

Tuesday 21st April 2020

Dear Class 4,

I hope you are well. I was rather intrigued by the launch of the new Oak National Academy by the government so I've been having a good look through the resources. From what I have seen, they are very good for your home learning and I would definitely recommend you try the lessons. The video lessons can be paused so you can take the learning at your own pace.

The Oak National Academy can be accessed here:

📄 <https://www.thenational.academy/>

For each year group there is a specific maths and English lesson for each day taught by a teacher using a video. These lessons build on skills over the five days to create a complete unit of work. There is also a lesson based on a different foundation subject (e.g history, science, art or languages) for each day. The lessons for the whole of this week are already available.

The website is very easy to use. Once you have accessed the site using the link above, click on the 'Online classroom' tab then click on 'Schedule' which takes you to 'Week 1'. You will see tabs with each year group from Year R to Year 10. You simply need to click the tab for your year group to access the lessons.

The English lessons are great. They have a word of the day and spelling practise built into each session and then a specific learning focus for each day. They use videos to teach you the skills and then give you time to do some independent practise. You are supported in how to review and mark your work. They use quizzes to make sure you can remember what you have previously been taught.

The English lessons for Year 5 this week focus on describing settings which is exactly what we would be planning to do in relation to Goodnight Mr Tom if we were in class. The lessons for Year 6 focus on newspaper reports.

The maths lessons for Year 5 focus on translation which would be good for revision and consolidation of what we have been learning in Class and would have returned to had we been in school. The Year 6 lessons relate to fractions which was our topic for the start of this term. Some Year 5 children might like to take a look at these as they are explained very well. Alternatively, if you find the content too difficult, you can look at the resources for Year 4.

The foundation subjects for Year 5 this week don't link to our class topics for the Summer term but there are some fun lessons (textiles for art and a chance to learn some Spanish) if you are interested. However, all of you could take a look at some Year 6 lessons which relate very well to our summer term subjects for history and science. The Monday lesson teaches the reasons for the outbreak of the First World War and the Thursday lesson teaches you about why so many lives were lost on the Western Front. The Wednesday lesson focusses on the 'Theory of Evolution.'

I hope you find this useful and that I will see you all again very soon as I do miss you.

Take care,

Mrs Henden