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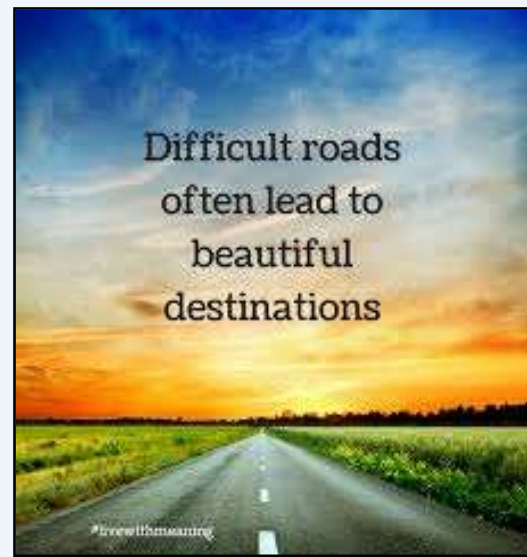
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**22nd January 2021**

**Dear Parents and Carers**

**I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well during this very stressful time.**

**I know that the role of parent is a hard one in normal times but these are not normal times. Be kind and patient with yourself and know that you are doing a great job caring for your child and helping them to learn at home.**

**I know that supporting your child with home learning is a challenge and that is why I want to remind you that we are here to help.**

**SEESAW/ Purple Mash:** Your child will have been given a special QR code, if you have any difficulties please contact your child's teacher.

**Home Learning Packs:** Your child will have been given a special made up Home Pack. Some are still to be collected.

**Children supported by St. Gerard's and Mrs Andrews:** These children will have been given additional Home packs.

**If you have any concerns, queries or require any additional resources please contact your child's teacher via WhatsApp, the School Office or myself directly by email.**

**On a positive note! Just a reminder about the exciting times ahead with our new school at Mill Valley, Ligoniel BT14 8PA, I continue to work with the Project Team in bringing this to life.**

**Take care and keep safe.**

*Bronagh McVeigh*

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## [P1 Application Form Help Sheet](#)

**Target Age for Primary One**- Born on or before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017

- Places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- Before you start your application find out more information by reading the **Admissions Criteria** on the EA website
- If you do not apply before the closing date/time of 12.00 noon on Friday 29th January 2021, your application will be late
- If you are unable to apply online, paper applications will **ONLY** be available on request from the Education Authority School Admissions Office.
- **You will be asked to upload these documents to your online application by taking a photograph-**

Birth Certificate

Proof of Address

**Admissions Helpdesk**- 02895 985595 (Mon-Fri 8am – 8pm)

**Email**- Pre-School Admissions - [preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk](mailto:preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk)

**Email**- Primary School Admissions - [primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk)

If you have any difficulties please contact the school office ASAP.  
Thank you.



**Click here for online form.**

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## POST PRIMARY ENROLMENT SEPTEMBER 2021

All post primary schools are required to publish their entrance criteria by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. You should be able to access this information directly from the individual school websites. As we become aware of individual school criteria we will communicate this through SEESAW and the school website.

Please find below some key dates and information regarding this process.

DATE	NOTES
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Post Primary Schools publish
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> of March ( 12 noon)	Online admissions process opens for Post Primary. Information on this can be found on the EA website, <a href="http://www.eani.org.uk">www.eani.org.uk</a>
Week beginning 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent/ Teacher Meetings Mrs McVeigh will offer an appointment to discuss criteria and to help you complete the
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March (4.00 pm)	Closing Date for Post Primary Applications
Getting Information	<b>Admissions Helpdesk-</b> 02895 985595 (Mon-Fri 8am – 8pm) <b>Email-</b> Post Primary Admissions <a href="mailto:postprimaryschooladmissions@eani.org.uk">postprimaryschooladmissions@eani.org.uk</a>

You will be required to list your choice of school in order of preference so we ask you to carefully consider each school's entrance criteria before making a choice.

