

Friday 24th April 2020

Dear Class 4 and families,

I hope you all continue to be well. I have been in school this week helping to look after key worker children with some of the other staff. We have been busy planting and nurturing the seeds and bulbs supplied by Baytree Garden Centre. Thank you for your support in Denver winning one of these packs.

If you haven't already tried it I would recommend the government's Oak National Academy site for home learning, (<https://www.thenational.academy/>) particularly for those parents who are juggling working with home-schooling as these lessons can be done by the children without the need for parental support. Details of how to use this and the lessons that are of use in relation to our summer term learning are outlined in my notes on the website of 21st April. These lessons remain available. The English and maths lessons are progressive so you will need to start from Monday if you do choose to have a go. I just wanted to reassure you that there is no need to create an account or a log in – you go directly to the site. Also, the lessons are pre-recorded so the children do not speak directly to the teachers delivering these lessons and the teachers cannot see your children. The teachers give some input via their video then as they go along, they ask the children to carry out some tasks in a notepad or on a piece of paper. The videos can be paused at these points for the children to jot down their ideas allowing the children to work at their own pace before resuming the video. The two history lessons (Year 6 Monday and Thursday) were very good – I learnt some interesting things too! Year 5 children are able to access these by just clicking on the year 6 tab.

Once the week 2 resources are released, I shall be in contact again to suggest which are useful for our particular class.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Henden