

20/11/2020

Messages from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you are all well and managing despite the challenging circumstances. At Duncombe this week, we have been doing lots of talking about our school values in the context of anti-bullying week. The children have talked about bullying and what it feels like and looks like. You can see the wonderful anti-bullying posters that they have made at the bottom of this newsletter.

The children have also been working very hard in maths at learning their times tables and catching-up on number skills. Caroline, our new Assistant Head brought in Doodle Maths for all the children. It is a fantastic scheme and all of the children have log ins, please encourage them to use it. The Islington Reading Road Map is also a fantastic way to encourage your children to read. All of the books provided are brand new, please ask your child which Road Map book they are reading this week.

We have welcomed year 1, 2, and one year 5 class today after the need for the children to self-isolate. We look forward to welcoming nursery and reception back next week. Thank you for all of your fantastic engagement with google classroom it is so fantastic that learning continues at home. We cannot wait for this period of social distance to be over, but in the meantime please remember your masks at drop off and pick up.

School Attendance:

Our goal is 96.5%

Currently at: 94.4%

Nelson Mandela – 92.3%

Marie Curie - 0%

Winston Churchill – 86.1%

Florence Nightingale - 0%

Emmeline Pankhurst – 92.4%

Francis Drake - 0%

Martin Luther King - 0%

Ernest Shackleton - 0%

Charlotte Bronte – 93.4%

Tony Ross - 84%

William Shakespeare – 98.8%

Judith Kerr – 89.3%

Michael Faraday – 95.2%

Julia Donaldson - 50%

Isaac Newton – 98.5%

Eric Carle – 66.7%

New staff member of the week



Hi everyone, my name is Louise and I am the new Child and Family Support Worker at Duncombe Primary School.

I have worked in a number of schools over the past 12 years and I have enjoyed building positive relationships with the children and families in Duncombe since I have started here.

I grew up in London and I have a degree in Sports Science, specialising in Sports Psychology.

I have always participated in sports and in my spare time, I like to do Judo, play netball, Swim and go walking.

An interesting fact about me is that I used to represent Great Britain for Judo!



Celebration Awards



Eric Carle Nursery: Zara

For engaging in our live daily sessions on google classroom and putting in 100% into her work. Well done, Zara! You are a little star!

Tony Ross: Etana

Well done Etana for settling in so well to Duncombe. You are always ready, respectful and safe and are a wonderful role model to your friends. It has been lovely to see all Etana's hard work while Reception have been learning from home.

Judith Kerr Reception: Faith

It was hard to pick this week because so many children deserved it for amazing efforts during home school. I'm giving it to Faith because she has worked so hard with Mum. What a great team they have been!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Amin

Amin has been working really hard on Google classroom. She has been uploading excellent work for every subject and I am very proud of her. Well done Amin, keep it up!

Francis Drake Year 1: Imran

Imran consistently produces excellent work. His writing is always beautiful and has continued to produce amazing work through google classroom. Well done Imran, keep it up!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Sabrin

Sabrin has been on Google Classroom daily and has submitted work for all her lessons. She has been persevering online and has shown real determination during difficult times. Well done Sabrin. We are very proud of you.

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Ahmed

Ahmed has come back to school this week with a fantastic attitude to learning; he got straight on with his class work, putting in loads of effort and was very keen to catch up on what he had missed.
Well done Ahmed, it's great to have you back!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Samarth

He continues to work really hard at home and at school. He learns all his spellings and does all of his homework to a very high standard. In class and around the school he is respectful to all adults and peers.

Winston Churchill Year 6: Lujain

For always maintaining a positive attitude to her work. She has been really focused in lessons. Lujain is always helpful and polite; she's an absolute pleasure to teach!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Noah

Well done to Noah for consistently doing great work on Google Classroom. He has really impressed me with how he continued to challenge himself by doing every task that was set. Well done!

Marie Curie Year 2: Yusuf

A huge well done to Yusuf for his amazing work that he has done over the last two weeks. He has been working really hard on his writing and has produced so many beautiful pieces this past week. Fantastic job!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Mohamed Shariff

For his extraordinary effort in his writing lessons, his handwriting has improved dramatically and he has won a handwriting pen.

Michael Faraday Year 3: Abdallah Shariff

Abdallah has been making a wonderful effort in his writing lessons, sharing his wonderful ideas in full sentences. Well done Abdallah!!