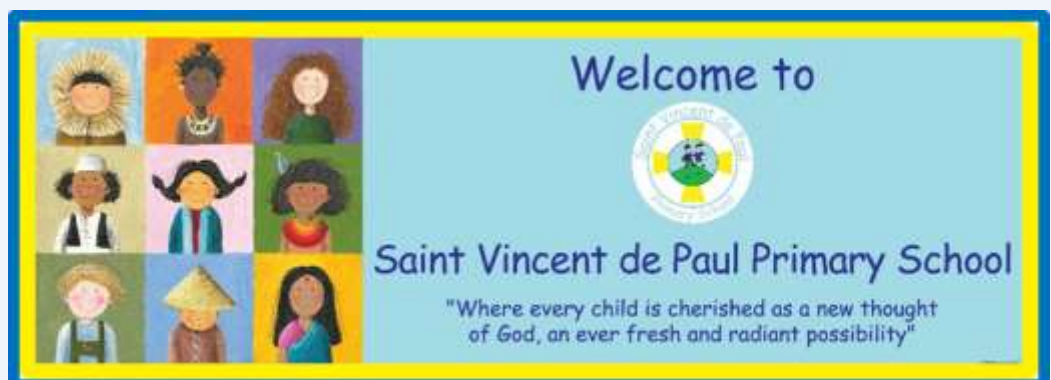
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## Sacramental Programme 2020/21

SACRAMENT	SUGGESTED DATES
First Confession	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March Group One: 10.00 Group Two: 12.00
First Confession First Communion	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May Group One: 10.00 Group Two: 12.00
Confirmation	<p>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Service of Light and Commitment Group One: 10.00 Group Two: 12.00</p> <p>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Service of Light and Commitment Group One: 10.00 Group Two: 12.00</p>



# TIPS TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE IN KIDS

**Spend quality time with kids.**  
When they feel loved and supported, children develop emotional strength.

**Talk about feelings so your child learns to share their worries and fears with people they trust.**

**Instead of rushing to solve problems, give kids time to work things out themselves.**

**When children experience failure or disappointment, it's important to praise their effort and encourage them to try again.**

**Acknowledge your own mistakes to teach kids that mistakes are essential for learning and growth.**

**If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them towards it.**

**Ensure kids are eating well and getting enough sleep and exercise.**



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# Take5

steps to wellbeing



## Be Active

Play, join a team sport, walk, cycle, run around. Being active helps us keep fit and also makes us feel good.



*Watch a short video about Take5 here*



## Connect

Have fun with friends, talk with family, help out at home, share your feelings. Being connected makes us feel loved.



## Take Notice

Watch and listen to what's going on around you, changing seasons, bugs, birds, flowers and rainbows. Take notice of how you feel.



## Give

Do something nice for a friend or family member, share, smile. Give to yourself - play, be creative, use your imagination, draw, paint, dance, dream. When we give to ourselves or others it makes us feel happy.



## Keep Learning

Read for fun, learn how to do something new, try your best. Set a challenge you will enjoy. Learning new things makes us feel proud as well as being fun to do.

# When We Need Support

If you are having financial difficulties during this time, there is help you can access. Here are some of the local supports that are available if you are in difficulty.



The Trussell Trust website has links to several foodbanks in Northern Ireland. They also have a dedicated Financial Crisis Helpline for families who are in financial difficulty.

The Whitehead Storehouse, located in County Antrim, provides emergency food supplies and certain other help for people who need it in the Whitehead Area.



The Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul and Christian Aid Project are all locally run charities that can provide assistance to families who are in financial difficulty.



Lifeline



Childline



ParentLine NI



Minding your own and your family's mental health is of paramount importance. If you are in difficulty, here are some organisations who provide immediate telephone and online support.





RISE NI (Regional Integrated Support for Education NI) supports children in schools by working closely with parents and school staff to help children develop the foundation skills for learning.



Click here for Practical Strategies to help with bed-time.

What can help to get my child to bed?



Advice and resources to help my child with ...



