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This week has brought many new exciting challenges to the pupils at The Fen Rivers Academy. Even though many of us are at home, it has not stopped the amazing learning! Here are just a few of the projects we have been working on.



Mr Evans has been working on his drumming skills! I hope Mrs Evans enjoys his drumming!

Jigsaws are a great way to help our concentration and fine motor skills. This pupil has been putting together a map of the UK. This is what he said:

"We did a puzzle which had lots of interesting facts about the UK and we looked at where we lived and all the places we had travelled to."



We all love Lego. Look at this dinosaur that is under construction. Just the head to go. It has taken lots of patience and skill to build this. A true Lego superstar!



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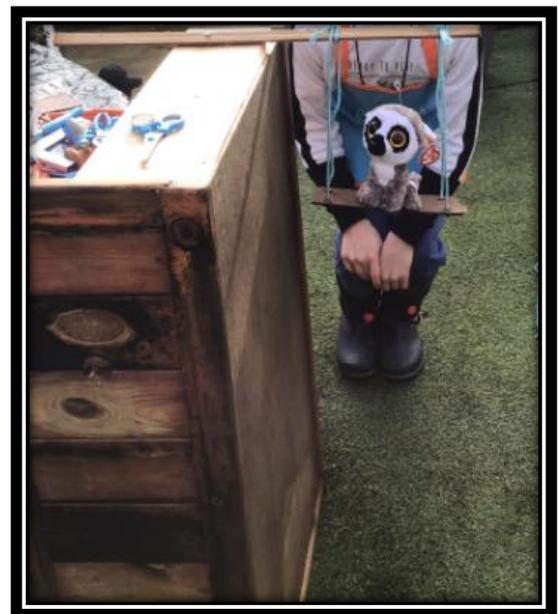
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Wow! This student has taken on a whole woodwork project. He designed it, planned and executed the whole adventure. Can you guess what he made? He measured accurately to drill and hammer the holes in the correct places, learnt to use new tools and develop new skills.



The end result: A
new swing for
Beanie Boo!

Amazing work!



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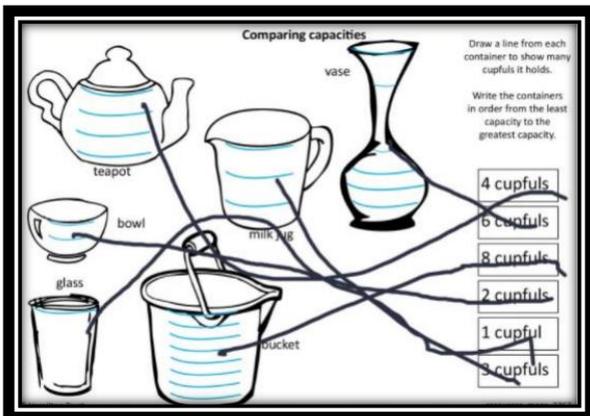
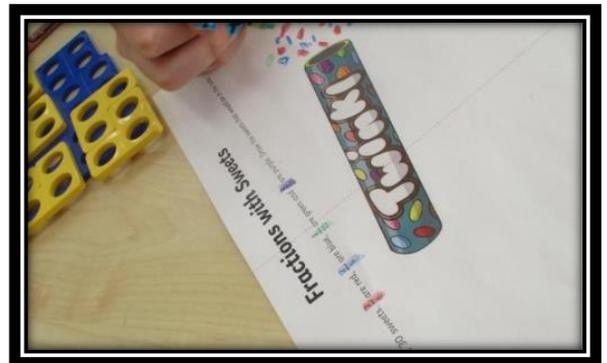
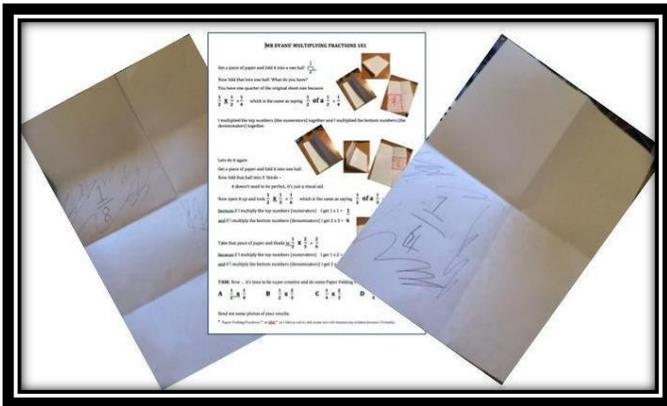
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One of the Pupils in Hedgehogs has been drawing this week. They studied the work of Van Gogh and have reproduced their version of Starry Night.



