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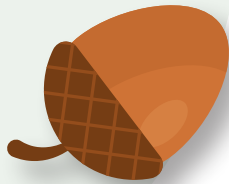
Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*

Acorn Class

Class News:

Acorns have been busy this week, we've been painting animal rocks and learning Yoga as well as enjoying stories and songs. We were even visited by Mrs Stock's cat, Dolly!

We have loved hearing your voices when you leave us messages and a big thank you to Nevaeh, Blake and Ayden for sending us pictures of your work. It made us smile and brightened up the day. Mrs Stock and all of the Acorns team are incredibly proud of you all. You are amazing!



Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of the second week of home learning I would once again like to thank all staff for their dedication to ensuring your children are provided with a daily diet of varied learning activities. The range of challenging, high quality learning tasks that have been planned and prepared for each class is to be commended. My thanks also go to all parents and carers for supporting your children to access and complete the tasks. You are doing a great job! Most importantly though...well done to all of the children! Your responses to the activities and challenges set have been superb. I am following everything you are doing on Seesaw and am amazed at how creative you are being and how hard you are working. Don't forget to find some time to relax as well though.

Today is the end of term 4 and the beginning of the official Easter break. During this two week period staff will not continue to set the daily home learning tasks, however each teacher will share an 'Easter Activity' grid with their class. This will include suggestions for a range of activities which children could do at home, either alone or with family members. You will find other suggestions of things to do and staff videos to watch on the class pages of our website and also on our Trinity Church School YouTube Channel.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of your Easter themed headwear creations which will be shared on our website and in our next newsletter and also hearing about some of the Easter activities you have completed.

Finally, here's a little activity from me for you to try at home: <https://youtu.be/lgbqLHfttWQ>

Have a great Easter, get creative and keep safe!

Mrs Parsons



Thought of the week

One of the greatest wizards of our time (according to JK Rowling at least), Albus Dumbledore tells us "Happiness can be found in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light".

For many of us, our Easter holiday plans have changed significantly - time spent with family will move online, holidays away suddenly look very similar to every other day. But even as we navigate the challenges and disappointment this brings, we can still look for the positives in every day. Small things, like the sun shining on our daily walk or seeing birds eating seeds from the feeder suddenly seem much more joyful than before. Taking time as a family to talk about something that has made us thankful or has made us happy each day can really help us all find the light switch on the days that feel tough.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

1 Chronicles 16:34

Mrs Hird

Conker Class

Class News:

Conkers have once again been working really hard on their learning packs; revisiting their phase 3 sounds, writing sentences and revisiting their number bonds to 10 and to 20. They have been getting creative using a variety of ways to bring their family trees to life. Conkers have been inspired to print 'The Snail', by Henri Matisse. Using their imaginations they have thought of different ways to print using potato stamps, corks and sponges and have produced some really amazing pictures. Conkers have also been making puppets, and using them to retell a fairy tale or a narrative of their choice.

I have really enjoyed seeing your work via photos and videos, demonstrating to me how hard you are all working. Thank you to all family members for keeping in contact with me, sharing your child's work and supporting them at home.

Miss Southwell



Christian Value Award

Creativity: Annabelle was given the task to make a boat for the 'oa' sound. Annabelle went on further to tell me if her boat floated or sank. She used objects found around the house and lots of glitter and shiny sequins. Well done, Annabelle.



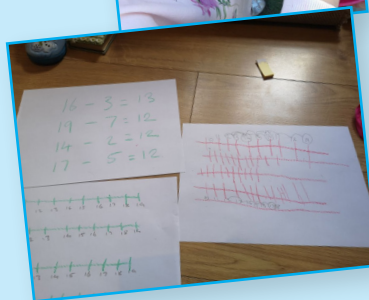
Creativity: Quinn for making his Easter bonnet independently. He used a range of materials to ensure he had bunny ears and a bunny tail. Good job, Quinn.



