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Dear All

Here we are again, another Friday! I hope your week has gone well.

You may be aware that the plan for all primary school years in England to go back to school before the end of term has been dropped by the government.

There had been an aim for all primary pupils to spend four weeks in school before the summer break. However, it is no longer thought to be feasible and instead schools will be given "flexibility" over whether or not to admit more pupils.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock also said at Monday's Downing Street briefing that secondary schools in England may not fully reopen until September "at the earliest".

**Where does that leave us?** We are already operating at near capacity. We have children working in the hall already and most bubbles are completely full. We do have an odd space on odd days, but generally, we are unable to offer any more places before we break at the end of July. This is an enormous regret to us. I can say no more than that.

**This week...**

50% of our number on roll have attended school at some point during the week. 76 children attended school. 17 pupils attended fulltime and 59 pupils attended for part of the week.

It is fabulous to catch up with more families but so disappointing, not to be able to see everyone. It is so strange without the usual buzz and business!

Mrs Richards has continued to phone and e-mail lots of families who are still working and learning at home. I know many of you have popped down to school to pick up work- books and other resources, so please do contact her if you need anything.

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## News from the Bubbles!

**Butterfly Bubble** have been reading 'Handa's Surprise', a story that takes place in Africa. The children have created silhouette, sunset pictures and learned about the animals in the story.

**Why don't you...plan a nice surprise for some one?**



**Owl Bubble** have been focussing on the salty theme of the sea. This has involved ships, sea creatures and thinking about how to take care of the water in our world. On a lighter note, we have been making up pirate names for staff and children. Here are a few examples: Mrs Clee - Captain Custard Pie, Miss Smith - Hookhand Blackbeard, Mrs Smith - Swashbuckler Sharp Sword and Miss Ellis - Plunderin' Stinkalot.

**Why don't you... make up your own pirate name and make yourself smile?**

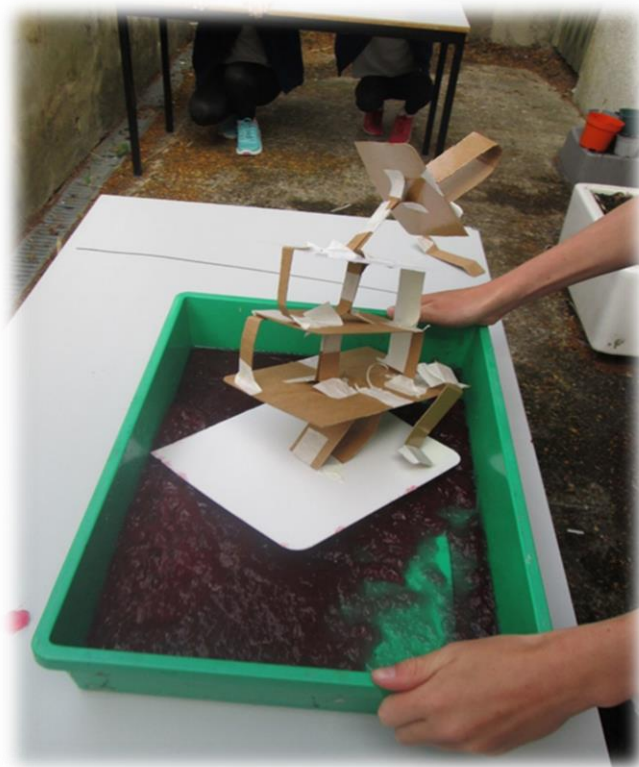


**Woodpecker Bubble and Robin Bubble** have produced some very colourful art this week inspired by Alma Thomas.



**Why don't you... find something out about Alma Thomas and her work?**

**Robin Bubble** have been designing structures to withstand an earthquake. They used jelly to simulate the wobble of the tectonic plates!



**Why don't you... make a jelly and eat it?**

**Finally for now...**

A huge thank you again, for our lovely surprise this week. All the staff, were touched and encouraged, by the lovely messages and gifts we received from children, parents and grandparents. Your thoughtfulness is most humbling. Thank you again.

Have a good weekend.

Peace, love and joy to all.

Mrs Kay Bridson