

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has had another good week and enjoyed some VE Day fun on Friday. It was great to see the photos in the Learning Gallery on our school website this week of some of you keeping busy at home, gardening or making a Mayan headdress. This week, there is a whole school challenge with a baking theme – there will be separate text or email about this sent out today – so let's all get involved and show the rest of the school what you have done with some photos sent in via the office, please.

I hope you have all now got your Mayan project well under way and taking shape in your lined books – I look forward to checking what you have found out when we are back together. I will leave you to carry on with the project and writing task from last week – from the phone calls it seemed you all had plenty to be getting on with there. If you are looking for some new writing challenges, it would be great to practice your letter writing skills. Write to a friend, grandparents or relations that you cannot visit in person at the moment, or maybe you have an opinion or complaint that you would like to get off your chest to someone official? Think about the style of your letter – should it be formal or informal, use friendly and chatty or 'posh' language? Consider the layout for things like your address, date, their address, greeting and sign-off. For more reminders and tips, try this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/skillswise/writing-a-letter/zbc8vk7>.

The lessons on Oak National Academy have yet to be updated this week, but there is a lot on there if you are looking for more inspiration in Maths, English, Science, History or PE. From our phone calls last week it seems that a lot of people are liking the White Rose resources for Maths – keep going there if this website suits you best. There are also a few extra printed resources available through pick up at school from Ms Wallis today – see separate message – for those of you that suggested that you would like some more.

I would encourage you all to get into some more Science investigations this week. If you didn't try this website last week, why not have a look this week: [www.explorify.wellcome.ac.uk](http://www.explorify.wellcome.ac.uk) – loads of short learning activities arranged by curriculum topic and year group. There are some more practical challenges to try at [www.worldchallenge.club](http://www.worldchallenge.club). This has teaching videos and tasks using materials you will have around the home. This week's schedule is - Week Two, "Design and Construction": Wednesday 20th May - Paper Bridge Building; Thursday 21st May - Suspension Bridge Building; Friday 22nd May – Cranes. These sorts of building tasks have always been very popular and a lot of fun when we do them in class, so why not build something amazing and send in a photo for the gallery?

I'm sure those of you in Year 6 have been thinking about their move up to High Schools after this summer – I have been communicating with the High Schools and will pass on any relevant information. For the moment, could the parents of children going to King Edward VI School go to their website page 'Starting Secondary School' at <https://www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk/menu/starting-secondary-school/>. They have told me that they are keen for parents to complete the online Admission Form as soon as possible which is linked to that page. Thankyou.

I hope everyone is still safe, healthy and happy. The government guidance last night, although a bit vague, did suggest that we will be getting back together at some point in June, so let's all stay strong, positive and keep focused on being mentally and physically active until that time arrives. Don't forget to send some baking photos!

Keep calm and eat cake.

Mr Sharp