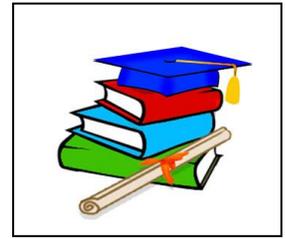


Class 8 Newsletter Summer 2020



Hello Everyone!

I am sure that you all managed to enjoy the Easter holidays, even though I'm certain they were not spent the way they usually would have been! We would usually be welcoming you back to one of my favourite terms at school now but with the way things are I hope that you will continue to stay safe at home and use some of the resources provided to learn and practice your skills.

Maths

This term I would like you to focus on your formal methods.

We have practised these in class and returning to them regularly will help you remember the method clearly in future.

There are lots of great activities online that can be used to help you practise your skills as well as the activities we set on the homework menus.

Please use the links to online lessons to refresh your knowledge, these are great!

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

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/year-4#schedule>

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/year-5#schedule>

Please remember to use Times Tables Rock Stars to build your recall speed! I'd like you to aim for 15 minutes per day. This is so important getting ready for year 5 and 6! We are even running a trust wide battle! Take up the challenge and help ST Joseph's come out on top!



English

This term we have set a range of English tasks on your homework menus. Remember to check these for your creative writing opportunities.

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

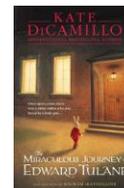
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Please use the homework menus to practise your spellings each day and try to read for at least 20 minutes as usual.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to recommend a book that I just finished. I had hoped to share this with you all as a class this term.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
By Kate DiCamillo



R.E

This half term we will explore the season of Pentecost. Use your Bible to find and share the stories with your family. Use the homework menus to find tasks to help you explore this further. Towards the end of this half term we will begin our Baptism and Confirmation Topic. What can you find out about these sacraments and how they are linked?

Use the CAFOD website to find resources for collective worship at home.

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

Geography – Physical Features of the UK

Take a look at the geography of the UK.

Find out about the major mountains in the UK

Research the physical features of mountains and how they are formed and how mountain ranges have been shaped over time.

Learn the names and locations of Rivers of 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

Find out about the seas surrounding the UK and the man-made regions and counties. How has the UK changed over time? Look at how London grew and how the population of the UK as a whole has changed throughout the course of history.

Science – Living Things and Habitats

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 within these classifications.

Use and create classification keys to group, identify and name living things from the local habitat and beyond. 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.

P.E.

Don't forget to keep active during this time. We have suggested some activities on our homework menu but again there are lots of options online to help you stay on the move. Why not follow Tom Burke Academy on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/tbalimited/>

A daily PE lesson with the Body Coach <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

Or try some Cosmic Kids <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Remember keeping active can really help your Mental Wellbeing. Find more information on how to stay mentally-well on our website.

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

Computing

Purple Mash is available from home. If you do not have your log in, you can request this from the school office via email. BBC Bitesize also has some great lessons <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

I'd love for you to all practice your typing skills from home. There is a simple program within purple mash to help develop this. Alternatively BBC Bitesize also has a great game to help you with this skill

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr>

Learn more about online safety at Think u know

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/?fbclid=IwAR2ROe00YW1bxRcSj4iixF3Df9pcGf4ZAF1wM5-DCT--dyeSKpYqkGKi-d4

Art and D&T

Check your weekly homework menus for Art and D&T activities linked to our topics.

Stay Safe Everyone

We hope to see you all back in class very soon!

Miss Bushell and Miss Bostock