



Monday 18th May

Dear Owls,

I hope you are all keeping well and still enjoying working hard on your learning at home. This will be our last weekly home learning letter I'm afraid, as next week is half term and the week after that some children will be returning to school. Although I am really looking forward to getting back, it will be very, very strange not to have you all there with us. In order to make the return to school as safe as possible, the government have decided that only Reception, year 1 and year 6 children will be returning at the moment. Obviously that does not include us year 4s, unless your parents are keyworkers and you have no one else at home to look after you when they are busy at work, keeping our country running smoothly. It will be very strange to be back teaching but not to see you all, but I would still love it if you were to keep in contact with me, by asking someone at home to send me pictures or information of your achievements and news to VLockwood@greatwhelnetham.co.uk

I had some more great pictures from both Theo and Freya this week. Theo had made and



programmed a robot. This is a great combination of DT and Computing skills. Great work Theo. Fabulous 'lockdown' haircut too.

Freya had joined in with the 'Great Whelnetham Bake Off' project, and made this amazing swan cake! This is the finished product, before Freya and her family enjoyed eating it. It looks so delicious. This picture is on



the main page of our school website, but more pictures of



the different stages of making the cake are in the home learning area

under the 'Great Whelnetham Bake Off' heading. Willow and I also gave the project a go, and made some cupcakes which we decorated with swans made out of fondant icing. Again, we really enjoyed this project but the swans took quite a long time to model so we only made four – one for each of us. Willow also made a teeny penguin. I'm not sure



what he had to do with Whelnetham though, aside for Willow's explanation which was, 'He is friends with this swan.' Maybe you could think of a better link between the penguin and our village?

Ms Wallis has thought of another fantastic whole school project for this week. She is challenging us to create an outdoor sculpture using natural materials. There is a famous artist who does this called Andy Goldsworthy. Maybe you could research Goldsworthy and use it as inspiration to create a design of your own. I can't wait to have a go at this – with Willow of course – and then see what fabulous creations you come up with. **Now for information about home learning for the remainder of the term. . .**



Home Learning Advice

There are many resources available for you to choose from. Please look back on all the home learning letters sent to you, but detailed below are ideas for you and your children to choose what suits their learning style, and your home routine best. The main resources we have suggested for online learning are The Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize Daily lessons.

Regular reading is hugely important. Whether independent reading or being read to, reading books stimulates the imagination and expands a child's understanding of the world.

It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. Importantly, in these isolated times, it sparks your child's imagination and stimulates curiosity, also enabling their social and communication skills to continue to develop.

Saying this, regular reading is key. Attached to this letter is the **100 recommended reads for Year 3&4 children**. If you struggle to find books for your child to read, please ring school and if we have the titles you require they can be left in the office for you to pick up.

Also, this link provides a great site which has many featured authors, chats and related lessons: <https://www.hayfestival.com/c-247-programme-for-schools.aspx?resetfilters=true&localesetting=en-GB>

Oak National Academy English lessons often recommend fiction and non-fiction titles at the beginning of their lessons also.

English

The Oak National Academy Year 4 will be looking at a new unit on **Non chronological report**. It will look at the key features of the genre and will end in children writing their own **report**.

Oak Academy has a video tutorial, practice questions and then online questions for you to complete at the end. They cover both reading and writing skills and build from one another, explaining really clearly what skills you are developing. Your Spellings are included and this week the words have the **adding the suffix 'ly'**.

BBC Bitesize starts by looking at **Fact and Opinion** and has a video clip to watch and some questions for you to practise.

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/zt62mnv>

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 continues to look at **Measures** but this week focuses on weight, length and money with mixed problems at the end.

BBC Bitesize is working on **Place value: tenths and hundredths** and finishes the week with challenge questions of what you've previously learnt.

PE

This link takes you to some great ideas to keep active from School Games Active Championships which sets great challenges via video. All you need to do is download the app, register as a player and type in the Invite Code 23880. <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/coronavirus-support/school-games-active-championships/>

Remember **Joe Wicks** continues to do daily 30 mins workouts live at 9.00am or on demand throughout the day on Youtube.

Topic

Oak Academy continues **Spanish** language lessons focusing on how to say your feelings. The RE focus is **Islam**, and there are three art lessons to develop **drawing skills**.

BBC Bitesize looks at the historic period the **Bronze Age**.

Remember you can also choose some of your own research based learning doing the **'Pirates' or 'Food' projects** we sent home at the start of the term.

In addition, there are other projects are on our website from The Robin Hood Multi Academy Trust (weekly projects).

You can still take part in the Bake Off challenge, and there is the new outdoor sculpture project Ms Wallis has set this week. Please contact myself or school if there are any questions regarding home learning, or anything we may be able to help you and your families with. As always, the main message from us is to stay safe, well and happy and hopefully, we can be back together, and safe, as a whole school soon.

Very best wishes

Mrs Lockwood and Ms Wallis