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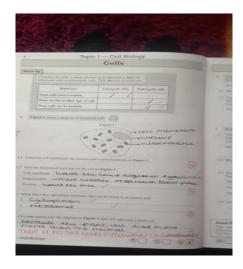
Evening, all,

Well, I do hope you have given your day a 'Friday Feeling'? I know lots of you have from the BUMPER crop of work I have received from you today! You haven't let the end of the week dim your efforts, you awesome lot. I'm going to start with the first section of a story from Kamren:



I do love a story about space — I quite often mention how I wanted to be an astronaut when I was a kid (it would have swiftly become a disaster!) so this story is a good one for me — there's even a bunch of questions at the end to make sure I have read it properly! You'll all be brilliant teachers by the end of this time at home, because you have to learn to set yourselves and others activities to do. Skills for life!

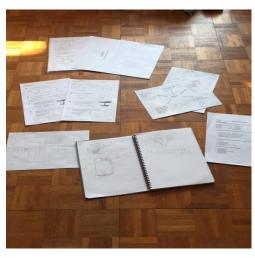
It's really great to see that focus hasn't faded as the week has gone by, and I totally approve of people focusing in on their D and T of the food variety – it all looks lush:













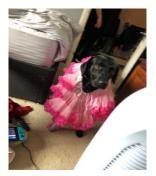
I just want to keep saying to you, though, if you are worrying about how much work you're getting done, stop it! Stop it right now, and stop it next week, too – just keep it stopped! Listen to me and us all when we say, we are super proud of you for engaging with your online learning, but we don't want anyone to feel pressured at all.

Do what you can, set a structure for your day that works for you and ask if you're worried about anything – these are unusual times for you accessing the work and for us setting it, so keep talking, and check in with your teachers if you're wondering whether you're doing enough, but don't get yourselves in any sort of a tizz – reach out to someone to help you.

At it's Friday (although I am more than content to do this every day, to be truthful) I am going to celebrate lots of people's pets now — we've really started something with this. Noadswood's very own Pets Parlour! Which vibe matches yours? Are you like Shannon's rabbit, tired after a quick kickabout in the garden? Or Sonny's dog, just fab-u-lous in pink? Or are you showing your fangs a little, like Nicole's Poppy? Or are you relaxing in to a gentle spruce up and pamper in the manner of the Langdons' Tango?









Staff are just as keen to share their animal crackers with us... Check out Miss Fitzgerald's dog, Bosco, hiding behind the curtain from the chance to do PE with Joe Wicks (Who can blame him? Come on, it's Friday!), and Miss Pidgley's magnificent trio of pooches, Lacey, Teddy and Ru:









I think the final doggy's expression captures my feelings when the internet went down in this house for the fourth or fifth time this week... you know that feeling... where the other two look full of morning beans! It's lovely how we're connecting through our pets – they say so much about us and they're such a big part of our family life. Keep these coming next week to headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk

Staying with Miss Pidgley for a second, if you check out the Frog portal, scroll down a little way to notices on the left of the Home Screen you'll see a link to the Bake Off Challenge that she has devised – click on it to find all the details. Wouldn't it be amazing if loads of us joined in to bake? You don't have to do it loads, or at any particular time, but why not give it a go? I think our two chefs from the pics above – Joe and Robbie, have a bit of a head start, but let's see how many of us can give them a run for their money.





As well as all of the resources like this on Frog, remember that you can reach out to us on ePraise, and your tutors, teachers, ELSAs, LSAs, lots of us might be messaging you on there, too – so don't forget to check it regularly as part of your week.

I want to finish the week by sharing with you that I started a book called 'Zestful Learning' this morning, because I want to spend some of the time we're not together reading about the way we teach and the ways you learn the best. Did you know the meaning of the word 'zestful'? It's to do with being lively, enthusiastic, curious and connected with what's going on around you. So here's my most heartfelt thanks for being so incredibly 'zestful' this week – you've connected with us, you've reached out with your work and your pictures and your good vibes through the week, you've sent so many of us work to be truly proud of, and when you've felt stressed or worried, you've reached out then, too.

You've made the staff feel so good and your parents/carers feel so good, too, with your efforts. Like the young lady today who made her mum's heart sing just with simple kindness, by offering a hug to her when she felt sad, saying it is ok to feel sad right now – we just need to be there for each other, through it – lovely stuff, Zoe. Or the boy who sent Mr Stone such a fab piece of work, in which he said the 'greatest special superpower in the world is kindness'. Well played, Ben, I couldn't agree more. And we couldn't ask for more than for a zestful approach to life at these tough times, including last night when we know loads of you stood at your doorsteps and windows, clapping and cheering for our brilliant NHS workers and all the other key workers who are doing their all to keep things going while we can't be together.

I wish you a zestful – and a restful – weekend, and I can't wait for Monday to meet more of your pets, showcase more of your work and share with you more of each other's days as we stay Team Noadswood, even while we can't be together.

Look after each other, stay at home, stay safe, Miss Marshall