## Monkeys Newsletter - Spring half term

Since Christmas, we have all experienced the demands and challenges of home schooling and remote learning. Teaching without children present is like a plumber working without his tools and it has just not been the same without my little monkeys! However, as expected, they rose to the challenge and have absolutely excelled with their efforts at home. I can't believe the number of children who have been completing every task that has been set and who have joined all our live lessons. Although I have had a few technical difficulties, which have been so frustrating, I have loved seeing all their little, happy faces and have really enjoyed sharing some of their fantastic work. Many of you will know how much I enjoyed meeting 'Cowboy Carrot' and 'Princess Carrot' who Sidharth and Isla brought into our lives! As parents, you must be so proud of them as they are so young but they have worked hard to make sure that their learning is not affected by these difficult, unpredictable times.



Moving forward, we heard the wonderful news that the children will be returning to school on March 8<sup>th</sup>! This means we will have 3 weeks before the Easter holiday to consolidate all the learning that has been completed at home. Also we will continue to challenge them to ensure the gaps are minimal from their absence in the classroom.



I know how much the children have enjoyed our topic 'Predator' just from looking at the children work they submitted. The crocodile unit seemed to be particularly popular! We will be able to complete more exciting tasks and use more materials to create some artwork once the children are back in school.

In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on money. We'll also move onto some of the more challenging units when the children return!

Our English lessons will involve the reading of 'The Twits' and a study of Roald Dahl, which the children seem to be enjoying already at home.

For now, I look forward to seeing the children in the last week of live lessons and thank you for your ongoing support with remote learning. I will happily take back the role of teacher from you all and thank you for doing such a sterling job in my absence!

Stay safe and well and enjoy time as a family.

Mrs Burns and the Year 3 team.