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I can't believe we are entering the final week of the academic year, one thing is for certain – we won't forget 2019/20 in a hurry!!

Through the lock down the children have been amazing – a credit to you all. Be it learning at home, or working within one of the bubbles within the Academy they have continued to remain buoyant, brimming with positivity and have shown resilience throughout.

Similarly I would like to take this opportunity to thank all you parents and carers for your support throughout the current Covid-situation. Supporting your children with their home learning, but also supporting them for the past 100+ days has and will mean that they return in September in a much better place.

Finally, I would like to publically thank all the staff at Silverdale; teachers, support staff, office staff, cleaners, kitchen staff, the site team and the SLT. Their dedication throughout the pandemic has been immense – from setting daily/ weekly home learning, to ensuring that the academy is clean and ready to be used daily.

As we move forward we have submitted our reopening plans to the University of Brighton Academy Trust, we are awaiting confirmation that they are satisfied with our plans. I hope to confirm these with you by the end of the week, however, if this is not possible please rest assured that these will be sent to you as soon as possible during the summer break.

On Wednesday we will be releasing Transition video on the website for our new Year's 1-6. This will be visible on the relevant Year group page found under the Classes tab on the website. Same place at the home learning has been posted.

Throughout lockdown our children have been doing some incredible home learning. As part of this, many have been working hard on DoodleMaths, Reading Eggs and Spelling Shed:

Reading Eggs: During lockdown children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have completed 5000 individual lessons and read over 5000 books on Reading Eggs. In Reception alone, children read over 2,500 books!

Spelling Shed: During lockdown our super spellers finished 38,000 games on spelling shed, learning to spell over 1000 new words!

DoodleMaths: Wow! Silverdale children have answered **500,000 questions** correctly on DoodleMaths during the lockdown. Half a million DoodleStars earned by our amazing mathematicians!



Remember - these programmes remain available to use through the summer holidays, so even more opportunities to earn eggs, gold and DoodleStars!

With a week remaining the Ninja scores are very tight – we will release this year's Ninja winners at the end of the week – keep that home learning coming in – every point counts at the moment.

Forest School bubble have had an amazing time this term, learning through outdoors in our lovely Forest School setting. We have read stories linked to Nature, feelings and animals. Particular highlights have included learning to firelight and cook campfire snacks, making journey sticks, dream catchers and snowy owls: modelling clay and building a Bug Hotel, as well as pond dipping, bug hunting and camp building. Forest School has even watched the young cooks and ducklings on the pond and nurtured a family of newts. We have worked together well as a team and made some very good friends.

We have been very impressed with the independent writing last week in EYFS, the children have been writing daily pirate-related captions. 'The Pirate Cruncher' has been a great text to sink our teeth into. The children have been considering lives as pirates. Drawing themselves as a pirate character and deciding their personality. We have been working on counting in 2's, 5's and 10's too. Next week we will focus on supporting transition into Year One, so lots of conversations and learning linked to emotions, as well as answering any questions they may have.

Year 1 have been busy (again) this week, focusing on punctuation when working on 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We have been sorting question, exclamation and straight statements and punctuating them correctly. In Maths, we have been looking at capacity and have tested out which containers hold the most/least water. We have used the language of 'full', 'half full/empty' and 'empty' (something which the tiger in our story always seemed to be!). We have created a tiger picture using different media and we have also looked at how a tiger has adapted to suit its environment. We have enjoyed listening to some Indian music and we have learnt about three Indian instruments, the sitar, the tabla and the tambura.

During our last week at school before the summer break, we will be basing our learning around the book, 'The Party Invitation' and we will be building up to a celebratory picnic on the school field on the last day of term. Please can we ask that you send your child in on **Friday 17th July** with a lunchbox containing a few 'picnic-type' snacks and a drink (no fizzy drinks or glass bottles, please) for them to have at the picnic, which will take place in the afternoon (this will be in addition to their usual lunchtime lunchbox items). Many thanks! We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to all of the Year 1 children - it has been a pleasure to teach them this year and they have been absolute troopers in what has turned into a very unusual school year! A massive thank you also, to you, the parents and carers, who have supported them at home during this time and continued to make their learning as fun and exciting as possible. We hope that you all have a fantastic summer and that the children return to Silverdale in September, refreshed and ready to have an amazing time in Year 2! Take care and we will see you soon!

