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Life in all its fullness

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Dear All

Just to let you know, we continue to think about you all and wonder how you are getting on. You may get a phone call from Mrs Watkins or myself as we are trying to 'check-in', with as many of you as possible, each couple of weeks. This is just to keep in touch and is in no way a 'check-up' to see how much school work is being completed!

If you keep in touch via the class e-mail, thank you, that is a good way of keeping in contact too! I know the teachers love seeing and hearing about what you have been up to. We are keen to keep the school community in touch with each other as much as possible.

The school continues to run on a skeleton staff, for children of key workers and for those who have different individual needs and challenges. This week the team caring for our pupils has been Mrs Watkins (3 days), Miss Crook, Mrs Waters, Mrs Ford, Mrs Watson, Mrs Webb and myself (2 days). Mrs Davidson and Mrs Munt also continue to pop in and out at various times! The school will remain open through-out the planned Easter holiday period (Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April).

SCHOOL WEBSITE <http://stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk/>

REMEMBER the school website is available to support you at home. This is updated regularly with new ideas, so it is worth using! Miss Smith and Miss Crook have been constantly adding to the site and it now has the following sections:

TERMLY TOPIC

WELL-BEING

MATHS

LETTERJOIN AND SPELLINGS

READING

EYFS CHALLENGES

KS1 CHALLENGES

KS2 CHALLENGES

WEB-SITES

On the home page find the tab **WORK for HOME**. This area will continue to develop, as we go along!

Here is a summary of the content which drops down from the **WORK FOR HOME** tab...

TERMLY TOPIC: A new one is now out. See details on page 3 of this letter or go to this section of the website.

WELL BEING: As well as information from the government, there are some child-friendly resources that we hope will help during these uncertain times. We are all feeling anxious and stressed at one time or another. Hopefully some of these ideas will help you all to feel better and to find a way to cope with the strange situation we are in!

MATHS: This section contains Daily Maths Lessons, Mathletics, Maths Games and Maths Facts Booklets. Remember to **really learn** Maths facts before moving on. If you know 7x3 without even thinking/pausing then you really have got it! The key is **repetition and consolidation**. (Learn small chunks of knowledge really well.)

LETTERJOIN and SPELLINGS: Resources for handwriting and spelling practice.

READING: This section has resources to support phonics and early reading such as links to Oxford Owl. There are also Reading Rocks challenges for each year group. Enjoy!

EYFS / KS1 / KS2 CHALLENGES: Age appropriate challenges designed by our teachers for our pupils!

WEBSITES: A fabulous range of websites supporting curriculum subjects. Everyone will find something to enjoy here!

We have created class emails so we can keep in contact while the school is closed for most pupils. These emails are:

ButterflyClass@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk

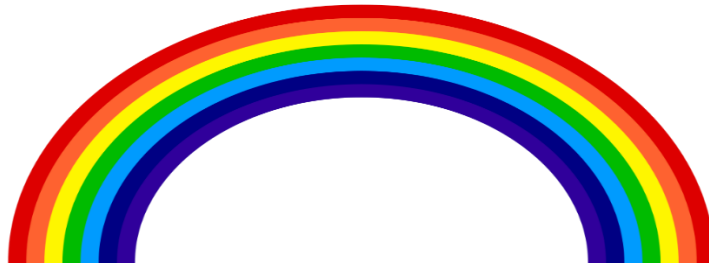
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WoodpeckerClass@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk

FoxClass@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk

RobinClass@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk

Miss Robinson and Miss Smith tell me they'd love to hear from more people!!! Please use an adult e-mail address from your end!



Termly Topic: April/ May 2020

Termly Topic: The Termly Topic this term is based on RAINBOWS.

Imagine there was just a huge rainstorm. You were safe from the rain in your house, but you looked outside as soon as it ended. The sun was just starting to come out from behind the clouds, and the rain was starting to end. During this special moment, however, you see a beautiful sight- a rainbow!

Rainbows are considered to be one of nature's most special gifts, with many paintings and photographs taken of them. They have also inspired many poems, songs, and other types of art. What is it about these gorgeous arches that make us love them so much?

Rainbows normally appear from the rain, but they can happen wherever light is being bent inside of water droplets. Rainbows can be seen in mist, fog, spray, and dew.

Rainbows are made up of all seven colours that come from light. These colours are **red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet.**

This time you might want to...

- Find out some facts about rainbows
- Have a go at some experiments involving light
- Learn about rainbows in the Bible
- Do a project based on one or more of the colours of the rainbow
- Write a poem or story inspired by rainbows
- Create some rainbow art.

Send a photograph of your work to us via your class e-mail if you can!!! We would love to see it.

You MUST make sure that something is in your book as a record of your topic. This could be a photo of your work or you could write about what you did! However, you may also like to do the whole topic in your book; it is up to you!

Please ensure some writing is included as part of your topic in some way!

The deadline for completing topics is **FRIDAY 1st MAY 2020.**

This is compulsory for Y4, Y5 and Y6 and optional for all other year groups.

Messages from the government:

Government WhatsApp service

A new GOV.UK WhatsApp Coronavirus Information Service has now been launched. The purpose of this product is to combat the spread of misinformation propagated through WhatsApp on an official Government channel.

To use the service, members of the public simply add +44 7860 064422 to their contacts and send a WhatsApp message saying "Hi".

children safe online

We have updated our information for parents and carers to include a section on keeping children safe online. It provides links to online resources that will help support parents and carers in keeping their children safe online.

Full details can be found in section 6.3 of the guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Finally stay safe and stay positive.

Remember we broke up for the Easter holiday (in theory) today. So, take a break at some point!

Love, peace and joy to all.

Kay Bridson

