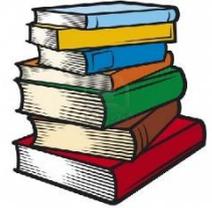




Class 2 Newsletter Summer 2020



Hello Everyone!

We are missing you all so much and are looking forward to being able to see you again. We hope you have been staying safe at home with your families and spending lots of precious time together; playing, reading stories, baking and having fun in the garden. We have been enjoying spending some time at home with our families too during the Easter holidays and the lovely weather it brought.

We hope you are feeling rested and ready to get back to learning from home.

Don't forget to follow the Homework Menus for some exciting ways to learn.

We hope you continue to have fun and stay safe at home.



These are some of the activities we thought might be useful to support children's learning and development. Remember a recipe for a good day: **A spoonful of maths, A scoop of literacy, A sprinkle of exercise, A teaspoon of discovery. Mix together with lots of love and fun.**



English

During the Summer Term in Reception, our topic is 'What lives under the sea?' Books linking to this include; *The Rainbow Fish*, *Commotion in the Ocean*, *Shark in the Park*, these are available online on YouTube.



What non-fiction books can you find? What facts can you find out about creatures that live under the sea?

There are a range of English tasks which have been set on our 'Homework Menus', on the school website.

Additionally, have a look at the Oak National Academy. They have lots of 'lessons' which you can follow across the week!

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom>

Other websites which provide fun and engaging activities, include;

<https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies?collection=bbc-childrens>

Maths

Over the Summer Term, we would be continuing to practice our number recognition, focusing on numerals to 20, as well as counting to 20 and beyond.

There are a range of maths activities we have set on our 'Homework Menus' on our website which will support Maths at home.

The Oak National Academy have a variety of practical maths lessons for reception aged children.

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom>

Also try:

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies?collection=bbc-childrens>



RE

This half term we will explore the season of Pentecost. The children will think about the good news that Jesus is risen, and how the Holy Spirit came to help Jesus' friends spread the good news. The tasks on the homework menus will help to explore this further and think about how we can share the good news of Jesus. The CAFOD website can be used to find resources for collective worship at home.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Home-learning-primary>



Phonics

Please continue to practice the sounds your child has been learning in phonics, going through the phonics pack which were sent home. Look at the homework menus for activities where you can apply the action words and phonics skills. The government's phonics website, letters and sounds, lists the sounds we have been learning (Phase 2 and 3) and the Oak National Academy has free online phonics lessons incorporated into their English lessons for Reception aged children. We have also posted some helpful videos on our Facebook page which show the actions to go with each sound in Phase 2 and 3, as well as the tricky action words! Please find the link to the letters and sounds website below:

<https://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>



Communication and Language

There are lots of opportunities when cooking, reading together, tidying up, putting the clothes away or when watching their favourite shows. Ask your child questions and model the way to form a question. Encourage them to ask questions too. When giving answers, try to further their understanding by encouraging them to give more information. Role play games are also a great time to engage with your child - going on a pirate adventure, across the sea to find the treasure. Please see our Homework Menus for ideas at home.

Physical

Continuing to build fine motor skills is still of great importance as it helps children to hold their pencil properly when writing, so threading activities, such as pasta necklaces are wonderful activities to support this development. Also playing with playdough or plasticine can build muscles in fingers. For the larger muscles in legs and arms, obstacles courses in the garden are a fun way of developing these muscles.

Keep Mentally Healthy

During these challenging times, it is normal to feel a little bit anxious. It is more important than ever to look after our own mental health and support children to stay emotionally and mentally healthy. Our 'Keeping Mentally Healthy' page on our website is being updated regularly with ideas and activities that can help us to look after our mental health. Please see the link below or email Miss Harrison for advice:

<https://www.stjosephsacademy.org.uk/contact/keeping-mentally-healthy/wellbeing@stjosephsacademy.org.uk>

Thank you for your continued support during these strange times. Our Facebook page is being updated daily with new activities and messages. We would love to see pictures of the children's work and what they have been up getting up to. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact:

office@stjosephsacademy.org.uk

We hope to see you all very soon! Keep safe and well.
Miss Thomas, Miss Wesson and Mrs Hodgson