Creativity: Lacey. This week Lacey made a magic potion. She created a video which was shared with me. I really enjoyed listening to her video, where she told me that her magic potion could turn people into frogs, make you older and can read your minds. Very creative Lacey.



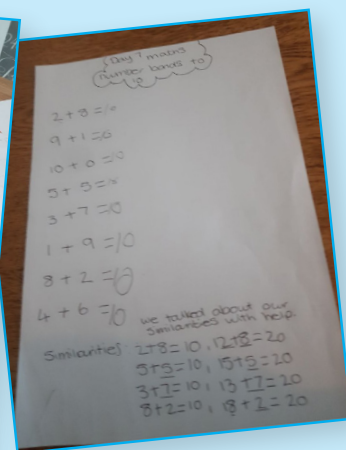
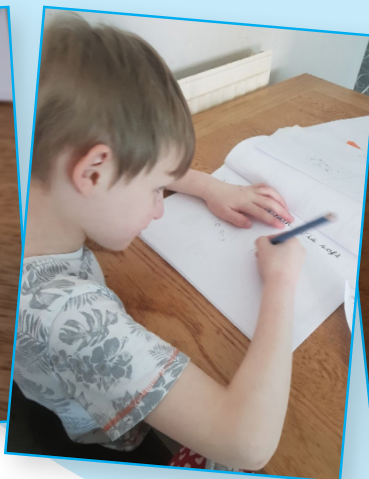
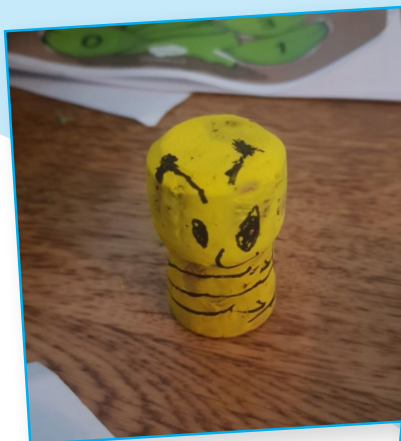
Courage: Jessica. It was brought to my attention this week that during an activity Jessica found it a little tricky. With suggested methods, Jessica went away, tried this new method, persevered with it and is now beginning to grasp the new concept. Well done Jessica, keep going!



HT Award



This week the Headteacher award goes to Isaac who has been working so hard at home with his mum and two sisters. He has been working on his number bonds to 10 and beginning to see the similarities with his number bonds to 20. Isaac has also been showing real determination with keeping his writing on the line. Isaac made a beautiful family tree and a cork bee and has been getting creative by making a magic potion which can turn people into superheros. Well done Isaac for all your hard work and effort!

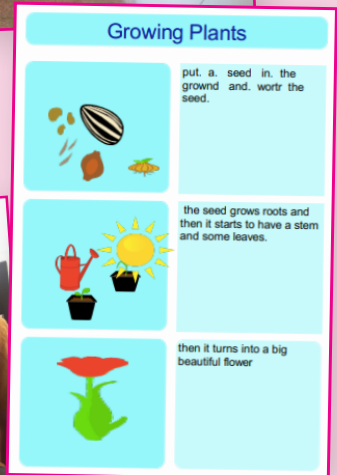


Chestnut Class

Class News:

Once again Chestnut Class has blown me away with their enthusiasm and creative approach to our home learning. This week in maths they have been going on shape hunts around their homes - who knew there were so many hidden shapes! They have created leaflets about plants, written a book review, drawn maps of Radstock and played phonics games. That's just naming a few things! Leo has also researched Africa and found out about herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. Isaac created his own clothing line and Alfie, amongst others, has become a hairdresser to a grass head! What an exciting week. I have loved seeing everything the children have been doing at home. Well done to everyone, including parents/carers for helping them achieve so much!

