

Kia Ora Year 6!



Hello everyone,

I am not embarrassed to say that I am missing each and every one of you immensely! I hope that you are all well and having been taking the opportunity to get lots of fresh air in this amazing Easter weather. Thank you for the emails and shares I have had through your Google accounts, asking me about my days and sharing the learning you have been doing. I have also enjoyed seeing Year 6 represented in our school's Face Book diaries: it's brilliant to see how you are making this strange Stay At Home time a positive time.



I too have been using my time wisely. Mrs Kerr and I spent the first week working on the topic 'Superheroes' with our Hub School for the children of Key Workers. We socially distanced while creating our own hero and villain, wrote a script and made a puppet film complete with music and voice over. (It was difficult for Mrs Kerr to socially distance because she does like a hug!)



Our next topic in the Onchan Hub will be art based - where we will make Pablo Picasso style self portraits using cardboard and paint. We will look at the history of art styles and see if we have a favourite (just like the Learning at Home challenge that you have on the website).



At home, I have been baking, reading a book called 'Measle and the Mallockee' and doing a lot of gardening. I'm surrounded by older neighbours, so I have been sharing my baking with them and supplying them with eggs from my 10 chickens. It's great to get out for my dog walk and I use that opportunity to look at the gardens in my area and to pick wild garlic from the Silverdale path. My garden is looking more cared for, with weeds being pulled and the bird feeders being refilled often. I also have two beehives here, so I'm seeing lots of bees on my flowers and Aris has quickly



realised that the flying stingy raisins are not for eating!

Before our school was closed, our class discussed challenges we would give ourselves if we had to stay at home, so as I promised, I have had a few juggling lessons! It's fair to say, I am still rubbish at it and my arms go in all strange directions, but I refuse to stop practising - I will do it! I have also signed up for an online water colour course with a Manx artist, Peter Lloyd-Davies, so I can improve my skills. (I've never done a course in art before, so I am a tad nervous.) What challenges have you chosen for yourselves? We will have to have a massive 'new skills' celebration when we get back to school.

Please keep sending Mr Astin your photos and videos of all the exciting things that you are doing as I really do love seeing them. Take care and stay safe!

Mrs Ward

PS - A little joke for you - Did you hear about the man who invented the window-sill? What a ledge!