**Year 1 home learning week commencing 4th May 2020**

Good morning Year 1 and parents!

I am back working from home this week after a week at Scissett Middle School. It was a very different week, but really good to be back “teaching” face to face. It brought home to me that children need their social connections and are thinking about their friends, teachers and schools. We are a big part of each others’ lives and so I would like to take the opportunity to say that I am very proud of you all for continuing to work hard, be happy and to create new opportunities for learning while we are not at school.

At the moment we are all at different stages – some are happily following the remote learning ideas I send out, some are doing their own thing and following their own interests, and some have put “sit down learning” on hold to focus on wellbeing and emotional stability or to fit in with other commitments. All of these choices are valid and I am here to support you in any way you feel you would like me to.

**Maths**

This week I would like you to have a go at something a bit different – the White Rose Maths lessons that are online. If you follow this link

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-1/>

you will find the powerpoint videos for each lesson. On Friday (which is a Bank Holiday this week so no work expected!) there is a Maths Challenge which is aimed at families working together. The questions get harder as the challenge goes on – how many can you complete? After the lesson, complete the worksheets for each day – these will be clearly labelled on the school website. Send me a photo of your answers if you can. If it is tricky, let me know and I will help you.

**English**

As the feedback from the Talk For Writing booklets has been good, I am providing another unit for you to work through. This one is about a mischievous pixie called Pippety Skycap, who goes around causing trouble… Read or listen to the story and then work through the activities. Don’t forget to send me your work!

**Science**

This week we will learn about butterflies! The caterpillars that I’ve been looking after have now hatched out of their chrysalides as beautiful butterflies! They are stretching their wings, preparing for their release. Do you remember last year when we went out on the field to release the butterflies? I managed to catch one hatching – here is the link to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHwxm_K4Wyo>

What do you know about butterflies already? Can you name any species of butterfly? The ones in the video are Painted Lady butterflies. They are found in countries all over the world and can fly thousands of miles for food! Do you know any interesting butterfly facts?

Here are some websites you could look at to find out about butterflies:

<https://candidegardening.com/GB/stories/02bb663b-8bbe-409a-8ea5-5fc8ff168c8e>

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/07/butterfly-identification/>

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/other-garden-wildlife/insects-and-other-invertebrates/butterflies/>

<https://www.scienceforkidsclub.com/butterfly-facts.html>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/insects/butterfly-life-cycle/>

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/butterflies/identify-a-butterfly>

You could find out some facts about butterflies and their life cycle and present them in a poster, booklet or fact file. Draw or paint a picture of your favourite species and write some facts about each one.

Observe the butterflies carefully when drawing or painting your pictures. Look at the colours and markings and see if you can copy them. Look at the different parts of a butterfly and label them – wing, antenna, thorax. I will attach some worksheets to help you.

**History**

This week sees the 75th anniversary of VE Day – the day when World War 2 officially ended in Europe. Read the information on the powerpoint to find out about the war, then complete the reading comprehension activity. Use the stars on the activity to choose your level of challenge, from 1 to 3 stars. Colour your own Union Jack flag. Some people are having a party to celebrate VE Day – obviously remembering social distancing! Will you be celebrating with your family? Think about the soldiers who fought in the war. How do you think they felt when it was over? You could design a medal to reward them for their bravery. Is there anyone in your family who remembers the war? You could write down some questions to ask them, and share their answers.

I hope you have a lovely week. Stay safe and keep listening to your grown ups. I would love to see any of your work as you complete it, or any pictures you draw, or any photos of what you get up to.

Miss Hutton x