Last week, year two immersed themselves in the book 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. We loved the new clothing designs for princess Pearl and saw some very creative fire safety posters. We are almost at the end of the school year and what a strange year it has been! As teachers we would like to say a huge thank you to all our year twos and carers who have supported the home learning. We loved being part of your home learning adventures and we saw some incredible work. Have a wonderful summer and we wish you all the best for year 3!

No amount of 'Destination Reader' sessions could have helped any of Year 3 predict the strange ending to our Year 3 story. However, when faced with adversity our year group and academy have shown that they truly epitomise and embody what it means to be a 'Happiness Ninja'. We began the year learning about the Stone Age and how people adapted to life back then and like the cave paintings left on walls for centuries gone by, we hope that the children will keep their diary entries, home learning projects and all the amazing photographs of their smiling faces from this experience to remind themselves of the resilient individuals they are growing up to be. Thankfully, this situation is ephemeral and will one day fade to just a memory but what it has proven to us is how incredible our Year 3 children are and we could not be any prouder of them. The year group will be rounding off the term using a text called 'The Lost Thing' by the incredible, Shaun Tan - it's going to be great! Well done Year 3, you have been awesome.



Wow last week of term guys!! Can we say a huge well done for completing all the online work during this crazy time! This week we hope you enjoy the book 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. Please keep in touch with your teacher and we hope you have a lovely summer.

Wow, what an excellent week! This week our work was based around the book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Lots of children designed and created new fantastic chocolates as well as new chocolate factories. For our writing tasks this week we had some excellent biographies as well as comparisons between the book and film. I know we have said this on many occasions but we are incredibly proud of you all. Thank you so much for all your support throughout this year. We hope that you all have a restful summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September 😊.

Year 6 had a lovely picnic on Friday last week. It was great to see everyone talking across the bubble divide and a delicious 99 ice cream was had by all. There was also lots of dancing and filming going on to prepare for the leavers' video. This week we will be finishing off our leaning linked to 'Greta and the Giants.' We will also be preparing for the leavers' assembly on Friday. We hope to see you all there.

A massive well done to all the children in school and at home for their incredible resilience and hard work. They are an inspiration to all of us!

We will be sending out a link to the leavers assembly on Thursday to all families of our Year 6 children – be sure to look out for this. The assembly will be broadcast via Microsoft Teams – you do not need to download anything to access this as it is usable via the web – however, if you choose to you can download the app to your phone/ tablet or computer for free.

Remember to keep that home learning coming into class teachers via the class email addresses, weekly galleries are being posted on the year group blogs as well as daily highlights being posted on the Instagram page (silverdale_academy_official).



Take care everyone,
The Silverdale Team

School Term and Holiday Dates 2020– 2021



	SEPTEMBER 2020	OCTOBER 2020	NOVEMBER 2020	DECEMBER 2020
Monday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Friday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Saturday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Sunday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
	JANUARY 2021	FEBRUARY 2021	MARCH 2021	APRIL 2021
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
	MAY 2021	JUNE 2021	JULY 2021	AUGUST 2021
Monday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Thursday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Friday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
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Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29

Bank and Public Holidays 2020 - 2021

Christmas Day	Friday 25 December 2020	Easter Monday	Monday 5 April 2021
Boxing Day Holiday*	Monday 28 December 2020	Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2021
New Year's Day	Friday 1 January 2021	Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 31 May 2021
Good Friday	Friday 2 April 2021	Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 30 August 2021

*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the bank holiday falls on a weekend

Key

Staff Training Day (INSET DAY)	Start of term for pupils	End of Term	Public Holidays	School Holidays
Ultimate Ninja week	Christmas week	Sports week		