

Dear Maple Class,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term - but perhaps it didn't feel that different! Thank you so much to those of you who have been in touch to show me all the fantastic things that you have been doing and filling up your Year Book pages.

The home-learning will keep looking much the same even though most of you will be at school for two of the days. The aim is that regardless of which days you are in, we should all be following a similar timetable. This may not be true to begin with as we will need time to settle into our new routines - so follow it as best you can.

I have been keeping a close eye on the tadpoles because they have now got to the point when they



become froglets almost overnight. This is how it happens: they begin to move their back legs; their front legs suddenly appear; they sit on the top of the weed; start to crawl out and their tails disappear. It is at that point that they have to go outside into the pond. I have already released the first froglet and the rest will go in the pond next couple of weeks I expect.

The final photo is of one of their many relatives who live in the pond (this one is 2-3 years old I think).

I hope that you are going outside your homes more now and to encourage you to do so, Mr Lewis has prepared a PE activity called 'Map skills, creating maps and direction' for you. I have also given you a mini-beast survey to do so that you can work outside – and be a 'citizen scientist'.

Here is a list of your next set of activities:

English:

- puzzles to practise words with common suffixes;
- reading tasks;
- write explanations and analyse poems;
- build tension in a narrative.

Maths:

- Properties of circles; circle algebra.
- Properties of shapes.

Curriculum:

- Science: mini-beast surveys.
- PHSE: 'thank you key workers'; things to look forwards to; I am an amazing person.
- The Commonwealth.
- Art: everyday small objects; 'the view from my window'.

- PE - Map skills, creating maps and direction.

I'm really looking forward to seeing most of you soon and I hope to hear from those of you who are continuing your learning at home.

Take care and keep busy,

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