Mrs Roberts



HT Award

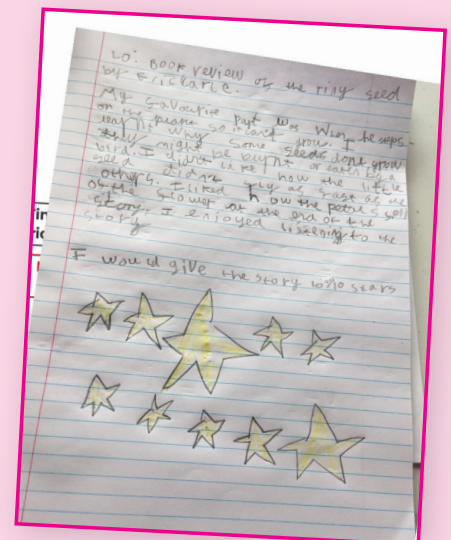


Savannah for her dedication and enthusiasm to her home learning. She has taught me all about how plants grow and has written an outstanding book review of the 'Tiny Seed'.

Christian Value Award

Compassion - Oliver and Ruby (Y3). For making lovely Easter Cards for the elderly in the local community - they will spread so much joy and happiness.

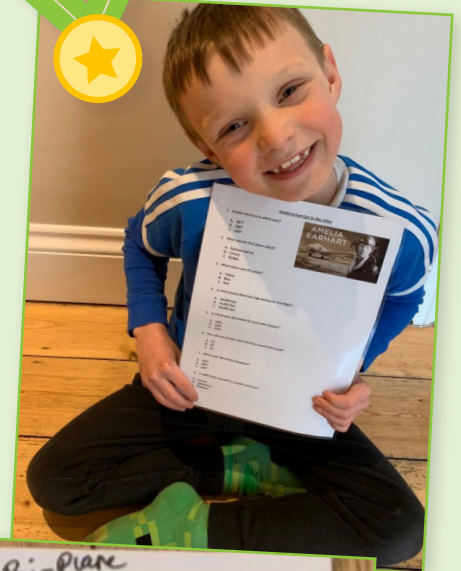
Creativity: Freddie. For the wonderful musical instrument he made and for playing it in tune to Happy Birthday!



Cedar Class

Class News:

What a wonderful week for home learning! I have received many pictures of work on Seesaw from shapes, fractions and time telling to cooking, sewing and outdoor activities! Some children completed a reading challenge against me this week and Mrs Jackson popped by to read with us too. (Photo of Alfie Lee)
Miss Musgrove



HT Award

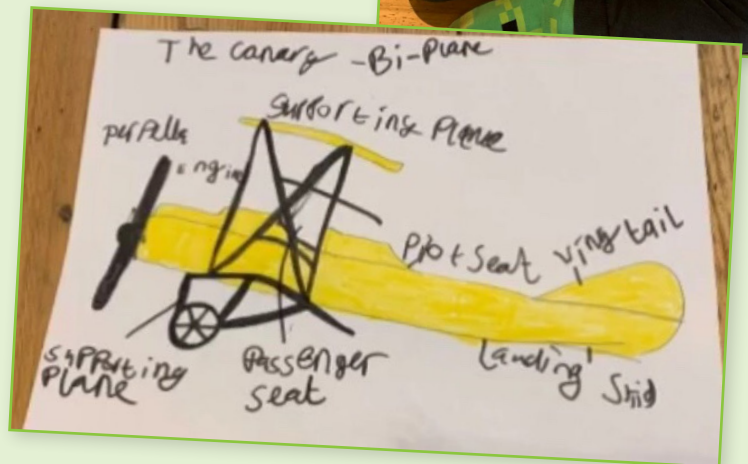
Ben for his Amelia Earhart quiz and information poster



