

NATALIE:

Hello everyone, these past few weeks have been a bit full on! I think I'm not alone in saying that it has been tough seeing everything in the news, so I hope you are doing well despite all this unrest and that you have personally found time to rest this week :) I've found balancing work particularly difficult since we've returned from school as the weather hasn't been particularly motivating and there has been a lot to be distracted by, however I have started a work out challenge (which is shocking news coming from someone who...well is NOT sporty) which has been something constant in this time of change. It has broken me. I almost gave up when I could barely stand and actually got carpet burn which I'm hoping was a result of my enthusiasm, not my lack of ability, and to be honest, I am very proud I have made it through a week! On the other hand, to restore some normality, I have channelled the laziness inside me and have watched many films - one of which was 'Catch Me If You Can' which, with Leonardo DiCaprio as the protagonist, I was bound to love! I hope you have a lovely week and that we get to see some sun ☀️

Stay safe and have a great day,
Natalie :)



BLAKE:

Hi everyone hope you are all doing well, recently I have been playing cricket with Callum and Jack. It's been rather interesting when it comes to cricket and social distancing. We use our own balls and it's easy to stay two metres apart from each other, so it works rather nicely. Today I also played in the net with my brother. We were using a tennis ball and the cat went a bit crazy chasing after it. I have also been building my model kits. Over half term I was working on the 1:35 Tiger tank my grandparents bought me. I also have been building a 1:72 PzH 2000 (a German Self-Propelled Gun) and truck and trailer. For the SPG I plan on scratch building some extra stuff to make it more authentic. I plan on adding some extra armour to the turret as when the Dutch, and later the Germans, deployed them in Afghanistan, they added the extra armour to make them less vulnerable to mortar fire. Hopefully the stuff for that comes tomorrow.



I painted the truck (which is a SLT50-3 Elefant) at the weekend but today I decided I needed to repaint it as the green I used was too light and that the grey was too dark. I probably could have left it and no one would have noticed but I had been playing on my conscience for the last few days. I hope you are all having enough to do. If you aren't and you want to kill many hours and achieve hardly anything, take up modelling 👍 🧩

MITZI:

Hi, I hope everyone is having a good week, I can't say that I'm enjoying this weather, I miss the sun! This week I've been addicted to online shopping, I can't stop buying things. I see items that are in the sale and I can't help but buy them! I've been buying such pointless things as well, so far, I've purchased three winter jumpers when we are in summer?! Another thing that I have done this week is give my room a deep clean, there's nothing better than working in a clean room, I am such a messy person so it'll be good to see how long my clean room can last! I have two cats and they are loving having everyone at home and getting attention all day, I'm not sure how they are going to feel when school starts again. Have a good week :)

Mitzi



ELEANOR:

Hello everyone! I hope you're all well, staying positive as another week of lockdown passes by. I know I'm finding it very daunting that the quarantine is going on this long, but I can only imagine how much nicer it will be when we as a country finally get to a "new normal."

Like most people, I found lockdown challenging; unlike some, however, I am still finding I have issues with working and keeping motivated, (especially when the weather was so good, how is it fair to be that sunny when I'm staying indoors?!) For this I have found that giving myself a specific and dedicated workspace has been really useful; not just sitting at the table in the kitchen and making myself 5 cups of tea every hour, but finding a quiet corner when I can simply sit and work.

Something I've taken up over this period has been making candles. I have got wax over three separate shirts, stained the worktop red and turned a saucepan yellow. But actually it's a lot of fun! If nothing else, my whole house smelled like lemongrass and ginger for a couple of days. In the next week there are two big birthdays coming up in my close friends and family. that means one thing and one thing only. Birthday Kahoot quizzes. Just because we can't see everyone in person, doesn't mean we can't embarrass them! Oh and eat a LOT of cake on their behalf.



Again, I hope you've all kept your spirits high and, in your hearts,, set heights higher.

