



Half Term Curriculum Plan: Home-Learning Letter

Year Reception Summer 1st Half Term: April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I 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.

For **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** we will be focussing on playing games and taking turns. Talking about how we look after plants and mini beasts. Talking to our grown-ups about any worries we have about staying and learning at home.

For **Communication and Language**, we will be focusing on retelling stories and talking about our news. Communicating clearly with and listening to our grown-ups. Talking to our extended family and telling them about our day via telephone or face time, skype or other outlets.

For **Literacy** we will be focusing on books by Eric Carle, including The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We will continue with Phase 3 phonics. We will be practising our letter formation and sentence structure when writing.

For **Maths** we will be focussing on doubling and halving numbers, addition and subtraction and symmetrical patterns.

For **Physical Development** we will continue with ball skills and keeping fit through exercises and games.

For **Understanding of the World** we will be looking at life cycles and mini beasts. We will learn about e safety.

For **Expressive Arts** we will be painting and drawing butterflies and mini beasts. We will be making and listening to songs and music.

In **RE** we will be learning about Special Places including Churches, Mosques and Synagogues.

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, 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 reception@stmarysen4.barnetmail.net and Mrs Beechey or I will get back to you ☺

Kathy Lawrence

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