



Class 5 Newsletter



Hello everyone! We hope you are all well, happy and healthy. We miss you all so much and can't wait to see your smiling faces again. We hope you are making your way through the homework menus and are learning new skills. Learning can also take place through baking, going on a nature walk, playing board games and building dens. Home learning will look different for each family and we are always here for help and support.

Maths

This term I would like the children to focus on measurement (e.g length, height, mass, capacity and temperature), money and time, as well as continuing to practise their addition and subtraction skills. Please see the homework menus each week for maths activities.

Oak Academy online and BBC Bitesize have created lessons for each day. These will explore different mathematical topics. Please visit:

www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/year-2#schedule
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Time Tables: Please encourage your children to use Times Tables Rock Stars to build their recall speed! We 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. www.ttrockstars.com

Number Bonds: Recall of number bonds is important in Key Stage 1 to aid their mathematics throughout their schooling. Children could use the free online game Hit the Button to practise recall.

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

I will continue to set maths tasks on the homework menus but remember maths is all around us! Here are some more ideas:

- Help an adult bake or cook.
- Create patterns with shapes and objects
- Count in 2s, 5s or 10s when walking up and down the stairs.
- Measure everyone in your house and see how they grow until we come back to school.

Writing & Reading

A range of writing activities will be on the homework menus. As always, practising reading and spellings is important and we ask this is done daily.

Oak Academy online and BBC Bitesize have created lessons for each day of the week. These will help children to refresh their comprehension and SPAG skills, as well as provide opportunities for different genres of writing.

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Spellings: Homework menus include weekly spellings. Children should practise them daily and apply them into sentences. It is a good opportunity to practise handwriting too.

Reading: Remember to read for around 15 minutes every day. It can be the books we sent home, or it can be any books you have at home. Children could write a book review about each new book they read and please keep a log of their reading in their reading records. You can create a free log in for Oxford Owl where you can access a range of eBooks. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page>

Phonics: Children in Year 2 are generally onto Phase 6 of phonics which is all about using suffixes, prefixes, plurals and tenses. Visit www.phonicsplay.co.uk where you can create a free log in and play games.

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 topic of Reconciliation.

The CAFOD website can be used to find resources for collective worship and RE activities at home. Please visit:

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

History & Geography – The Seaside

We are at the end of learning about Space and we will start to focus on the 'Seaside'. Children should explore pictures of the seaside from the past and compare how they have changed over the years, discuss similarities and differences between the past and now. You could discuss seaside towns you may have visited and what was there.

Then we will begin to look at the Geography aspect of seaside's; where they are located, the names of different seaside towns and what features would we find there.

Have a look at the Katie Morag stories on the BBC iPlayer see what different seaside features you can see on her island!

Science - Plants

Over the next weeks we will be focussing on the topic of 'Plants' and activities will be outlined on the homework menus. Children should begin by learning the names of different parts of a plant and trees and what is needed for plants to survive. If possible, the children could plant a seed or a bulb and work scientifically by observing the growth of a variety of plants as they change over time.

STEM: Visit this website for different Science activities and experiments that can be done at home:
www.stem.org.uk/home-learning/primary#science

Oak National Academy: You could visit <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/year-2#schedule> and click on 'Foundation' where you will see lessons about other Scientific topics that you may like to explore.

Art & DT

Your homework menu will outline your Art and DT activities.

National Galleries: This website is posting 5 creative activities every Monday that you may like to do at home. Please visit: www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/features/home-where-art-creative-curriculum-kids

Oak National Academy: Click on 'Foundation' where you will see History, Geography, Spanish and Art lessons. Please visit www.thenational.academy.

Other Curriculum Areas:

PE: It is important to keep active whilst at home. Please see the homework menus. Joe Wicks is also teaching PE:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYlRfn6rYQ>

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: The Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize are providing Music 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.

<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. Our Facebook page is being updated with 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. Keep safe and keep smiling!

Miss Crone and Mrs Hoggarth