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MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A Message from Mrs Hewitt

I hope that all your families are keeping safe and well during this difficult time. The school has remained open for the children of key workers; thank you to the staff who are continuing to come into school to support our families and who are trying to support home learning in a way that we hope is accessible and not too stressful for you. We fully understand that this will be difficult for you especially if you have more than one child and if you are still trying to complete your own work at home; please just try your best as we are not expecting you complete all activities. When the children return to school, we will support the children to catch up on their learning, and I really feel that there are lots of opportunities the children are having during this current time which is also very valuable in their development: precious time with their families, speech and language development as they talk with you, playing outdoors, IT skills, and developing an understanding of world wide issues and how important it is to be grateful for our community and services such as the NHS.

I am glad that the children enjoyed the staff video which we created to show how much we are missing them; we felt it was great way for them to still keep in touch with their teachers and teaching assistants (if you missed it, you can see it on the school website on the classes page or on this link <https://youtu.be/sAp8PbGNfxM>). As you know, we have an outstanding group of people on our governing body who work hard behind the scenes to support and monitor the strategic and financial direction of the school. To show the children (and parents) that they too are thinking of them during these challenging circumstances, they too have produced a video for everyone to watch. <https://youtu.be/klvXRCdYtVE>. I would like to thank them for their support and I hope that you enjoyed their video as much as I did. A special thank you to Caroline Tilsley and Andi Lynch for organising and producing it.

As this is an unprecedented time in history that we are living through, I have uploaded a 'time capsule' activity PDF on the website that your children could complete, in the future, they will be able to look back at the sheets they completed to remember what they did during the 2020 pandemic.

It is also important to think of your own mental health during these challenging times. There is some useful information on the Access & Inclusion link of the school website; there are some ideas to support mental health which you may find helpful.

I am thinking of you all; stay safe and well.

Hello Ducklings. What an exciting week, you have all found out your 'Big Schools' this week but let's hope we get a bit more time together first! Once again you have championed the home learning and it's been great to see so many practical play based activities; this week they are ROAR-some! Stay safe, stay home and keep washing those hands!

Hello Cygnets and Goslings, We hope that you have been enjoying the sunshine again this week. Some of you have been so creative with your dinosaur activities, we really are very impressed. Next week we are looking forward to seeing how clever you can be with space ideas. There will also be a different format to the phonics and maths home learning. Stay safe, we miss you!
Mrs Thomas and Mrs Tromans and Reception team.

Hello Year 1, We hope you are doing well at home and remembering to read every day and trying to write beautiful letters in your best hand writing. Hopefully you had fun finding out about dinosaurs, especially any aspiring paleontologists among you. It was a good excuse to play dinosaurs in the garden, dressing up or making the delicious biscuits. Next week we will be finding out more about space so get your rockets ready for lift off.
Mrs Tricklebank, Mrs Webb and the Year 1 team

Hi Owls and Hedgehogs! Wow, what a busy week you have all had. We have absolutely loved seeing your work on Purple Mash. It is great to have emails as well, showing us your home learning or just telling us how you are! Thank you. Please keep emailing us even if it is just to say 'Hello!' Your dinosaur work was 'Roarsome!' Lots of you have been working outside in this lovely sunny weather. It's great to be outside taking a break from technology! Next week we have some fantastic Space home learning. We hope you enjoy it! Be kind to each other and Stay Safe. Love from Mrs Ness, Mr Squires and the Year 2 team.

Hi Dolphins & Sharks, we hope you have had a great Easter and have been making the most of the sunshine. We love reading your posts on the Purple Mash blogs. It's really easy to use – just click on the green Sharing box then on Shared Blogs. If you haven't posted anything yet, have a go this week! You can let us know what you have been up to, chat to your friends and share ideas for keeping yourselves busy. Lots of you have been burning off those Easter egg calories by keeping fit in different ways – bike rides, garden marathons, going for walks or even dancing around the kitchen (that was Mrs Glover!) Remember to keep reading every day as well as trying out the home learning ideas to give your brain a workout too! Missing you all very much.
Love from Mrs Andrews, Mrs Glover, Mr Brooke, Mrs Walters, Mrs Rose and Mrs Easden.

Hi Year 4!
We hope you are all well and keeping safe! We really really, really miss you and can't wait to see you all again soon. How are you getting on with the work we have been setting? Have you enjoyed finding out about Dinosaurs? Don't Forget to email to us and tell us what you have been up to (tigers@meadows.worcs.sch.uk / Jaguars@meadows.worcs.sch.uk) Next week we are going to find out about Space! Did you like our teacher dance video? We hope it made you laugh because we had a great time filming it!
Don't forget to keep reading and keep practising your times tables and spellings!
From Mr Tunnicliffe, Mrs Dodman Mrs Date and team.

I know that you are working hard with your children to support them during this lockdown period. There are many resources online to help you with this. Some of the teacher have read stories and placed the recordings on the school website for the children to listen to. BBC have also produced some stories on the following link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories> There are also some fun games on the site to support the children's learning: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/primary-games/1>. There are lots of resources for speech and language on <https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/childrens-speech-and-language-resources/>