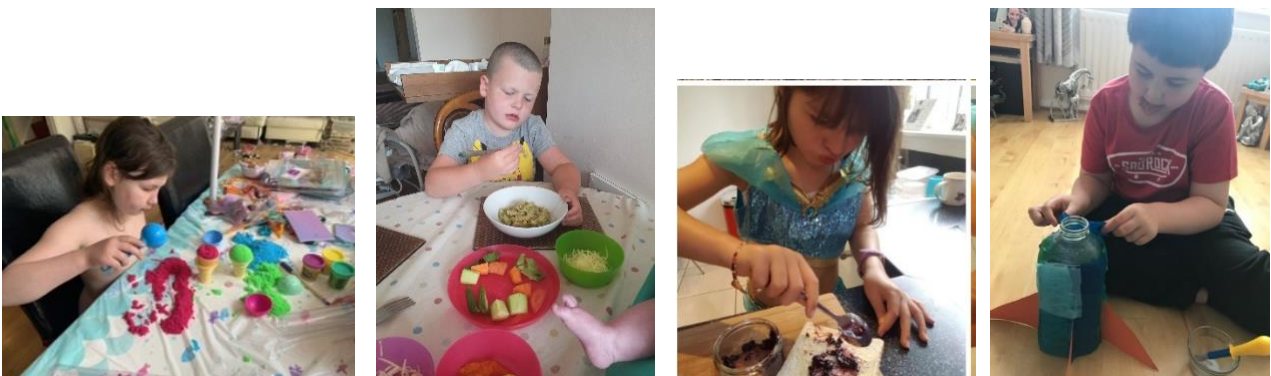
Dear Families

Well the sunshine has returned, but in true British fashion we swing from one extreme to the other! It is hard to imagine, as we bask in sunshine and 30+ degrees temperatures this week, that last week we were experiencing torrential downpours and searching for woolly jumpers!

We are now offering families a wealth of virtual lessons to support home learning opportunities for our pupils. Next week, we have scheduled a total of 37 virtual lessons! I have included details of each of these lessons on an additional page to this letter. I would urge you to make a note of the lessons that you believe will be beneficial to your child and to join us virtually as we are aware of how important this face to face contact is for all of our pupils.

In addition, we have today placed a new file on our website containing a full range of resources to support the delivery of our next whole school topic; 'let's get out and about'. You can find this resource on the home learning page of our school website or simply click on the following link; <http://middleton.herts.sch.uk/pupils/lets-go-out-and-about/> I would recommend that all families visit this resource file. The topic is divided into six sub categories; My Garden, People I meet, Transport, Shopping, Where I live and The natural world. Each and every Middleton staff member has contributed to the resources provided. I am very proud of the time and effort staff have given to the creation of these resources and the value that I know they will have for your children. We hope that they will provide families with a range of practical resources to explore as you begin to ease gently out of lockdown and venture a little further out into the world.

I hope that you enjoyed exploring the science resources on the school website over the past two weeks. Thank you to those families who sent in photographs of the activities they completed. Here are just a few of the lovely images you shared with us.



Please do continue to send in images of your experiences while participating in home learning. We hope to get creative with these images soon!

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We are looking forward to welcoming back our Year Two pupils next week and the following week into three separate blue hubs. The Year five and six pupils have all been working very hard in school this week and it has been fabulous to link with those pupils in year five and six at home via zoom. We hope you continue to join us for lessons next week.

I am aware that the following information feels a little surreal as we turn our attention to the end of the Summer term, and in indeed the end of this academic year. We have plans to enable as many pupils as possible to spend some time within school before the close of term. These plans will be shared with all families next week. However, I do need to make families aware that the end of term for ALL coloured hubs will be Thursday 9th July. If you have been following our Middleton calendar, you will notice that we were due to hold an INSET day this Friday. We do not want to disrupt the opportunity for Year 2,5, and 6 pupils to be attending school and so are delaying this INSET day until Friday 10th July when teachers will meet to pass on crucial information about pupils to their new class teachers. Year Six pupils will graduate from Middleton and leave us on Thursday the 9th July. We are keen to ensure they receive a good send off even if we can't hold our usual festivities and we will be in touch with Year Six families within the coming days. The key worker and vulnerable pupil hub will continue to operate right the way through until Tuesday 21st July. Next week I will write to parents with term dates for the academic year 20/21.

All of the staff at Middleton appreciate how difficult the current situation is for our families. We are all looking forward to having our school full of pupils once again and a time when some normality can be regained.

I hope that you can make good use of the current weather and look forward to communicating with you all once again next week.

Take care

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