Maths has been a big focus for us this week. Dolphins and Polar Bears have been learning how to multiply fractions, whilst Hedgehogs have looked at measure. All classes have focus in on using manipulatives to help them.



The Hedgehogs have been busy measuring out

how much water each vessel holds. Can you guess which holds the most? Or the least?



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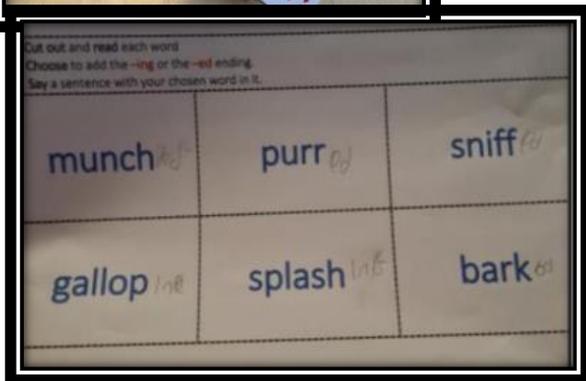
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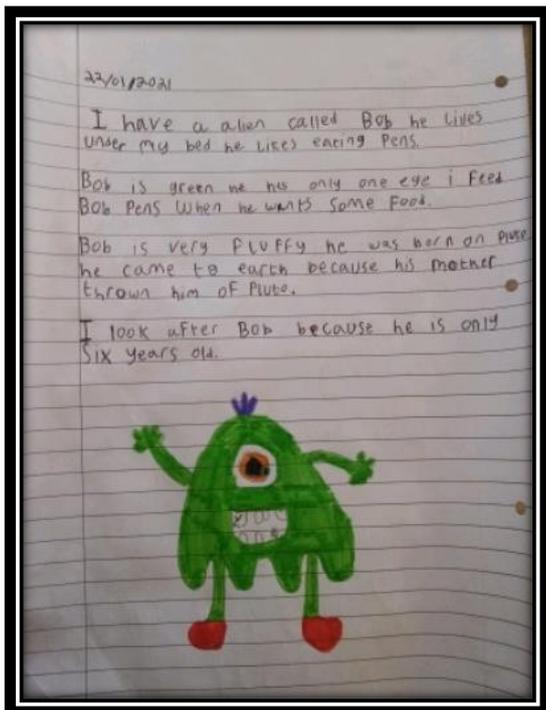
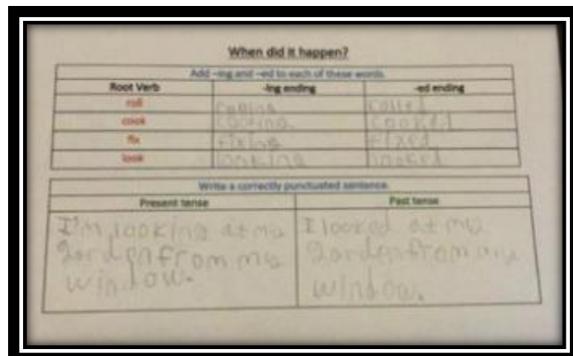
Mrs K showed us how to make a home mathematical manipulative set! You can collect bits and pieces from round the house and use them to help you do your maths.

She collected some straws buttons, cup cases, pegs and a length of ribbon. She also found some mini playing cards left over from a Christmas cracker! The old Christmas cards got cut up to make digit cards.

The ribbon became a number line, the buttons counters and the cup cases were used to sort!



In English this week, the focus in some classes has been on suffixes. They added -ing and -ed onto verbs, to tell what is happening now and happened before.



Dolphins have been writing about Aliens!!! Bob lives under this Dolphin's bed and eats pens..... that a good excuse for not doing your homework!

Great description of a very scary Bob.

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Finally, this week, a huge shout out to a Polar Bear, who has been working at the local food bank. He has collected, sorted and distributed food parcels to those that need them.

The community has been extremely grateful for his hard work. What an amazingly kind and caring thing to do in the time of a national pandemic. Well done!



Mrs Koenigsberger

A huge thank you to Mrs K who has taken on the writing of the newsletter recently as well as updating the website so we can share all the fantastic learning going on both on site and remotely at Fen Rivers.

We have really enjoyed talking about our school with colleagues from Her Majesty's Inspectorate, Ofsted this week. We have had deep and rich conversations around the journey the school has been on over the last year and how everyone, families, children and staff have risen admirably to the challenge of remote learning, lockdown and looking after each others' mental health and wellbeing. It was exciting to talk more about plans for continuing to move the school forward too. We are so excited about continuing to work with all of you and proud to be #teamfen.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Fewkes and Team Fen Rivers.

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