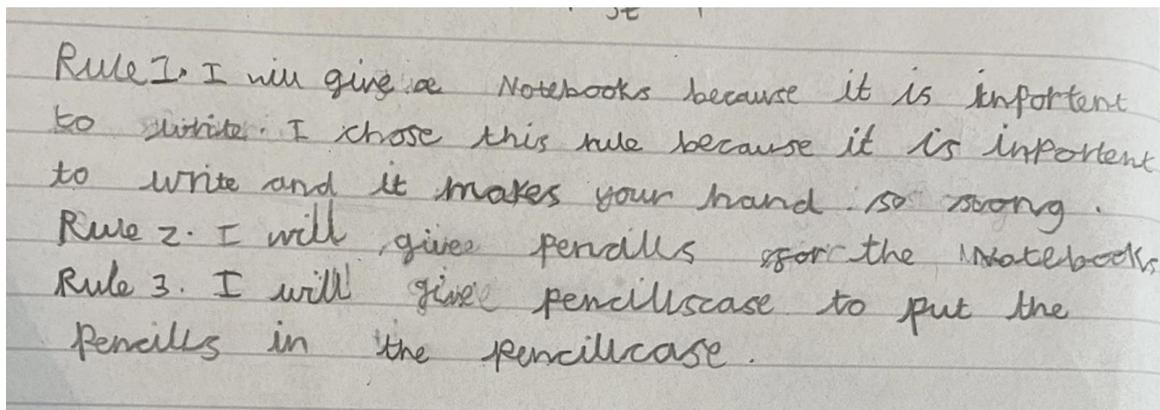
Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Ridwan

For making amazing progress in reading and writing. Well done Ridwan - you are a star!

William Shakespeare Year 4: Christopher

For having such a fantastic attitude to his learning and for producing some excellent independent writing.

Fantastic Work

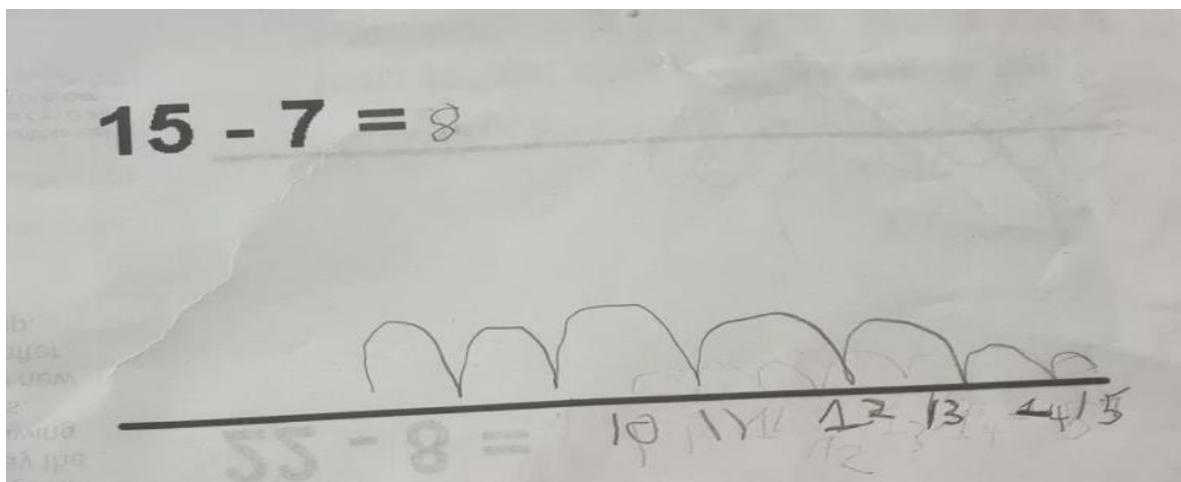


Rule 1. I will give the Notebooks because it is important to write. I chose this rule because it is important to write and it makes your hand so strong.

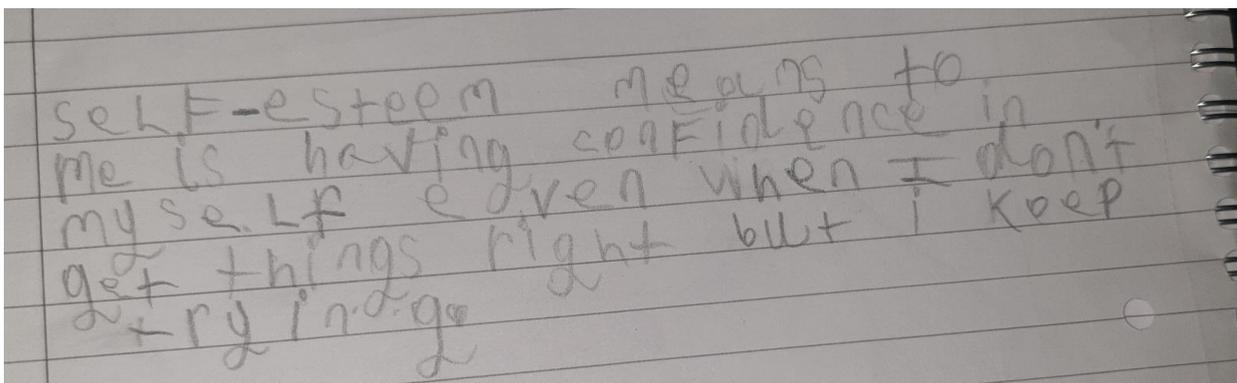
Rule 2. I will give pencils for the Notebooks.

