

Many a calm river begins as a turbulant waterfall Mikhail Lermontov

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## In School

Since lockdown began, we have had children in school every day – including throughout the holidays. These children have been an absolute inspiration to us. We've had hugely mixed age groups, and big variations on numbers from one day to the next. EVERY day we've seen children from different year groups getting to know each other, supporting each other, making each other laugh, making US laugh, learning, talking openly and honestly about their feelings, playing, communicating as a team, and having FUN. We've been a working school throughout the crisis, and we want to thank the children whose presence have helped remind us what we are doing and why every single day. THANK YOU.

This week like many of you at home the children in school have been learning about water. Here we have poems from children from Foundation Stage all the way up to Year 6, who worked together and encouraged each other to create some truly beautiful writing.



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If you could be an underwater creature, what would you be and why?

Winning Key Stage 1 Answer by Isaac in Year 1
I would be an electric eel. I can swim in the water and
have a special power.

Winning Key Stage 2 Answer by Tilly in Year 3
I would be a dolphin because I would like to splash and
dive in the water with my friends

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## Thank you Mr Aylett

For the last two years we have had the absolute privilege of working with Mr Aylett, whose experience and mathematical GENIUS has been instrumental in helping upper Key Stage Two find their potential. Mr Aylett will now be moving on to pastures new, leaving behind him inspired and energized mathematicians. We are extremely sad to be saying goodbye, but so grateful to have worked alongside such a brilliant teacher. Mr Aylett you will be sorely missed by both children and staff alike, and we wish you ALL the very best on your new adventure.



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Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, questions, and answers to our planned phased reopening, as outlined by the Government. Staff have been working extremely hard to ensure the school premises is a safe and friendly environment for the children due to return; as well as draw up class lists and timetables. As we're sure you can imagine it's been quite the challenge, but we will shortly be sharing with you which HOUSE (class) your child will be in and at the end of next week, we will also confirm the grownups that will be working with your child.

Due to changes set out by the local authority, the date we are due to return should the government have met their key targets, is now Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

## What a Water Week!

SO many subjects covered this week, many using the weekly topic of Water. There have been scientific experiments, geographical explorations, empathetic approaches to water with poetry, stories written about people who don't have regular access to clean water, artistic interpretations of water. We've even seen many a household item plunged into buckets and baths to investigate their properties! Some of you are really enjoying the subjects and sheets provided by Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize, some of you love the weekly topics, and some of you have come up with your own ideas. Some of you have had a difficult week where learning has had to take a backseat. You've all been amazing!























