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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all of our pupils; the school feels vibrant and alive yet again .

Thank you for your support in making the site feel safe at the beginning and end of the days when dropping off and picking up your children. We will continue to review this process and tweak as necessary over the coming weeks.

The return to school for the children has been very positive indeed and we have been so impressed with the way that they have come in to school each morning, despite a prolonged absence for many of them. We realise that this may have caused a level of anxiety for some of them, but we are delighted to see confidence levels growing on a daily basis.

There has been a huge emphasis in our curriculum this term, on the use of the outdoor space for learning. Staff have been very creative in their planning to ensure that all children are learning outdoors every day at some point. The benefits to both mental and physical wellbeing of being outside is well recognised and certainly judging by the engagement of the children in these activities and conversations with them, they are certainly enjoying it too. There has been much use of the outdoor stoves as the children re-learn vital team working skills in order to achieve a decent heat over which to cook a variety of foods; damper bread, spiced apple juice to name just a few.

Budding gardeners everywhere have been busy creating flower beds and planting seeds in the hope that some warm weather will assist the germination process and the seedlings can be planted out into the allotment. Hopefully, at a later date they will be able to enjoy the fruit of their labours when sampling potatoes, chard, pumpkins, beans etc. Did you know that it's much more fun to practise tricky spellings using huge chinks on the playground in the fresh air than sat inside at a desk? Year 3 children definitely think so. They've even been using this space to draw their fraction walls. Thanks to Mr Foster for his wonderful overhaul of the year2 outdoor areas, children in Skylarks and Goldfinches are now able to use this exciting areas for a huge variety of learning activities.

Do have a look at the photos on the next page to see just some of the classes enjoying their outdoor learning.

I would like to share a message from FABS too, who continue to plot and plan for lovely ideas for the school children, once life returns a bit more to normal.

FABS would like to thank all parents for their amazing support around Christmas with the raffle, Christmas cards and Father Christmas visits. Between these a fantastic £1750 was raised which goes a long way towards making up for not being able to run the Christmas Fair. This money will allow us to support the children in the ways that we normally do as well as respond to any COVID related needs as they arise.

A reminder that you can raise money for FABS doing your normal shopping through easy fundraising (<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bellbirdprimaryschoolsawston>) and AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1108365-0>).

Stay safe and very best wishes,



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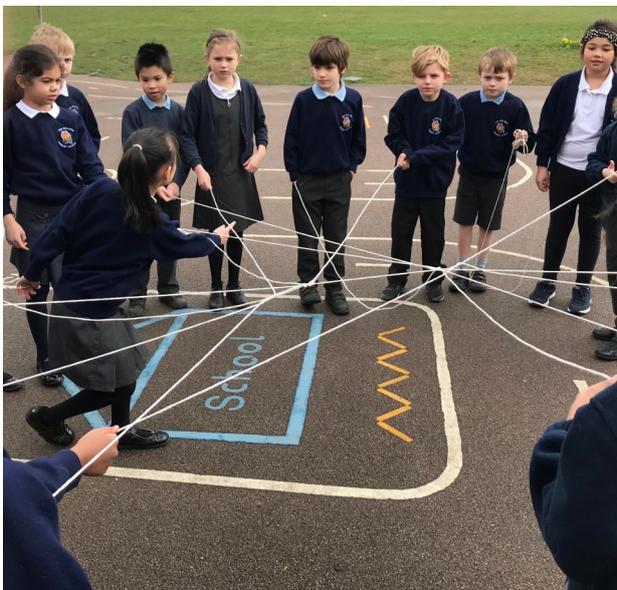
Dinosaur measuring in Y1



Outside with tricky spellings



Understanding survival skills in-
spired by Y6 text , 'The Explorer'.



Magic string team activity—
how to untangle the knots
without letting go of the end!
Now that needs teamwork
skills!