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Dear Eagles and Falcons,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. We hope that you and your families are all well and that you are all finding ways to keep busy. We are sure that you have managed to bring a smile to people's faces – whether it be creating your rainbows, writing letters to people or simply being kind at home to your siblings and helpful for your parents.

We are certain that many Easter Eggs have been consumed but hopefully you still have some left – although let's not discuss that, otherwise we might have to confess to you how many of ours have been reduced to crumbs and recycled boxes. ☺

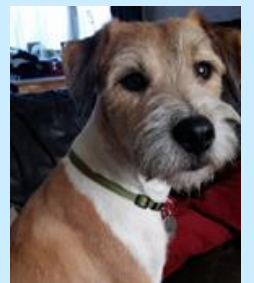
Hopefully some of you managed to get outside to see the ISS or to do some stargazing! It just so happened that the fun task we set for you on the last newsletter, coincided with the Lyrid meteor shower and also being able to view the Starlink satellites which Elon Musk launched in order to provide satellite internet. How many of you managed to see them?

This newsletter brings with it some helpful information on your learning tasks and we hope that you enjoy the new Unexpected Adventure trail which we have put together for you.

The whole Y6 team miss you all very much and are thinking of you often. Mrs Town has given us a little note to update you on what she has been up to. [CLICK HERE TO SEE MRS TOWN'S LETTER](#)

Spotlight
on... Mrs
Crowfoot

Forty something years ago I was born in Colchester in Essex and lived in Clacton-on-Sea until I was 19. Then I moved to Ashford and began to study at Christ Church University in Canterbury. Now, I'm a happily married teacher with 3 children and 2 dogs.



My dog Charlie x

Things I love:

Travelling, gardening, reading, music,
the theatre, cinema and walking my
dogs.

B&Q



Whilst I studied to become a teacher, I worked part-time at B&Q in Ashford too. This is where I met Mr Crowfoot.

Mr Crowfoot and I LOVE to travel – especially mini-breaks in Europe. Just like you, we can't wait for this to be over so we can continue to visit other places.

I really love reading! So far I have managed to read eight books, and I am now on the last book of a series of books that is a set of seven! (And no, I'm not re-reading the Harry Potter books....Yet!)



I have been doing a lot of bits in the garden too – this lovely weather is great for plants but sadly the weeds love it too! We have also re-painted our garden fence and gate.

Learning Adventure Writing tasks

We hope you enjoy the geography and English based writing tasks that you have been set. Please remember that when you complete the work, you should be using all of the year 6 punctuation, grammar and spelling that we have learnt.

Remember to show off your wonderful handwriting and think carefully about how you present and set out your work. Don't forget, even with the geography work, it is still a piece of writing and we all know how fantastic your writing can be when you try your best! Check that it makes sense – why don't you read it to a sibling, parent or even video call your family to share it with them. Maybe you could ask them to help you edit and improve?

[Comparing places help sheet](#)

[Writing articles help sheet](#)

[Sea turtle conservation information](#)

Science Task Links

[Plant classification](#)

[Plant survey templates](#)

[Plant habitat pictures](#)

RE Websites/Links

These links and document will help you with the RE work on your Unexpected Adventure Trail:

[Humanist beliefs \(PDF\)](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P74SNn2f4eE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tplL1K8ZqrU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tvz0mmF6NW4&feature=youtu.be>

Additional Maths Website

Follow the link below for a fun and active (meaning you need to join in!) way to remind yourself about prime and composite numbers:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks2-maths-prime-numbers-with-ben-shires/zh4pwtv>

Looking after yourself!

MINDFULNESS

When our minds are busy wandering, sometimes it is nice to bring them back to the here and now. It can help us to relax and help us put any worries to one side. Here are just a few ideas:

- Listen to some calming music, lie down on your back and focus on your breathing
 - Lie down in the garden and focus on the sounds and smells around you
 - Make a jigsaw puzzle
 - Do some gardening – you could help with watering or weeding
- Do some intricate colouring, concentrating on the shapes and colours
- Yoga (cosmic yoga is a nice one), pilates or a guided meditation

Planting challenge:

A little optional challenge for you which might help with one of your mindfulness activities! Mrs Clark has managed to make some apple pips germinate and now has a small apple tree growing on her windowsill! Can you manage to get some apple pips or other pips or seeds to germinate? It gives you a lovely sense of achievement and something to be excited about waking up for, as you can see the small changes each day! All you need is a small pot (even just a plastic tray from tomatoes or mushrooms, with some small holes in the bottom) a small handful of compost or even soil from the garden and some apple pips (we are keeping you healthy by asking you to eat the apple first ☺). Push the pips down with your finger, cover over with soil and keep it moist. You can pop it inside a clear sandwich bag, if you have one, to keep the heat in. Leave it on a sunny windowsill and wait! It'll take a few days or even a week but you might just start to see some little seedlings breaking through the soil. Good luck! Maybe you could take some photos every few days to record its growth, and put the photos in your memory box or scrapbook.