Social skills, emotions & behaviour

Talking and listening



Gross motor skills

Fine motor skills, visual perception & sensory



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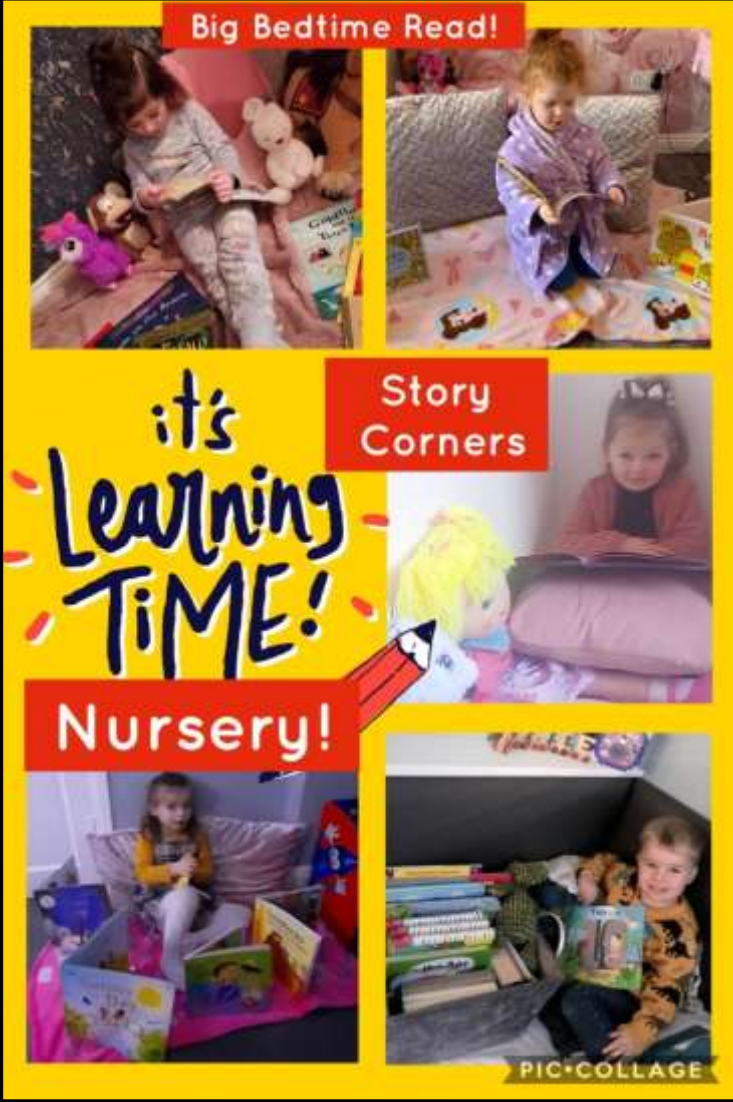




Home-Learning packs were distributed to all nursery pupils. They contain reading books, learning activities and fun tasks to do at home.



Outdoor Learning





# PIV ARE LEARNING ALL ABOUT WINTER

WE HAVE BEEN  
DRAWING WINTER  
CLOTHES



RHIA

RANVEER

CREATING OUR  
VERY OWN  
SNOWMEN



CÓEMGEIN



NOAH

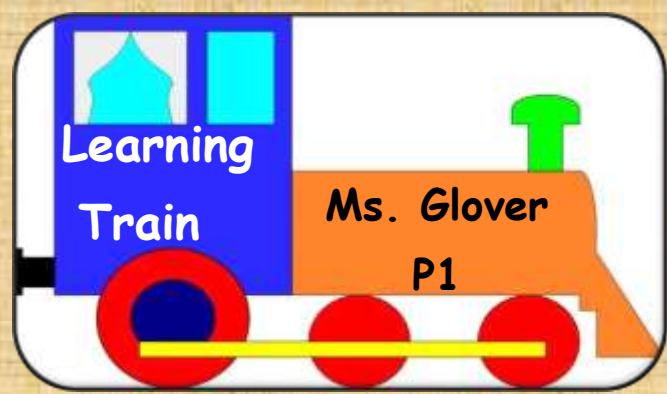
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LEARNING  
ABOUT WINTER  
ON THE FARM

