



Class 6 Newsletter

Summer 2020



Hello Everyone!

We hope you are all keeping well and staying safe in these unprecedented times. We hope you were able to have an enjoyable Easter break and the children are feeling rested and ready to learn. This learning may be English and Maths, but it can also be baking, going on a nature walk, playing board games, or building dens. We understand home learning will look different for each family, and we are always here to help and support if needed.

Please see our Homework Menus for activities.

English

This term we have set a range of English tasks on the homework menus. Please use the activities on the menus for creative writing opportunities.

Oak Academy online has also created lessons for each day of the week. These will help children to refresh their comprehension and SPAG skills.

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/year-3#schedule>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

Please use the homework menus to practise weekly spellings each day and encourage your children to read for at least 20 minutes as usual.

Oxford Owl have over 500,000 free e-books available for children to read. Please see the links below to access the wonderful books.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page>

Maths

This term, I would like the children to focus on Formal Methods (e.g. column addition and subtraction), Statistics (e.g. bar graphs), Measurement (e.g. length and perimeter) and Fractions (e.g. $2/6 + 1/6 = 3/6$).

We have practised these in class and returning to them will help the children to learn and remember.

There are lots of great activities online that can be used to help practise maths skills as well as the activities we set on the homework menus. Please use the links to online lessons, they are great!

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Please encourage your children to use Times Tables Rock Stars to build their recall speed! Children should be aiming for around 15 minutes per day. Battles are put up weekly and we are currently in a battle against the other Trust Primary Schools. <https://trockstars.com/>



RE

This half term we will explore the season of Pentecost. The children can use their Bible to find and share the stories with their family. The tasks on the homework menus are to be used to explore this further.

Towards the end of this half term we will begin our Baptism and Confirmation Topic. What can the children find out about these sacraments and how they are linked?

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>

Science: Living Things and Habitats – Activities on Homework Menus

The children are to explore a variety of ways to identify, sort, group and classify living things. Learn how animals are split into 'vertebrates' and 'invertebrates' and begin to consider the differences between living things. Use and create classification keys to group, identify and name living things from different habitats. Discover that environments are subject to man-made and natural changes, and that these changes can have a significant impact on living things. Work like a scientist by gathering, recording and presenting information in different ways. Investigate what living things have created their habitats nearby.

Geography: Physical Features of the UK – Activities on Homework Menus

The children are to look at the geography of the UK. Find out about the major mountains in the UK, research the physical features of mountains, how they are formed and how mountain ranges have been shaped over time. Learn the names and locations of rivers in the UK and research why rivers are so important to the towns and villages that have developed on their banks. Look at the features of rivers, and the natural and human ways that rivers change over time. The children can then find out about the seas surrounding the UK. How has the UK changed over time? Look at how London grew and how the population of the UK has changed throughout the course of history.

Other Curriculum Areas:

PE: It is important to keep active whilst at home. Please see the homework menus for activities children can take part in whilst at home. Joe Wicks is also teaching PE every morning at 9am on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

Art/DT: Please see our homework menus for Art and DT activities linking to our History, Geography and Science topics.

Computing: Online Safety - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> or <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>
Purple Mash and BBC Bitesize Computing are great websites for children to learn computing skills.

Music and MFL: The Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize are providing Music and Spanish lessons to help children learn at home.

Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize.

The Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize are providing daily lessons for Maths, English and the foundation subjects. Both websites are being updated by teachers in order to support families home learning. The lessons are a great online resource to use, and you can choose to do one lesson, or a sequence of lessons. Please see the links for the websites below.

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Keep Mentally Healthy

During these challenging times, it is normal to feel stressed and 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.

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

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:

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We hope to see you all very soon! Keep safe and well.

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