



**I never think of photos as being individual, always as a group** *Martin Parr*

**12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021**

### St Lawrence Photography Exhibition

We asked your children to show us their world and let their photos tell their story. We were sent the most fantastic, varied, imaginative, creative, and thought provoking images. We really loved seeing snapshots into your lockdown lives - seeing YOUR world. In fact these photos are so incredible, they are worthy of their very own exhibition.....

Head over to our school Facebook page now to go on an AMAZING virtual tour, filled with some SERIOUS talent. You'll need to watch the tour on a tablet, desktop, or laptop. So many children got involved, we'd love you to join us in celebrating their efforts:

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### Thank you

To all the parents of children attending school, we would like to extend a huge thank you for your help in keeping all the children and adults in school safe by adhering to all the social distancing guidelines. We know it's not easy to keep your distance when you're out and about, and we're all missing our friends and families so much; but we're all incredibly grateful for the hard work that you've put into keeping the school community safe and open. Thank you.

### Connecting through Creativity Project

We've had LOADS of the sheets back from our connecting through creativity art project - thank you so much. We really want to be able to complete the final piece so if you have not yet sent one in please do so - the box at the end of the school driveway will be there until this afternoon. If your child is going to or has already completed theirs but you're unable to get it here, send me an email by the end of the day and we'll find a solution. Thank you so much!

### Headteachers Awards

Charlie in Foundation Stage; Tyler, Lacey, Louie, Owen, Ivy, and Oliver in Year 2



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**CELEBRATING EACH OTHER, AND THE JOURNEY WE ARE ON**

## Half Term Dates

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February is a non-pupil day. School will not be open on this day, and there will be no remote learning.**

Remote learning will commence from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, and children of Key Workers and those with EHCPs will be returning to school.

ALL children have been remote learning this Thursday and Friday while our roof has been worked on.

*We hope you have a wonderful half term break.*

## Design Technology in Year 1

Children in Orange Squares created algorithms for the cars they made in Design Technology to get from one place to another. They had so much fun!



## Space Buggies in Years 5 & 6

Following on from their Science lesson last week, Years 5 and 6 buggies using the electric circuits they created. They cut the frames themselves, connected the circuit to a motor, attached an on/off switch; and if their buggy didn't turn on, problem solved a solution. As is tradition, Mrs Haggan worked the glue gun on their behalf.... Safety first!



## Take a Moment

At this stage, home learning (and cooking and cleaning and working - ad infinitum), feels like running through mud for most people. As does the relentless toll of going out to work for Key Workers. It has been a long, cold, and extremely hard start to the year. Yet despite the extraordinary difficulties and inevitable arguments, you have fed your children, loved your children, talked with your children, and played with your children. You have put the telly on when you needed to, skipped cleaning when you needed to, given them an easy dinner when you needed to, and dodged bath time when you needed to. You have met your child's needs, and recognized when you've all needed to pause. What you have been is INCREDIBLE. What you have achieved is MONUMENTAL. You've made it through the most difficult period of this last year for most of our families by far. Take a break, take a breath, look in the proverbial mirror, and tell yourself how brilliant you are. Tell your children how amazing they are too.

The storm is around us all, but the boats we are weathering it in vary greatly and are often extremely lonely. We ARE getting through it though. I hope the light at the end of this is starting to feel a little closer. Take a moment, and enjoy your half term together.