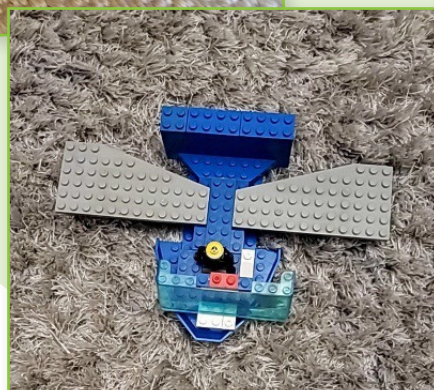
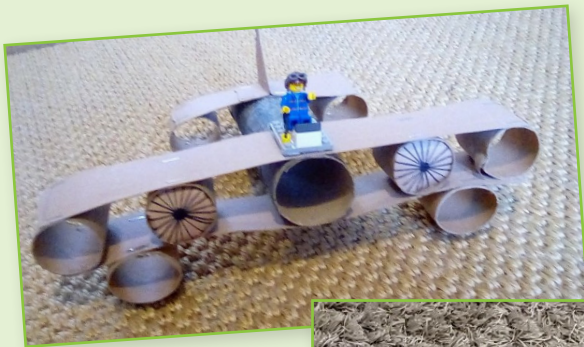
Christian Value Award



Creativity: **Isabella** for her creative cooking
Spencer, Jake and Riley for their planes using recycled materials and lego



Friendship: **Ben** for sending pictures to his friends in Cedar Class



HT Award



Tilly: Tilly's approach to working at home has been phenomenal. She has sent me recordings explaining her mathematical thinking (she could be teaching the class soon), has rehearsed and choreographed songs with her Mum, been baking and created a fabulous Frida Kahlo portrait to name but a few things. Well done Team Rowles.



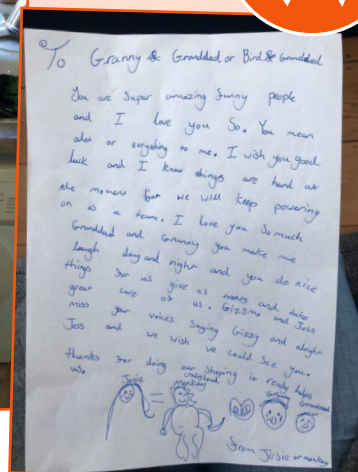
Christian Value Award

Courage: Miya R for persevering with work at home. It can be tough to be away from your friends and teachers, but Miya has set up her desk for home school and is working really hard at home.

Creativity: Solomon has been baking the most delicious looking brownies at home using all his mathematical knowledge to measure out the ingredients correctly. I know they will have tasted as good as they looked.

Creativity: Lloyd watched Mrs Weaver's video on how to make Easter biscuits and recreated them using Mini Eggs instead of currants. Yummy!

Compassion: Josie for writing several letters to friends and family that might be on their own at this tricky time. I know your letters will have meant a lot, Josie.



Willow Class

Class News:

The energy and enthusiasm of Willow Class continues to shine through in their creative and hard-working attitude to their learning.

Yet again, Willow Class have demonstrated their mathematical prowess by tackling tricky learning on fractions with ease.

We've begun new, whole class reading on 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl and have been investigating soil in science. We've been asking important questions such as what is soil made of? What are the different layers and what are the different types of soil? Who knew there was so much to investigate and research on this topic?

Oscar has been preparing for Easter by doing some amazing craft with his Mum and brother at home. We love how you have made such good use of things you have at home!

Well done Willow Class and your families for tackling this tricky time with such positivity. Enjoy a well-earned break over the Easter holidays. Don't forget to check out the Easter activity suggestions on our class webpage.

Mrs Weaver

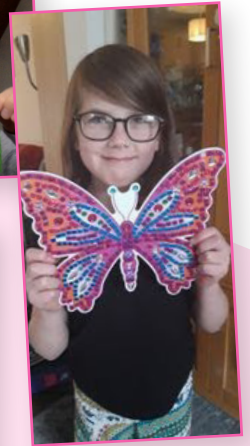
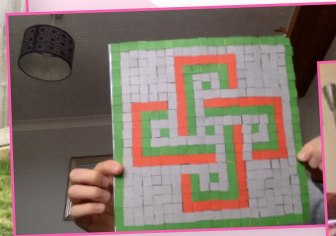
Cherry Class

Class News:

Just as I thought Cherry Class couldn't amaze me any more, they have upped their game even further with magnificent handmade Roman villas, beautifully composed African rhythms, informative presentations about Ancient Rome and intellectual Science databases!