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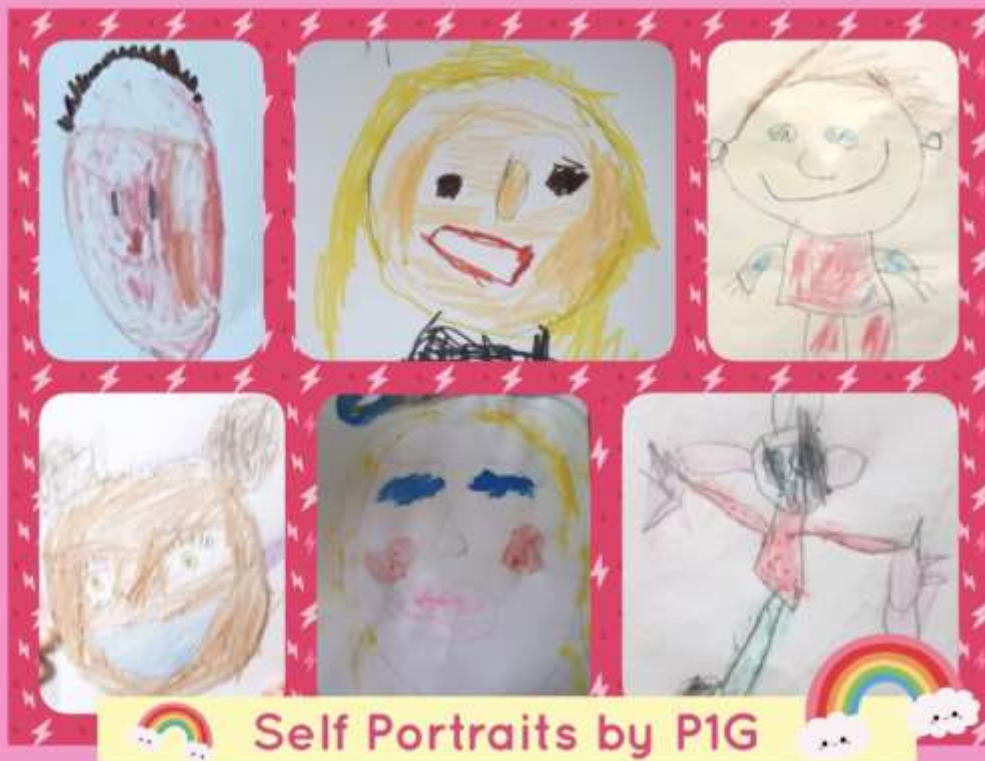


# Winter Fun



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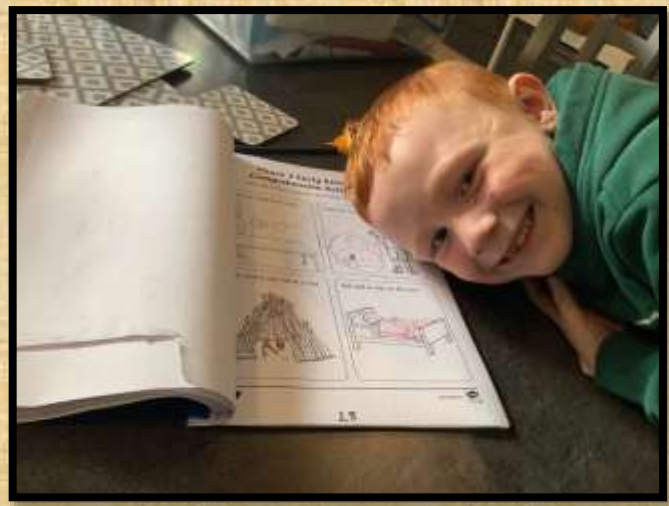
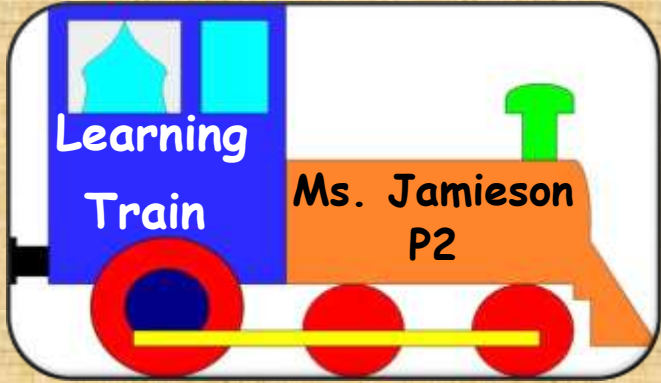
Self Portraits by P1G




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Patrick gives a  
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Patrick and Lexie  
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Ciaran made a  
fabulous model of  
the Titanic!

