

Friday 10th July 2020

Home Learning for the final full week of this academic year

Dear Class 4 and families,

We are very nearly there. Well done to all of you for learning at home. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at some point over the last two days of term. Thank you to those of you who have been sending in your super essays and pictures of the projects you have been doing at home.

Here are my final recommendations for term time learning for this academic year.

English

Writing task:

Write a letter to yourself and your family to say well done for what you have achieved at home. Make sure to include what you are most proud of learning and which new skill you have that you think is the most powerful for your future learning. Do continue to keep a diary of your experiences too so you can look back on this experience one day with your friends and families of the future.

The Oak National Academy resources for this academic year finish at the end of week 11 which I mentioned in the last home learning notes so please use this week to catch up on any weeks that you have missed.

SPaG

If you haven't already, please have a try at answering the following SPaG assessment. This will help you to know what your current learning is and what the gaps in your knowledge are to focus on in the future. Your SPaG guide will help when doing corrections. This is the link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-tests-2019-english-grammar-punctuation-and-spelling-test-materials>. The link takes you to the papers, the answers and mark scheme.

Spellings

In my last notes, we finished the 6-week block of spellings for the second half of the summer term. In Years 5 and 6 there is a statutory list of spellings that we have to learn by heart and independently apply in our written work. See how many you can already write, then focus on between 10 and 20 that you can't spell yet, take a few

minutes each day to learn those words using look, say, cover, write and check. At the end of the week, get an adult or older sibling to test you on those 10-20 words.
https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2019/08/29/13/56/09/5a42eb6a-f57f-4dc4-a66e-bd4c5e27e4b7/SpellingWordList_Y5-6.pdf This link takes you to the full list of words.

Comprehension and reading

Please continue to read a book a fortnight. Please write a book review of the best book you have read since the school closed. If you present them really nicely we shall be able to use them in the school library as recommendations to other children. In your review please include the title and author, a summary of the main plot without giving away the ending, details about the main characters and the reasons you enjoyed it so much.

Maths -

When selecting your learning this week think about which areas of maths you find you need the most help with.

These are the links to the White Rose lessons:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-5/> and
<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-6/>

The **White Rose** coverage is as follows:

Please could year 5 children go to **week 11** of White Rose for work on regular and irregular shapes and **week 12** for work on metric and imperial units.

Please could year 6 children go to **week 11** for work on calculating missing angles and **week 12** for work on shapes, pie charts and calculating the mean (average).

The **Oak National Academy** coverage is as follows:

Year 5 Week 10 - Classification of 2D and 3D shapes

Year 5 Week 11 - Problem solving including calculating the mean

Year 6 Week 11 - Percentages and statistics - we will be working on percentage increases and decreases in class.

Please continue to regularly practise your times tables!

Science and DT-

If you haven't already finished it, please complete the science challenge outlined in my last home learning notes.

Here is a reminder of the task:

Your task is to create a leaflet that tells humans:

- How exercise can make you healthier/lack of exercise makes you less healthy
- How your diet can make you healthier or a bad diet can make you unhealthy
- How drugs and alcohol can make your health suffer
- Give top tips on how to be well physically and mentally (it could include how to protect yourself from bacteria and viruses and the importance of good sleep, including sleep hygiene techniques, and talking about your problems)

There are two excellent clips on Espresso that give lots of information for this project. Just type 'impact of diet and exercise into the Espresso search bar.

If you have finished this project you could attempt the **DT challenge** that we would have been trying in school. The title of the project is 'How can a carrier make the job easier?' I have put in the home learning folder the complete unit of work. However, you can simply investigate different bags and think about what makes them stronger or weaker. Once you have decided which are good qualities for a bag, design a bag to carry a picnic, including a drink. Think about size, shape, material, strength and properties such as being waterproof. Once planned and designed, make the bag. Then test it out. How well did it work? What went well? How could you improve it? What would you do differently next time. I'd love to see some of your results when you come in over the last two days of term. Good luck!

Art and Design

In art this term we would have been studying graffiti art and the artist Banksy. Read this information to find out what graffiti art is and see some examples:

<https://kids.kiddle.co/Graffiti>

Use this site to find out about Banksy. <https://wiki.kidzsearch.com/wiki/Banksy>

Your challenge is to have a go at creating some graffiti art of your own, even better if in the style of Banksy - on paper, of course - please do not start drawing all over your walls and buildings. ☺ Bold colours and blacks are a prominent feature. These ideas might get you started <https://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-draw-graffiti-1/> or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVyz90JDrFA&safe=active>

Music

We are so sad that we were not able to have a performance this year. If you are missing music and Mr Lawrence there are now some new music lessons each Friday under Year 6 on the Oak National Academy starting from week 10.

Geography

The RE lessons about Buddhism (Y5 Mondays and Thursdays on Oak National) are still available if you have not yet completed them. For those of you looking for something new and relevant to learn the Year 5 lessons on a Monday and a Thursday, starting from week 9, have now moved on to a geography topic about sustainable energy. This relates well to our status as an Eco-school. Mr Hutchinson's excellent lessons on population growth and its impacts on Mondays and Thursdays under the Year 6 schedule come to a close in week 11.

PE and wellbeing/PSHE

For wellbeing and current issues please continue to watch the weekly Oak National Academy assemblies which are released on Thursdays. There are also collective worship assemblies called 'Faith at Home' on Fridays.

Joe Wicks has been a constant throughout the pandemic. Please join him for his final 3 live sessions. These are on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9am on his YouTube The Body Coach channel or via Oak National Academy. His last session will be on Wednesday 22nd July. I will be sad to see the workouts come to an end. They are great for energising you and improving your mood.

Other important information

Please bring a strong bag on your last day in school so that you can take home your workbooks from this academic year. We will have fresh ones from September.

Children in Year 5 will go home after lunch on Tuesday 21st and then the Year 6 children will come in for their picnic afternoon. Perhaps you could bring your lunch or picnic into school in the bag you made for DT (mentioned above).

If any of you in Year 5 are having any worries about coming back to school or have any questions, please send an email to the office and I'll do my best to help. Those of you in Year 6 do make sure to contact your secondary school if you have any further queries about transition arrangements.

I look forward very much to seeing all of you back, though I must confess I'm also feeling very sad about having to say farewell to those of you in Y6. I'll make sure to have plenty of tissues ready!

Best wishes,

Mrs Henden