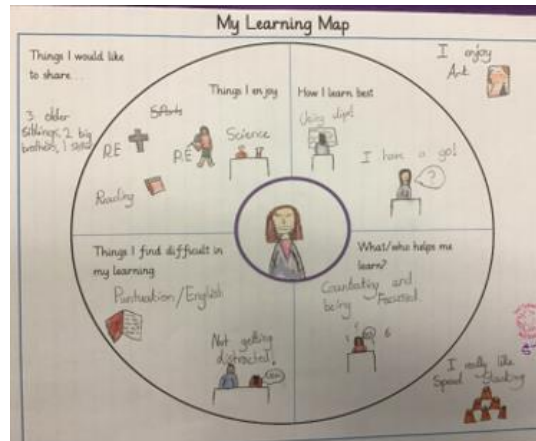




Dear Y5EW

Thank you!

We first met back on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 when we spent Transition Day together and you told me all about yourselves.

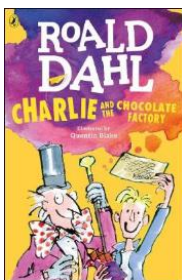


What a lot has happened since then! We may not have had a full year together but we have had some good times and have made some good memories which I thought I would share with you.

## September

I remember you all arriving on that first day. I was feeling quite nervous, I don't know about you. I had new names to remember and a different curriculum to teach. However, after a few minutes the nerves settled and I was so relieved that I had remembered everyone's name.

September saw StarLincs Mobile Planetarium visit school to launch our topic 'Out of this World'. We entered an exciting darkened environment which provided a visual display of the night sky within our school hall. We learnt about day, night, phases of the Moon, the movement of the Earth and Moon relative to the Sun and the stars and constellations.



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, saw us taking part in Roald Dahl Day when we dressed up as our favourite Roald Dahl characters and we completed various activities all connected to Roald Dahl and his book, which was also our class story, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

September also saw Kacy join our class.

## October

October saw us continuing with our topic 'Out of This World' and we began by looking at the work of Peter Thorpe and his 'Rocket Paintings', which eventually led us to designing and painting our own pictures using his style.



## November

What a busy month!

# tutti frutti

Tutti Frutti came to school to perform 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf' by Mike Kenny. Do you remember enjoying the sheep song and how amazed you all were when they created the wolf using the trees from the setting? Can you remember the moral of the story?



Another surprise came on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November when Ethan came back to join us after 6 weeks at another school. It was as if he had never been away.

To finish our topic, Miss Siddall arranged for the Peterborough Astronomical Society to visit after school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Members of the group set up their telescopes and you were able to see various stars and constellations. Some of you even saw a Space Station flying over. Whilst a group were outside in the freezing cold, the rest of you completed various Space themed activities inside, finishing with a delicious hot chocolate.



And of course, we started learning Christmas songs.

## December

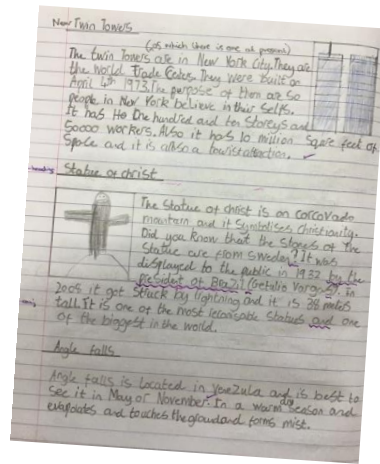
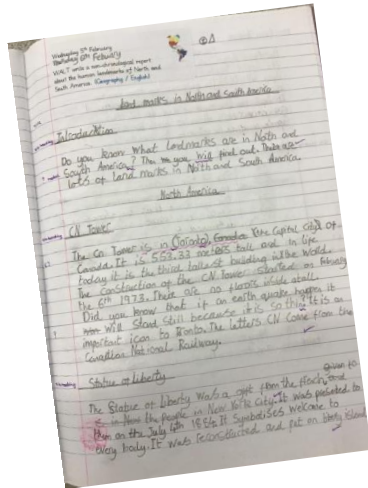
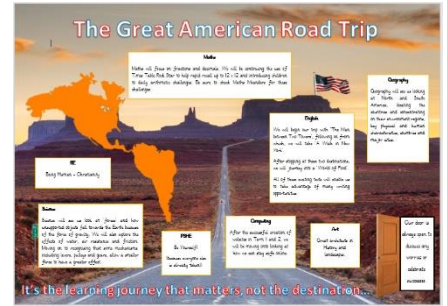
Another busy month keeping up with our learning as well as getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus with our families. We spent many a day walking to and from church to rehearse for our Christmas Carol Concert and in between we walking to the hall and back to rehearse with Mr Pitts. December saw us holding a Christmas Fayre as well as making Christmas Cards and Calendars (based on Space) for our families.