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Welcome to beautiful  
baby Archie from P2L

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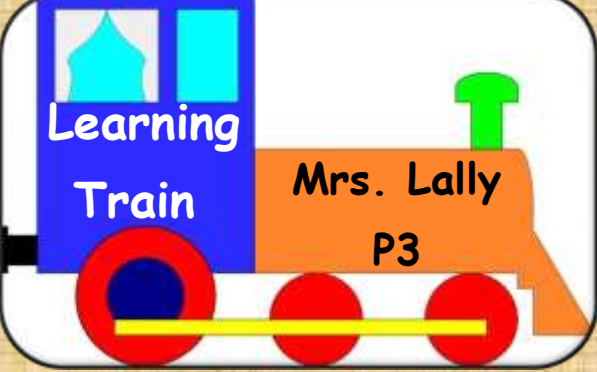
P2L ready  
for  
learning  
at home!


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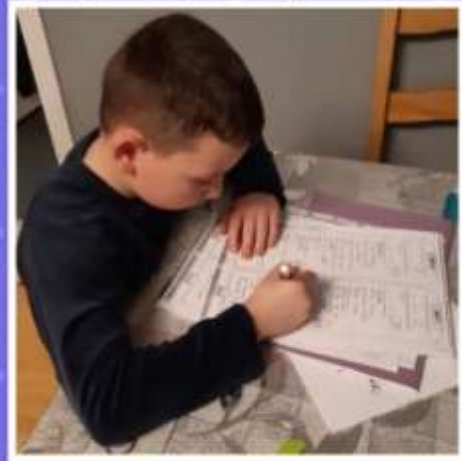


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# P3H are Home Learning Superstars 🌟



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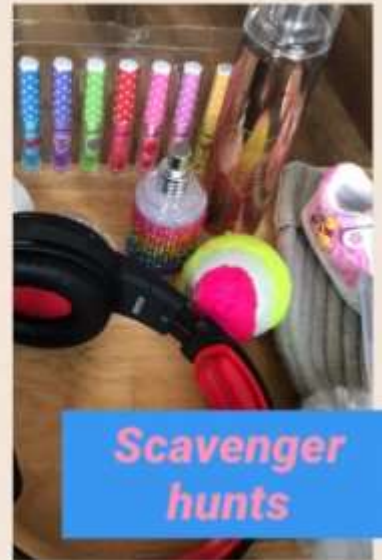
Ms. King  
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The  
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Scavenger  
hunts



Art work



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**Having a blast at  
home learning** 😎



Poetry



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**EFFIE USED HER SENSES ON MINDFUL MONDAY**

**5 Senses Countdown**

- 1. I see the sun rising
- 2. I taste cake
- 3. I smell lovely food being cooked
- 4. I touch a rainbow
- 5. I hear the wind blowing

