



## Half Term Curriculum Plan: Home-Learning Letter

**Year 4, 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.

In **English** we will be looking at the visual text 'Marshmallows'. We will be writing a setting description, organising paragraphs around a theme and revisiting some aspects of grammar, including prepositional phrases. We will continue with our spelling and use the spelling frame website to play games linked to our spelling words.

In **Maths** we be looking and revisiting place value, looking at multiplication and division. We will also be looking at shape and thinking about area and perimeter. I will continue to provide weekly arithmetic papers in line with our usual routine.

Following on from our learning at the beginning of the spring term, in **RE** we will be revisiting Sikhism. We will be thinking about the question 'What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?' and looking at the 3 golden rules of Sikhism.

In **Science** children will be looking at sound. They will think about how sounds can be changed and how sounds are made.

In **History** we will be looking at Victorians and thinking about 'what was important to our local Victorians'. We will be looking for evidence of the Victorians in our local area and looking at key Victorian people.

In **Computing** we will continue our work on coding.

In **Art** we will be focussing on painting. We will be looking at painting techniques and some painters. We will also be experimenting with the colour wheel. Please do not worry if you do not have paint, I have found some DIY paint suggestions to try to make your own (if you wish). All the set activities will be able to be completed with other resources/materials.

### Other useful things to remember:

- Please continue to encourage your child to **read regularly**. It is really helpful if you can take some time to read with your child and ask questions about what they have read. This will help to support their developing comprehension skills. It is also beneficial to read aloud to your children. When your child finishes reading a book, they might like to log on to **Accelerated Reader** to take a quiz. Use this link (<https://ukhosted9.renlearn.co.uk/2239980/>) and the login details you have been sent.
- Please continue to use Oxford Reading Owl for e-books <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>. Many of these books are also available on accelerated reader.
- Don't forget **PE with Joe Wicks** is live at 9am every day or you can watch at any time via YouTube.
- You should have login details for the following: **RM easimaths; TT Rockstars; Oddizzi** Geography Resource.
- 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.
- 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 (y4@stmarysen4.barnetmail.net) and Mrs Richardson or I will get back to you ☺

Take care and stay safe, Miss Antoniou 24.04.20