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APPRECIATION ❤️ **BELONGING** ❤️ **COMPASSION**

There are no goodbyes for us, wherever you are, you will always be in our heart.



SCHOOL CLOSURE

After a difficult week, it has been a relief of a kind to finally have some clarity from the Government and a firm decision regarding school closures.

We have now put into place a home learning plan. We will expect all children to follow this plan. Those who attend school (due to government exceptions) will also be following these plans from school.

On each Class Page on our website you will find:

A daily message from your child's teacher

Daily activities covering:

English, Maths, Topic and PE

A selection of websites suitable for the class that can offer additional learning opportunities is also available on the Home learning tab on our website.

As of Monday, we will be closed to all children apart from those who have been identified as a child of a key worker. During the period of school closures, the teachers will be available via their professional email from 9:00am – 11:00am and 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Their email addresses can be found on the class page on the school website.

Although technology will help with communication and learning it could also become distracting and tricky. We would rather the children didn't use screens for too long and would encourage a healthy balance of practical activities. Children with phones would not normally have them during school hours – this may be a routine to maintain during our closure period.

We are here to support in any way we can so please keep in contact and let us know how you are getting on. It would be lovely to see some examples of home learning in action!

If you need to make contact with the school, in the first instance please try calling. If you would like to email, then use the admin email address and/or the headteacher email address. It is important that you make it clear who your email is for.

Stay safe and well, and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

JUNGLE JONATHAN VISITS ROPLEY!

Nectar Class were excited (and slightly worried) to welcome Jungle Jonathan and his fascinating creatures to Ropley this week.

At the beginning, we were introduced to Milly the giant millipede which are usually found in rainforests in Africa. We were lucky enough to be able to handle Milly and it felt like she was a living hairbrush on our hands. "Even though its legs looked like spikes it was actually quite soft and tickly," explained Laurence. Milly's body looked like a black tube and her legs were orange-red.

The highlight for many of us was to meet a baby tarantula which had pink legs and which seemed to be wearing black "school shoes" on its feet. Quite a few of us didn't realise there was a baby spider at first because it was really small! "It was only the size of a thumbnail," Amelia announced.

We loved meeting Dustin the gecko and stroking his back which was surprisingly soft and felt like a marshmallow. Miss Vittle loved Dustin too.

"The thing I liked most about Dustin was his giant eyes that didn't have eyelids," said Astrid. We watched Dustin under the microscope lick his eyes when they had water in them. We also learned that at night Dustin changes colour.

One of the most interesting creatures was the scorpion because when an ultra violet light was shone on him he glowed bright blue. "I thought that the scorpion was incredible because of its pincers," added Angelica. Jungle Jonathan has a lot of pet names to remember as he has over 300 creatures to look after.

Take a look at our website for photos of the visit!

WELL DONE KIZZIA!

We were delighted to receive a card from Mrs Day this week who wanted to share with us how Kizzia W has made a huge contribution to one of her community groups. Kizzia was originally a member of Little Bookworms and, since moving into KS2 she has been a regular helper. Kizzia is amazing and nothing is too much trouble for her, she helps children with their crafts and encourages them in all the reading and drama activities. We all love having her with us and she is a real star!

Well done Kizzia, we are so proud of you.