

EASTER NEWSLETTER



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DEAR FAMILIES

We hope that you are safe and well. Please know that each and every one of you is in our thoughts at this time. It has been really pleasing to see so much fantastic learning and energetic HITT sessions taking place at home (thank you Joe Wicks).

We have seen a wide range of creative approaches to learning and we are delighted that so many of you have shared your child's work with us. Please remember that these are unprecedented times and if you are struggling with learning at home then please don't let this become something that causes you stress. We are all doing our very best to be the best we can be at this time.

It is not a competition or a race so be kind to yourselves and as much as you can cherish the time you are able to spend doing something that you enjoy. Some reading every day would be great - have a look at the photographs of the teachers and some of the books they are currently sharing at home.

KS2 children also have a blog from their teachers that they can read and contribute to on the Learning Platform.

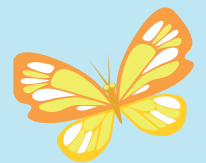
For younger children imaginative free play is a great way to learn.

Your support and patience is very much appreciated at this time and we continue to uphold our values of **love to learn**, learn to love.

Keep well and safe,

Kindest regards

Mrs Anderson and Mr Archer



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

MR DARLINGTON

Hairy Maclary

Me and Clara love this books as we can do different accents for all the different dogs, including a very good German accent for Schnitzel Von Krumm. It also has a really tough cat that reminds us of our cat, Bertie!

What the Ladybird Heard

We love this book as it shows even the smallest and quietest of creatures can make a massive difference! It's also really funny and you can make different animal noises.



MRS BARKE

I have been reading **Owl Babies** with my daughter, Emily, since she was born. Now, when we have our bedtime story, she makes owl noises to let me know she wants to read it! It's about Sarah and Percy and Bill - the three owl babies - who have quite a shock and become very scared! I would recommend it to children aged 0-5. I love to read it out loud because I give all three owls different voices (we always do a bossy voice for Sarah). I hope you enjoy reading it as much as we do.



MISS HILL

I would recommend **The Christmasaurus** by Tom Fletcher! This is a fiction tale about an inspirational boy called William Trundle who forms an unlikely friendship with a dinosaur. Facing school bullies and a villain called The Hunter, the pair work together to try to save Christmas.

Even though it's April, this book is filled with joy and laughter and brings the magic we all so need in the world right now.



MISS FRASER

Oi Frog!



MR JOHNSON

Stig of the Dump



MRS JOHNSON

Millie the Millipede



ONLINE BOOKS

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/cbbc-book-club>

CBBC book club- online every Sunday as a show- children can send in reviews and help to create the 'CBBC book' with their creative writing skills

<https://topsta.com/>

An online book reviewing tool for children- browse books reviewed by other children and review books yourselves. Also has giveaways and other competitions!

<http://ukchildrensbooks.co.uk/>

Books organised by author and by topic/genre

Plus a section for 'reluctant readers' recommendations- perhaps a great one for parents looking for books to engage their children

<https://www.thechildrensbookreview.com/>

Books organised by age with reviews by children

Competitions and activities

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/booksforchildrenandteenagers>

The Guardian's book news and lists of accredited authors and award winning books!

A good one for parents

<https://www.rif.org/>

Reading is Fundamental- a reading charity

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

Lists books that have won book awards each year, and involves children in voting for some of the awards

See also:

<https://www.waterstones.com/the-waterstones-childrens-book-prize>

<http://childrensbookaward.org.uk/>



WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

MRS ROSEN

We have been baking and painting together, going for walks and enjoying time as a family.



MISS SEIDU

We have been cooking together - here, we were making pizza! We have also been taking on daily challenges, like learning how to count to ten in Chinese.



MRS BARKE

We have been baking banana muffins, learning how to blow bubbles, bouncing on the bed, making dens on the sofa, reading, going for walks and hunting for worms and spiders.



HOGLETS WILDLIFE ACTIVITIES

Mr Honman would like to remind everyone about his fantastic wildlife company, Hoglets! If you have Facebook or Instagram, you can follow Hoglets and find some exciting wildlife activities. Starting this week, Hoglets will focus on a different creature at the wildlife centre each week, starting with hedgehogs.

Each day at 9am they will post something creature related. On **Monday** the centre will answer hedgehog-related questions, on **Tuesday** there will be a video with some hedgehog craft ideas, on **Wednesday** there will be a hedgehog game, on **Thursday** there will be a hedgehog game and on **Friday** they will introduce the creature for the following week and invite questions!



Weekly Wildlife Workshops



with Hoglets and the British Wildlife Rescue Centre!

