



Nursery Summer Newsletter 2020



Hello Everyone!

Hello from Mrs Mead: I hope you are having fun with your families and spending lots of time exploring in your garden. I have painted a rainbow and put it on my window along with my teddy bear for children to see as they go past. I have also enjoyed spending time with my family and Raulf the dog, I've planted some potatoes and beans in the garden; fingers crossed that they grow. Enjoy this special time with your family and keep sharing lots of stories.

Hello from Mrs Hardwick: Over the Easter holidays I was lucky enough to receive lots of Easter eggs, I enjoyed melting the chocolate and making yummy crispy cakes. I hope you haven't eaten too much chocolate. I have also been growing some strawberries and blueberries in the garden, making sure I water them every night. I am hoping to bake them into a pie once they have grown nice and big. We all know how much we love reading and sharing stories in Nursery, I am enjoying taking my books into the garden and reading in the sunshine, I hope you have been sharing lots of stories.

Please see our Homework Menus on the school website for more activities!

Communication and Language

There will be lots of opportunities for you to communicate with your child, whether this be while cooking, reading together 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. For example, why did the toy sink? What would happen if the bridge broke? 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.

Maths

Mrs Mead and Mrs Hardwick have become expert bakers over the last few weeks! Mrs Mead's favourite are fairy cakes and Mrs Hardwick's chocolate crispies. If you have the ingredients you could make something yummy. Adding a sprinkling of maths is easy too! Count how many squares of chocolate you snapped. If I eat one how many will I have left? Talk about weighing out the ingredients and ask your child to help. For example, we need three eggs can you count them for me? Please send us pictures of your baking, we would love to see them.



RE

This term we will explore '**Friends**'. Encourage children to talk about their friends, how to be a good friend and how we can be friends of Jesus.

After 'Friends', our topic will be '**Our World**'. We will look at the world God created for us.

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>

Topic/English

During the summer term at nursery, we are learning about the sea. Some of the stories we could read include: Commotion in the Ocean, Rainbow Fish and The Light House Keepers Lunch. If you don't have these books at home, they are available on YouTube. Why not read a few stories and then talk about which one was your favourite and why? You might want to make up your own stories, a story about pirates on the sea. You might draw pictures to tell the story.

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>

Physical

Have you tried Joe Wick's daily PE lesson? It lots of fun. Have you tried going outside and making an obstacle course in your garden? Can children take their bike or scooter when your family go on their daily walk?

Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize

The Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize are providing daily lessons for Maths and English for nursery and reception age children. 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 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.

Mrs Mead and Mrs Hardwick