**P5D GIRLS ARE WORKING HARD AT HOME**

**BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK AND AMAZING EXPERIMENTS!**

**CHECK OUT CLARA'S REVEAL DRAWING!**

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**WHY DID THE SWEET GO TO SCHOOL?  
BECAUSE HE WAS A SMARTIE!**

ABIGAIL

**WHAT DID ONE CALCULATOR SAY TO THE OTHER?  
YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON ME!**

EFFIE

**WACKY WEDNESDAY**

RECORD A VIDEO OF YOURSELF TELLING YOUR FAVOURITE JOKE

**WHAT DO YOU CALL A COW WITH NO LEGS?  
GROUND BEEF!**

JOAQUIN

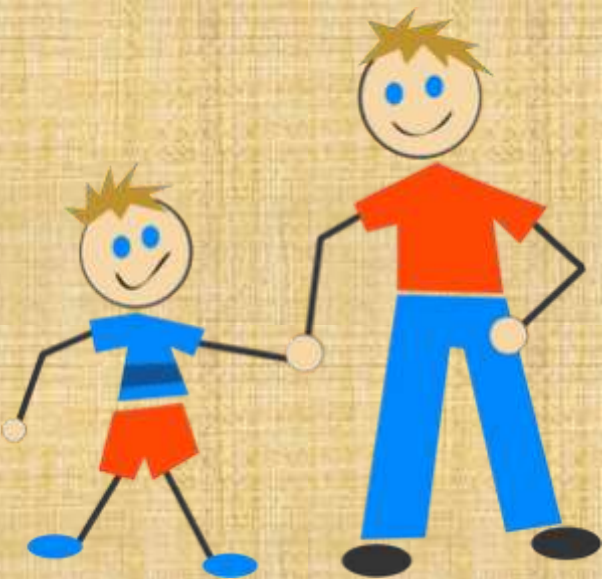
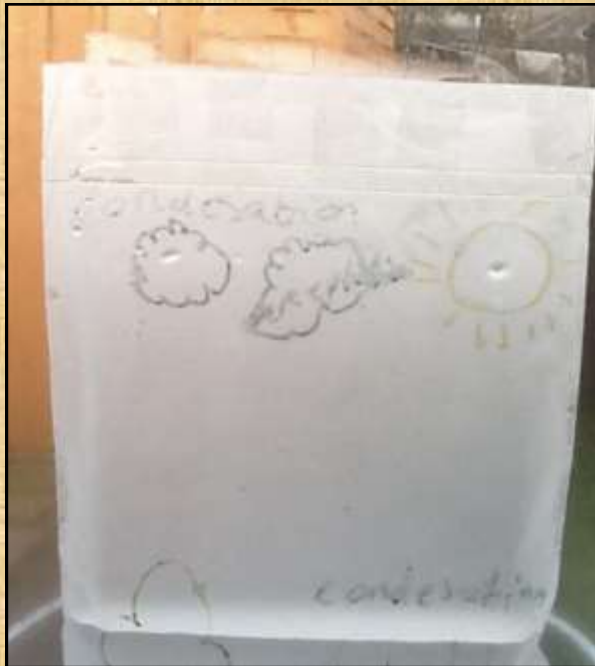
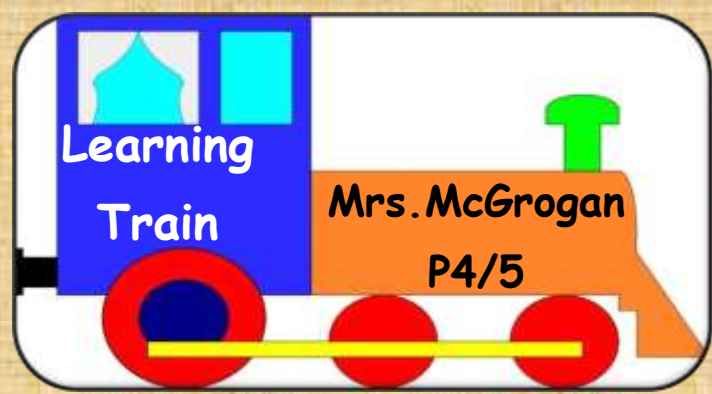
**WHAT HAS THREE FEET BUT CAN'T WALK?  
A YARD!!**

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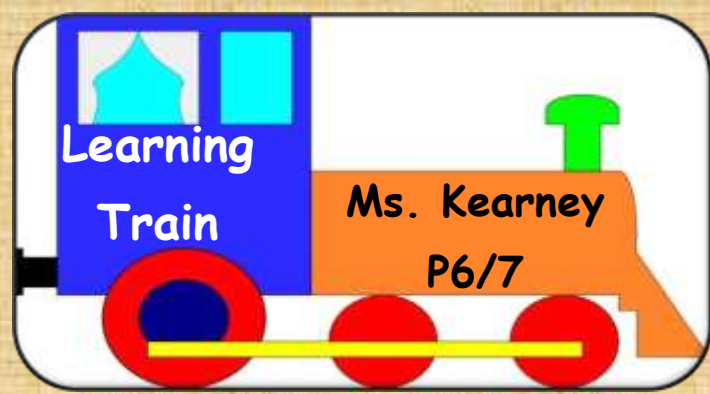
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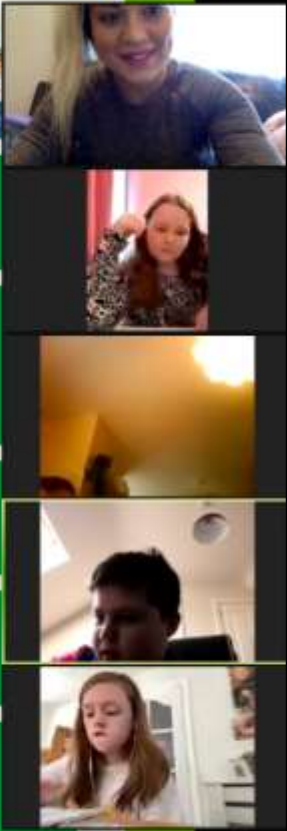

