

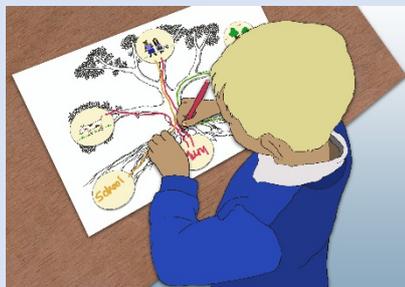
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Dear Parents /Carers,

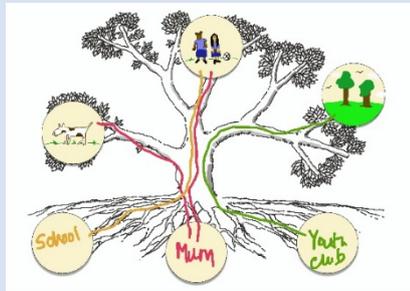
Children share their hopes and ambitions!

This is a quick update about the project, 'Voices in a Pandemic: Children's Lockdown Experiences Applied to Recovery' (VIP-CLEAR) that your child's class is involved with. This project is run by researchers from University of the West of England (UWE), working with local artist Luci Gorell Barnes.

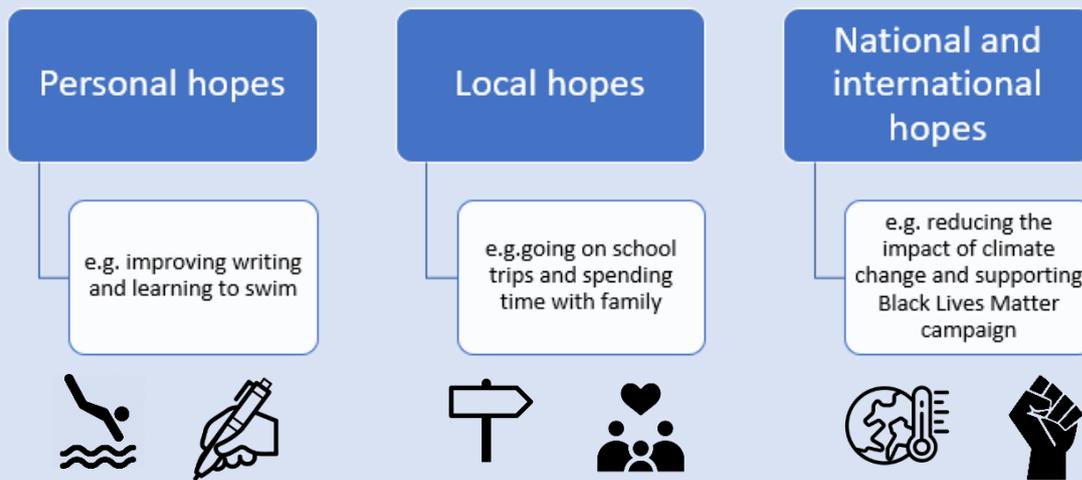
What we've been doing since September:



We continue to analyse over 130 pieces of art that the children have created about their experiences of the Covid19 pandemic and lockdowns. Already we can see that the children had both challenging and positive experiences. The access to the outdoors and Bristol's many green spaces, family and pets were all important to young people during these times of change and uncertainty. Home and school learning during lockdown had their own challenges with access to the internet, computers and quiet spaces to work being cited as barriers to learning by the young people. The opportunities for children to socialise with friends was really welcomed with the return to school.



This term we have really enjoyed working with pupils on our final activity which asked your children to think about their hopes and ambitions for the future – using a picture of a tree to frame their thinking. These workshops have seen children identify not only what they are looking forward to but also identifying how these ambitions might be achieved. Some of the ideas children have talked about include:



What next?

In term 3 we will be preparing ways of communicating the themes from the project to the wider school community.

We wish you all a happy and safe winter break.

If you have any questions about the project, or wish to find out more, please visit our website (www.vip-clear.org) or contact Lindsey McEwen Lindsey.McEwen@uwe.ac.uk).