- Monday** 'Meet' a creature from the British Wildlife Rescue Centre,
- Tuesday** 'Make' a wildlife craft activity,
- Wednesday** 'Master' a fact through a fun game or activity,
- Thursday** Competition time!
- Friday** Question time for the following week's creature!



AT HOME ACTIVITY IDEAS

30 Day LEGO Challenge

Follow the instructions for each day. The only rule is to have fun and use your imagination!

Day 1		Day 2		Day 3		Day 4	
You were hired by an amusement park to create a new roller coaster.		NASA needs you to build a new rocket.		Your parents want to build a new home and they want you to build it.		Hollywood hires you to build a movie set for a new Star Wars movie.	
Day 5		Day 6		Day 7		Day 8	
You enter a contest to build the world's tallest tower. Will you win?		You are stuck on Mars and need to build a new ship to get home.		Ford hires you to create the toughest pick up truck in the world.		You and 4 friends are stranded on an island. Build a boat to find a way home.	
Day 9		Day 10		Day 11		Day 12	
Captain Hook needs a new pirate ship and wants you to build it.		You and your friends decide to build a tree house.		Prince Charming hires you to build a castle for him & Cinderella.		Dr. Who hires you to build a new TARDIS.	
Day 13		Day 14		Day 15		Day 16	
You are asked by the President to build a new monument to George Washington.		Mr. Hilton hires you to build a new hotel.		There is a circus in town. Build a plane for the performance.		Help your fellow pioneers build a wagon to make it across the country.	
Day 17		Day 18		Day 19		Day 20	
Build the fastest car around and join the big car race.		Do you wanna build a snowman? Get in the winter mood and build a snow scene.		The city wants you to build a bridge to connect one side of the town to the other.		Pizza party! It is up to you to make a pizza for all the guests.	
Day 21		Day 22		Day 23		Day 24	
You are hired to build a brand new hospital.		The fence is broke and the dog keeps escaping. Build one he can't get out of.		You are now in medieval times. You are commissioned to build a jousting arena.		The local bank keeps getting robbed. Build a safe no one can crack.	
Day 25		Day 26		Day 27		Day 28	
Design and build your dream bedroom.		You are hired to build a house entirely out of yellow Legos.		There is blizzard. You will need to build a snowmobile.		 <p>What was your favorite day?</p>	
You are elected ruler. Build a flag for your land.		Aliens are invading and you need to build a war robot to defeat them.		The aliens have taken over. They are impressed by your robot. They want you build one for them.			

Easter Activity Bingo

Have a look at these ideas to keep you busy over the Easter holidays. How many of these can you complete?
Don't forget you can go for a walk, run or cycle each day!

<p>Do some origami. You could decorate your own paper too!</p> 	<p>Draw or paint a butterfly with exotic colours</p> 	<p>Make your own sock puppet</p> 	<p>Design and make a parachute to protect a boiled egg</p> 	<p>Make a castle using an empty box</p> 	<p>Make some cornflake or rice crispy cakes</p> 
<p>Make a papier-mâché sculpture</p> 	<p>Design a mask for yourself - it could be an animal, warrior or something else!</p> 	<p>Make some shadow puppets and put on a show</p> 	<p>Use spaghetti or toothpicks and marshmallows to build 3D shapes</p> 	<p>Make an Easter egg hunt using real or paper eggs</p> 	<p>Go for a walk and take some photographs</p> 
<p>Make some playdough or clay and build an animal</p> 	<p>Make your own monster bookmark</p> 	<p>Make a rocket using recycled card or plastics</p> 	<p>Collect some nature things make an Andy Goldsworthy picture or collage</p> 	<p>How many times can you throw and catch a ball with a family member without stopping?</p> 	<p>Video call a family member</p> 
<p>Make a den in your house or garden using fabric, cushions etc.</p> 	<p>Tell some jokes to a family member</p> 	<p>Design your own superhero with superpowers</p> 	<p>Make a friendship bracelet out of thread, beads or wool</p> 	<p>Design an exercise circuit in your garden or house for your family to complete</p> 	<p>Make musical instruments out of things you find in your house</p> 
<p>Join in with a BBC Supermovers video</p> 	<p>Make your own board game</p> 	<p>Design a new Easter egg and make a poster advertising it</p> 	<p>Make a collage of your favourite things using magazines or drawings</p> 	<p>Do an Oti Mabuse dance class on YouTube*</p> 	<p>Walk or run a daily mile</p> 
<p>Paint rocks and turn them into rock pets</p> 	<p>Create a poster showing healthy and unhealthy foods</p> 	<p>Make a colour wheel out of objects in your house</p> 	<p>Create a bird house or bird feeder to hang in your garden</p> 	<p>Make your own kite</p> 	<p>Do a Joe Wicks workout on YouTube*</p> 