It's been full-speed ahead in Cherry Class this week as we worked hard to finish our decimals topic in Maths and our Romans topic in History. On top of all of this, we have been writing newspaper reports in Literacy set in Ancient Rome, reporting exciting news stories about all sorts! Headlines of Julius Caesar's death, the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the opening of the first Roman Baths filled our Google Classroom, Seesaw and Purple Mash this week! Cherry Class faced week 2 of home learning with continued enthusiasm, dedication and above all, resilience! After all of that hard work, from both the children and their extremely supportive adults, I hope you all enjoy a very well-deserved Easter break. Well done Year 4!

Miss Treasure



AFRICAN MUSIC GENRES		
AFROBEAT	APALA	ASSIKO
BERUTSE	BENGA MUSIC	BONGO FLAVA
CHIMBENDA MUSIC	COLADEIRA	CASO-LOVE
DESERT BLUES	FUGI	LOUNGE BEATLE
MBALIZA	MBALIZA	TUMENGA
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		MBALIZA

HT Award

Toby & Evie. I really could have given the award to so many children this week. This week, for the first time ever, I have decided to give it to 2 children because I really could not decide! Both Toby and Evie have gone above and beyond with their home learning, producing fantastic History presentations and completing every single task I have set the class over the 2 weeks! Great work Toby and Evie!



Christian Value Award



Creativity: Aaron and Logan A for their magnificent Roman villa constructions!

Creativity: Noah, Mia, Toby, Bertie, Alysha and Ella-June for their creative use of recycled materials to make an African instrument.

Friendship: Max who has been helpful to his peers online, helping with computer issues.

Courage: Jackson J, Alysha and Ella-June for making a fantastic effort with their home learning even in subjects they usually find daunting.





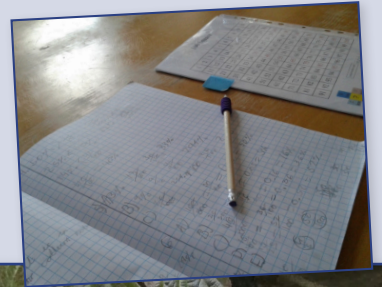
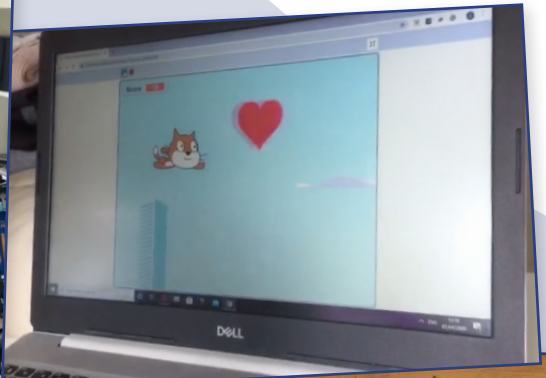
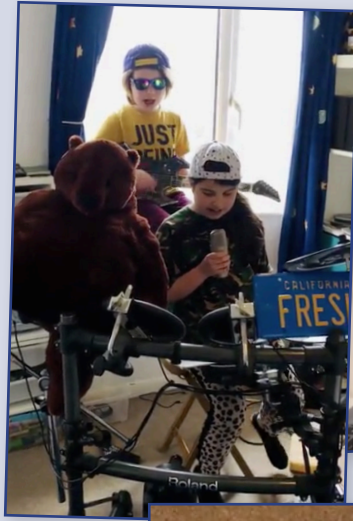
Maple Class

Class News:

Maple Class has been busy completing lots of wonderful Maths and English work! On Wednesday, the children were challenged to perform a poem. The results were awesome. The children created some great videos using music and puppets! They have also written some lovely setting descriptions based on a favourite photo.