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You are screen sharing Stop Share

## Sport

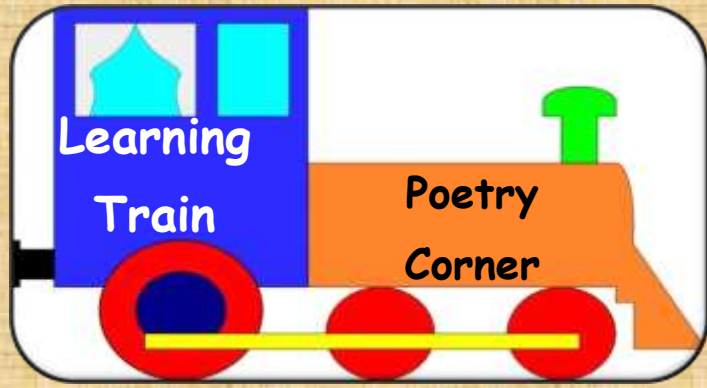


- 6 Which stadium is home to Liverpool F.C?
- 7 What is the name of the famous tennis tournament which takes place in London every year?
- 8 Which sport uses stones?
- 9 What do the initials GA stand for in netball?
- 10 In Rugby Union, how many points is a try worth?

netball.com

P6/7G had a Zoom General Knowledge Quiz. We had plenty of laughs and Miss Kearney was delighted when she got the highest score but graciously gave the 1st Prize to Eve Quinn. Can't wait for the next one to see who will be top of the leader board!





## The Rain

The rain falls on the ground,  
Making puddles and  
a splashing sound.

The rain can be heavy,  
The rain can be light,  
But I prefer it when  
It happens at night.

The rain can be good,  
The rain can be bad,  
but the rain can  
make my mum mad!

I like the rain,  
It can be fun,  
But I prefer the sun.  
by Ella.







Caoimhe  
P1G

Lena  
P1V

Mya  
P4/5D

Ollie  
P2J

Nevaeh  
P3H

Patrick  
P2L

MiMi  
Sienna  
Fianna  
Tate  
Cassie  
Nursery

Emmett  
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Harvinder  
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Leya  
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Brendan  
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Mary  
P3L

Aoife  
P6/7W



# JOKES PAGE

What is black, white and red all over? A sunburnt penguin. by Keilah



What did the science book say to the maths book? Wow, you've got problems. by Jheikel

Why was the car no good at playing football? It only had one boot. by Rory

Where do mermaids sleep? On water beds. by Ollie

What do you call an alligator with a vest? An investigator. by Feidhlim

Why did the cow cross the road? To go to the mooovies. by Joshua

Why is a teddy bear never hungry? Because he's stuffed. by Eva

What is the fastest fish in the water? A motor pike. by Cole



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# JOKES PAGE

Why did the ocean break up with the pond? She thought she was too shallow. by Mary

Why are some fish at the bottom of the ocean? Because they dropped out of school. by Oliver

Why do pandas like old movies? Because they are black and white. by Zoe

What did the cow say to the man? Mooovie over. by Harry



Why did the pony get sent to his room? Because he won't stop horsing around. by Naoise

Why isn't Elsa allowed a balloon? Because she will let it go. by Brigid Ellen

What did the water say to the sand? Nothing, it just waved. by Ryan

What did one wave say to another? Nothing they just waved. by Melissa



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