



Half Term Curriculum Plan: Home-Learning Letter

Year 2 Summer 1st Half Term: April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during such uncertain and difficult times. I hope you have found the suggested activities and resources that have been sent to you useful, and that your children have enjoyed their learning at home. It has been wonderful to see some photos of the things they have been doing over the last few weeks! Here is a brief outline of some of the topics we will be covering in each subject, during this half term of distance learning.

In **English** we will be focusing on the differences between fiction and non-fiction texts and writing our own non-fiction texts about plants. During the latter part of the half term, we will be exploring the use of language in Roald Dahl's story 'The Enormous Crocodile'. Our grammar and punctuation learning will include word classes (nouns, verbs and adjectives), types of sentences, suffixes and apostrophes for contraction.

In **Maths** we will focus on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication, fractions and measurement.

In **RE** we will focus on Islam and link our new learning to our previous topic of Muslim prayer. We will explore the features of a mosque, discuss why Muslims go to a mosque and explore whether this gives them a sense of belonging.

In **Science** the children will be learning about plants, revisiting and building on their prior knowledge from Year 1. They will learn the sequence of germination, and compare and contrast the requirements of germinating seeds with those of mature plants to maintain healthy growth.

In **Geography** our topic will be hot and cold places. We will begin by locating them and we will then learn about the features of a hot and cold place. We will find out how animals adapt to their environment as well as compare what we would pack for a hot or cold holiday.

In **Computing** we will create a Word document, develop typing and editing skills and learn how to save it in a folder.

In **Art** we will focus on developing our drawing skills. This will include on-line tutorials and observational drawing. We will link this to both our Science and English learning.

In **Music**, with the help of Gareth Malone and Ros Saviourin from Barnet Education Arts Trust, we will be practising singing.

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 an 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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