

Half Term Curriculum Plan: Home-Learning Letter

Year 2, Summer 2nd Half Term: June 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support during such challenging times. We hope you have found the learning set on Google Classroom useful and enjoyable. It has been lovely to see the children engaging so well with it over the last few weeks. Here is a brief outline of some of the topics we will be covering in each subject, during Summer 2 Half Term. All distance learning will continue to be set on Google Classroom.

In **English** we will continue looking at 'The Enormous Crocodile', exploring alternative endings through drama and writing our own ending. We will then explore the text 'The Journey Home' by Frann Preston-Gannon, making links to our previous geography learning on animals from around the world. We will learn about different types of sentences, such as questions, statements and commands. Word classes (nouns/verbs/adjectives) will be referred to throughout and we will end by writing a persuasive letter. In addition to this, we will be continuing to practise our cursive handwriting, spelling and grammar.

In **Maths** we will focus on place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, measurement including time and position, and direction and movement in geometry.

In **RE** we will be exploring the gospel and answering 'What is the good news Jesus brings?' We will look at stories from the Bible and give simple accounts of what Bible texts mean to Christians. The children will give examples of ways in which Christians follow the teachings and put their beliefs into practice in the church community and their own lives.

In **Science** we will be learning about animals and their habitats. We will learn what the term habitat means and identify different features of the places where certain animals live. We will also begin to think about reasons why some animals are particularly suited to particular environments.

In **History** our topic is 'Who were the Greatest Explorers?' We will learn about the lives and journeys of different explorers including Roald Amundsen and Captain Scott.

In **Computing** our focus will be on computer science and programming. We will use the software Scratch to produce simple algorithms.

Our **DT** and **Music** learning will be linked this term. We will learn about different musical instruments and design and make our own.

Other useful things to remember:

- **One of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning, is to hear them read on a regular basis.** You can access a wide range of e books by visiting the Oxford Owl website, these books are very similar to the ones we use in school. When your child has read the e book two or three times they could also carry out the activities linked to the text. Use this link <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk> and the class login details you have been given.
- When reading it is beneficial to ask your child questions about the text as this will support their developing comprehension skills. It is also important for young children to hear stories being read aloud, this could be an adult reading a story to them at home or listening to a story being read on line e.g. Cbeebies bedtime stories.
- Don't forget **PE with Joe Wicks** is live at 9am every day or you can watch at any time via YouTube.
- Please visit your child's **Class Page**, on our School Website, for further resources and **useful web links**. **Photos** of some of the wonderful learning the children have been doing at home, are also uploaded to class pages on a regular basis.

- **Playing board games, doing puzzles or drawing/colouring** are lovely, calm activities to do with your child and are rich learning experiences in their own right.
- The current crisis is one of uncertainty and difficulty for so many people. Here are a couple of really good websites I would like to share with you; both are an excellent source of support. They might be of help and answer some of the questions your children might be asking at this time.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/coronavirus/>

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. If you have any questions or concerns, please drop us a note via the class email y2@stmarysen4.barnetmail.net and Mrs Beechey or one of us will get back to you ☺

Mrs Prados and Mrs Oliver

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