Maple Class have also been busy working on building computer games in 'Scratch'. This week they were challenged to create the illusion of flight!

Having now finished 'Skellig', we started our new class novel: 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver. The children have listened to the first 7 chapters and have been busy looking up interesting vocabulary and answering questions on the text so far!

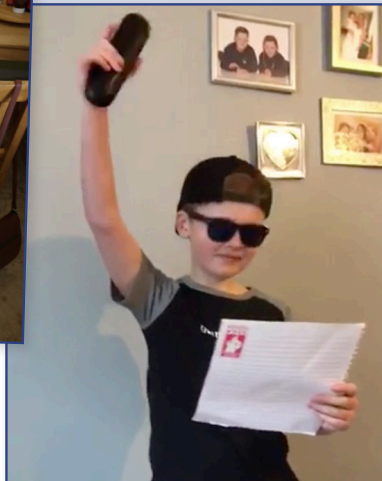


HT Award

Daniel R for working incredibly hard.
Molly-Rose for working incredibly hard every day and completing all activities to a very high standard!

Christian Value Award

Creativity: **Bear** for sharing a poem and **Esme** for sharing her talents with the class.



Esme's sketch of an eye.



Redwood Class

Class News:

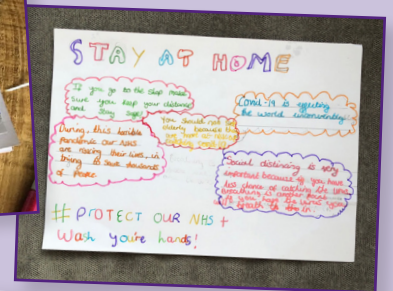
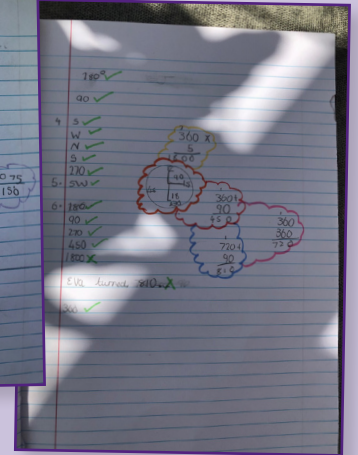
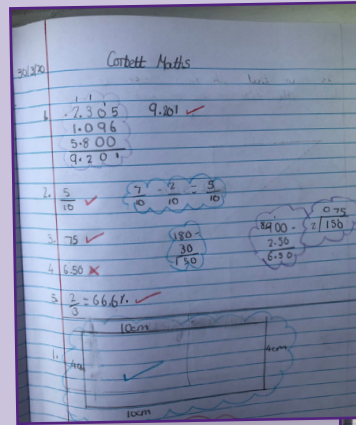
In Redwood Class it has been business as usual with daily maths and English tasks set just like they would be doing at school. We have had some amazing Ekphrastic poems based on a favourite picture; these will be submitted for the Somerset Literacy Network poetry competition. This week, I have made some wacky videos from the comfort of my home office and asked the children to plan, draft and write a story based on one of them; they had animals rampaging, a skeleton dancing, a UFO in the air and a satellite crashing all happening in my back garden, to take their pick from! I can't wait to read them when they are finished.

The children have continued with their daily maths lessons and we have started the next objective of angles. The White Rose videos are proving very handy for teaching and I might just find myself out of a job if I'm not careful! An extra mention to Ruby whose quality of presentation is amazing.

On Tuesday, we enjoyed an interactive Zoom lesson where we started the first chapter of our new class book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. The children loved seeing each other and were able to speak to each other, albeit in a very chaotic fashion. We have another one planned for chapter 2 this Friday.

