

MOSSY LEA MESSENGER

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Movie Time — Peter Rabbit



To celebrate the end of what has been a challenging half term, we thought it would be nice to do something different on Zoom with the children.

So, join us on at **Saturday, at 2pm** and we can give the children a bit of time to chat socially, outside of their lessons and watch a movie together. Sometime this week, Antonella/Andy will be paying you a doorstep visit to drop off popcorn and a drink for the kids to enjoy during the movie; all you need to do is set yourselves up somewhere comfortable and enjoy the film. Antonella will send out the Zoom code, via Class Dojo, on Friday. I hope you can join us.

Disco, Disco, Disco!

To end the half term we are going to be joining St. George's for a Disco.

Lets see photos of you all dancing away in your living rooms ... Lets shine a little light in this dark time! Tony will be live on Thursday, 11th February between 7pm and 8.15pm, streaming on St. George's Facebook page!

Get dressed up, get your dancing shoes on and join us once for a dance!

10 Ways to Learn Spellings!



1	Draw a colourful, visual picture of the word.....			...or a 'pyramid' word.	
2	Use visuals and colour to help memorise the 'tricky bit' of the word.				
3	Use a 'push spelling voice' or 'singing voice' to emphasise the spelling e.g. say 'pe-op-le', 'Wed-nes-day', 'do-es', 'quest-i-on', 'sc-hool' or to exaggerate weak vowel sounds, e.g. 'choc-o-late', 'diff-er-ent', 'litt-le'.				
4	Use 'memory hooks' e.g. 'ould - o u lucky duck' for would/should/could, 'o u greedy horse you've eaten through the fence!' and mnemonics e.g. 'because elephants can add up so easily', 'they hate eating yoghurt', 'half a large fish'.				
5	Break the word up into syllables and write in a colourful, visual way.				
6	Look for words within words and say in a sentence e.g. 'I want an ant!', 'once is one time' 'there's a hat in what', 'there's a rat in separate', 'we'll get her to-get-her', 'I hear with my ear, I heard with my ear'.				
7	Try the 'Look Cover Say Write Check' method: Look at the word, cover the word and write out whilst saying letter sounds or names, check to see if you are right. If not - practise again.				
8	Group words together in 'families', particularly if you are confident at spelling a word in that family already e.g. night, light, fight, right, might etc cake, make, take, bake, lake etc or snail, train, again, wait, rain, pain etc. Draw a picture and make up a story including all the words!				
9	You don't always have to use a pen and paper to practise spellings! You could record them in your own voice and listen whenever you like. You can practise words out loud e.g. on a car journey. You can type out on a computer using different fonts and colours!				
10	Put each target word on a separate card, written or drawn in the way you that you've decided to remember it. Make a pack of cards to look back on regularly!				

Zoom timetable freshen up

Later this week, Antonella will be sending out a new timetable, via Class Dojo. This will begin after the half term holiday, on Monday, 22nd February. We will be adding a short spelling Zoom session on a Monday afternoon, so please make a note of the time for your child. Also, Reception and Year 1 Maths will be swapping (so Antonella will be teaching reception Maths and Lindsay Year 1). Everything else will be the same. Any questions about the new timetable, just drop Antonella a Dojo message.

We now have a good stock of decent laptops. We have windows laptops that are wiped and ready for usage. If you're using a phone for zoom, then please email help@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk and we'll give you a laptop!



Have a great week everyone, and enjoy your half term.

Although we are closed over half term, the help@email will continue to be monitored, and you can contact Antonella via Class Dojo anytime.

The Edenred free school meal vouchers have all been sorted, but in the meantime, if you require anything from food, to data, to laptops, to pastoral support use help@, and/or message Antonella and we will sort it. You have my word.

The Mossy Team x