Rule 3. I will give pencilcase to put the pencils in the pencilcase.

By Yusuf in Year 2. These are Yusuf's rules if he were a head teacher at school

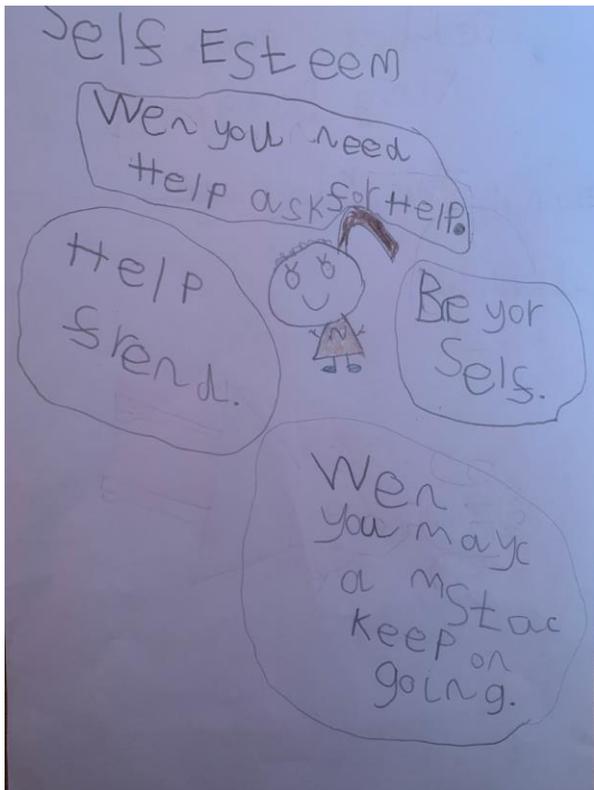


Noah in Year 2 has used a number line to help him subtract.

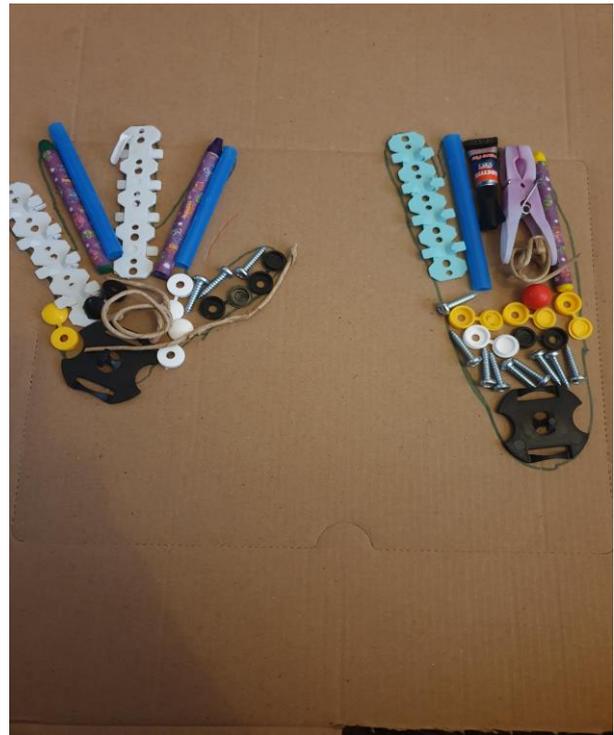


SELF-esteem means to me is having confidence in myself even when I don't get things right but I keep trying to go.

Nathalia in Year 1 responded to our self-esteem assembly



Nazifah in Year 1 also had some good advice after watching the assembly.



By Imran Dib in FD, a very creative piece of work inspired by Tony Cragg.

Important Messages:

Parent/teacher meetings

Most parents should have had their parent-teacher meeting phone calls this week. Florence Nightingale class will have times sent out next week. For those parents that have missed the call, they should arrange a time with their child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Anti-Bullying Week 2020: United Against Bullying

For Anti-Bullying Week, children enjoyed a special assembly and lessons about bullying, which encouraged them to think about how we can all unite to address bullying both online and offline.

Children reflected on the part they could play, and expressed this in words and art on their own puzzle piece.

We loved putting all the pieces into a complete picture, to show how together we are united against bullying.