Mrs Clements has set the class an art/PHSE task to make a poster advising people about what to do about being healthy.

I would like to thank the parents of Redwood Class children for their support and engagement with their child during this time. I hope that with all the hard work they are putting in that they will be ready to return to school (when the time comes) leaving me the task of getting them ready for secondary school.



Christian Value Award

Creativity: Lauren for her rap of her Ekphrastic poem. Take a look on Redwood Class' webpage to watch Lauren performing her poem.

Creativity: Aimee S for her Ekphrastic poem.

Louis by Willow Mulhern
 Archaic trees sway in the peaceful breeze,
 Louis is near, I can see him in the leaves.
 The radiant sun gives warmth to the moss,
 Where his ashes are scattered with an oak tree as his cross.

Majestic flowers grow, as a celebration of his life,
 They sway with tranquility as if they're alive.
 His homely fragrance remains throughout the days,
 He is with me now and will be always.

Frida

My name is Frida,
 I have six my friends.
 Trees, plants and animals surround me,
 In my Mexican homeland.

I dress in greens that flatter me,
 And I feel so very beautiful when I die.

The smell of sweet citrus fills my nostrils,
 And the chirp of birds is an ever-cheerful delight.

Spider monkeys and rainbow macaws,
 Crouch on my shoulder as I sit and think.

Think to myself what a wonderful world I am in,
 As I am only in my self portrait after all!

Courage: Willow for writing about her beautiful dog.

HT Award

Daisy for her thought provoking Banksy Ekphrastic poem.



Banksy ~ Spare Change.

Here I sit without a home,
 Why are you leaving me? I'm human too.

'There will be a future,' he says in great hope,
 I am a rich heart in a poor man's coat.

As I sit on the bridge, pitter patter of feet,
 Alone, invisible, so cold, who will help?

The world needs to change,
 I feel so alone.

My empty cup,
 So wet and so ripped.

Please spare me some change,
 It will really make my day.

I want it to change,
 For everyone, please lend a hand and save our world.

My socks are so damp,
 I've got rips in my coat.

I sleep in the cold,
 The pouring down rain.

Put out a hand to hold,
 Help your world to change for good.
 Daisy.

Easter Bonnets

This Friday, 3 April, was supposed to be the Easter Bonnet Parade at school and we thought it would be nice if children were encouraged to get creative even though the actual parade can't take place. We appreciate that you will be unable to go shopping for any craft materials at this time, but children could make use of things you have at home or in the garden to make an Easter-themed piece of headwear.

We are always amazed at the creativity children display whenever they are set a challenge like this, so we can't wait to see what they produce! Please send any photos either to your Class teacher or by email to **office@trinitychurchschool** by Wednesday 8th April for inclusion in NEXT week's newsletter.



Free School Meals

If your financial situation has changed during the pandemic and you want to find out if you are entitled to receive free school meals, please contact B&NES directly:

Email freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

They will need you to tell them your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seeker Support Number when you call. Please note that the Local Authority will check your eligibility to qualifying benefits on your behalf using the DFE online Free School Meal Eligibility Checking Service. Your National Insurance or National Asylum Seeker Support Number and Date of Birth must be completed clearly and accurately.

City Nature Challenge

The Festival of Nature Team at the Natural History Consortium have created some resources for taking part in the City Nature Challenge, a huge citizen science wildlife recording project using digital platforms.

Throughout April, May and June we will be encouraging people to record animals, plants and fungi from their windows, balconies, gardens or during their daily walk, using the iNaturalist app. You can also join the big international Challenge weekend on 24th-27th April when over 200 cities will be active at once. The recordings made on the app will help local and national conservationists.

The Resources

The teaching resources have been designed for KS1, KS2 and KS3 students and can be found on their website here: <https://www.bnhc.org.uk/festival-of-nature/schools/>

They are packed full of activity ideas and instructions of how to get involved in the challenge.

