



Monday 27th April

Dear Owls,

Hello again Everyone. We hope you enjoyed the wonderful weather over the weekend, getting lots of vitamin D from the sunshine, either in your garden or whilst taking your daily exercise. It has been so lovely, and I have taken the opportunity to work on my little garden. I really appreciate being able to see my plants as they develop and flower. Old Ted especially, likes to sit under the Lilac as it gives him some shade and smells beautiful. I have also been on lots of bike rides with my family, for our exercise time. We are discovering all different parts of town we had never cycled to before and realised it doesn't take us too long to get to the lovely country roads, which I imagine a lot of you enjoy too.

What have you all enjoyed this weekend? It'd be great to hear some of your news. Ms Wallis and I really miss hearing about everything you've been up to. I know a lot of you were able to chat on the phone last week to Ms Wallis, and I am really looking forward to doing the same next week on Monday, but in the meantime, keep a note of what you've been up to and you could let me know by emailing me. It is going to be a little cooler this week, but you can still enjoy the outdoors safely, remembering that the sun can still get to us through the clouds – so don't pack the sun-cream away too soon.

Now onto our home learning. I hear from Ms Wallis that lots of great work has been taking place. As well as your news, we would love to see anything you are proud of. If you would like you can ask an adult at home to email work or pictures to this address: VLockwood@greatwhelnetnam.co.uk. Mrs Kimber is also hoping for some examples of what you've been doing so she can select some to put on the school website. Show us what you've been up to!

Home Learning Advice

As we said last week, we want you to access your learning how and when fits in best with your family, but remember that things are sometimes better to cope with when you work to a schedule, so have a look at the suggestions we sent last week. Little and often seems to work well, so don't forget to enjoy your breaks and not to worry or get anxious about your work.

The main resources we have suggested for online learning are The Oak National Academy, White Rose Home Learning (Maths) and BBC bitesize Daily lessons.

The Oak National Academy has daily lesson for English, Maths and Topic subjects, so some of you might want to stick to that. We are definitely not expecting you to try to do all of the websites we suggested, but it might be good to have look at them with an adult, when they have time, to choose which areas are best for you.

English

The Oak National Academy Year 4 will be looking at all aspects of English based on the 'Fantastic Beasts' story. Some of you may have seen the film or read it yourselves, but it is a great story. It started last week (week 1) but you can pick it up from week 2 easily – it doesn't matter if you weren't working on this site last week. Oak Academy has a video tutorial, practice questions and then online questions for you to complete at the end. These lesson build from one another and explain really clearly what skills you are developing.

Spelling

This BBC Bitesize link takes you to some fun interactive links to learn and practise some Year 4 spelling focuses. Give them a look. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt62mnb>

This link takes you to the year 3 & 4 spelling words, so you can see how many you know and practise the ones you don't. Yay! http://www.canonburrows.co.uk/serve_file/294727

Maths

Oak Academy is looking at Area and Perimeter. Again it builds on from last week's work where it focused on perimeter but you can pick up from week 2. Alternatively, go back to week 1 and work your way from there. Whatever works for you.

BBC Bitesize is working on Adding 3 or 4 digit numbers.

White Rose is working on place value, Hundredths and Thousandths including division.

Topic

Oak Academy has lessons on Henry VIII

BBC Bitesize looks at Prehistoric Times

Remember you can also choose some of your own research based learning doing the 'Pirates' or 'Food' projects we sent home last week.

Above all, stay happy, stay safe and be kind. Remember to give a big thank you to your adults at home for all they are doing to help you with your learning, as well as keeping you safe and well at home. We can't wait to hear from you and I look forward to speaking to you all next Monday.

Best wishes

Mrs Lockwood and Ms Wallis

For now, enjoy your time at home, look after yourselves and we look forward to when we are all back together at school.

Take care,

Ms Wallis and Mrs Lockwood

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Home Learning Activity Suggestions

Dear Parent/Carer

Here are some further suggestions to support you and your child with their home learning. Please take these resources to use as best suits your family. As Mrs Barrow says in her newsletter, 'Rest assured that there is no right or wrong in terms of home schooling and that whatever is working for your family in these unprecedented times is absolutely okay.' Keeping up the children's morale and wellbeing is our priority and hopefully the suggestions below will help create a routine that helps with this.

'Classroom Secrets KIDS' is a fantastic home learning website to keep using. There are now hundreds of new activities linked to the national curriculum for your child to try. You can also follow the Home Learning Timetable which has a great balance of academic and well-being activities to complete.

Go to <https://kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk/>

Newsround Daily children's BBC produced news programme. This also provides articles, reports and blogs to support wellbeing and address topical worries.

9:00am PE Joe Wicks' PE Workout – you tube. This is a regular daily, live broadcast Mon-Friday, but can be accessed at any time throughout the day using the link <https://www.techradar.com/news/joe-wicks-pe-workout-youtube-monday-april-20>

Maths

- Try to complete the daily **White Rose Maths** activities as suggested by Mrs Barrow. Remember to watch the videos first before completing the activities.
<http://www.whiterosemaths.com/homelearning>
- **Times Tables Rock Stars** – Look out for the new battle which is starting this week, keep practising!

11:00am Elevenses with The World of David Walliams

Daily story readings by the famous author David Walliams <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

English

- **Daily Diary** Complete a daily diary entry about their day. Remember they can include drawings, photos etc.
- **Classroom Secrets for Kids** Daily spelling and grammar/punctuation practice
- **Reading and book reviews** It is incredibly important for children to try to read daily, whatever the genre, be it independently or with an adult. Children could write a book review when they have finished a book, which we can share when we return to school.

- **Vocabulary** Whilst reading your child will come across interesting vocabulary and words they are unfamiliar with. Keeping note of these words in a notebook, finding and recording their meaning and learning how to spell them, will be a great way to develop their vocabulary.

STEM practical activity STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. They are a brilliant way to develop problem solving skills, develop critical thinking and promote investigation. Find a selection of STEM activities on Classroom Secrets for kids. Be prepared for the children to be searching for shoeboxes and cardboard tubes etc. <https://free-secret-resources.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/STEM-Ideas.pdf>

Project Time

We have included two different projects with various tasks for the children to complete. They are fairly flexible so a task could be done a day, or your child could go more in depth and spread it across several days.

There is a project based on 'Food' and one on 'Pirates' so your child could choose which interest them more.

Remember all of these activities are ideas to try. Children should take their time, choose ones they are interested in, get creative and enjoy.