A sad moment too when Goda left our class to start a new journey at a different school.

## January

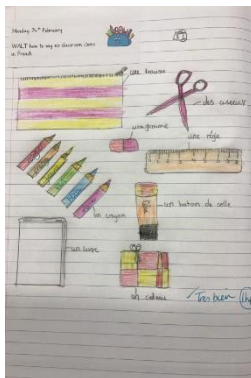
## A new year and a new topic – Great American Road Trip!

We travelled at speed (as we didn't have many weeks to cover this topic) from North America to South America looking at the different countries on these two continents along with their flags and capital cities. You explored the human and physical geography of each continent, writing various chronological reports and information texts along the way using the skills that you had learnt during our English lessons!



## February

This month saw us taking part in the Festival of Vision supported by Specsavers. We spent a whole session learning about our eyes and how important they are and why they should be looked after.



In French with Mrs Simpson, you learnt the names of six classroom items. I know Mrs Simpson is very proud of each and everyone of you and your knowledge of the French language – well done!

## March

A shorter month at school than planned, but still a busy one!

March started with us taking part in a Poetry Workshop with Mark Grist ready for the START Project. Unfortunately, we only managed to get the one session in but you all wrote a poem without realising it and they were all original and unique.



Despite being busy during the second week of March, we still managed to join in with Science Week which culminated in us all making a 'Bug Hotel' on the Friday afternoon. Some of your parents came in to support you and we had a great afternoon.



To support our topic 'Walk Like an Egyptian' the one thing that might stand out for some of you is when we travelled to London to see the Prince of Egypt at the Dominion Theatre. What an amazing day! What an amazing performance! It seems so long ago now, but can you remember the special effects and how the sea parted towards the end?



As well as all of the above, we continued to learn new skills and use our existing knowledge in our Maths, English and Science. In Reading, we started to use two new methods to help us with our fluency – Echo Reading and Paired Reading which you really took to and we had to record some of our sessions for Mrs Cooper to use in training. You have continued to learn in RE, PE (with Mr Horton and Mr Baker) Computing, DT, Art, Computing, PSHE and Music. Always there to support us within the Year 5 team, were Mrs Mulley, Miss Siddall, Mrs Simpson, Miss Williams, Mrs Loveridge, Mrs Carson and the volunteers who gave up their time.

2020 will be a year to be remembered. The last few months have been quite different to what we are used to but having spoken to each one of you by email (and some of you in person) I know that although you may have had tough times, you have all embraced the changes that we have had to face and have learnt new life skills that will stay with you forever. These changes and skills, along with what you have learnt and experienced

on your journey through Spalding Parish Church of England Day School, have made you into the person you are today and you should be very proud of all you have achieved. Times have been difficult and unknown but we have all survived and as a result, we will be stronger.

Thank you for brightening each day that we were together and for helping me to learn - when you learn, I learn too. I feel very lucky to have been your teacher even though it was for a shorter time than we had planned.

I wish you all the best in the next stage of your journey.

Take care, keeping learning and brightening the day for others.

Miss Weatherhill



PS I saw this on Classroom Freebies and wanted to share it with you:-

## "Goodbye"

I'm glad I was your teacher.  
I've come to love you so.  
I can't believe the end is here.  
I hate to see you go.



I've watched you learn and grow  
and change from day to day.  
I hope that all the things we've done  
have helped in some small way.

So it's with happy memories that  
I send you out the door  
with great hope and expectations  
for what next year holds in store.

Remember all the fun we had  
in all the things we did,  
but most of all remember...  
You're a very special kid!

