

Dear Owls,

Hello again. What a wonderfully sunny bank holiday we've just had. I hope you managed to get out and enjoy the weather and celebrate those who fought for us in WWII on Victory in Europe Day. What did you all get up to? We'd love to hear about it, and if possible see some lovely pictures.



My family decorated our windows with pom-pom bunting we made out of coloured napkins. It took ages, but was good fun and quite calming to make. We were proud of how they turned out and enjoyed seeing everyone else's efforts as we biked around Bury whilst taking our daily exercise. There were loads of fabulous decorations and some streets were having parties in their front gardens, playing 1940's music and chatting to each other over the walls – at a safe distance from one another of course.

Some other people who should be really proud of their efforts are Hayden and Theo.



Hayden made bunting with his brother and Grandad, out of a flag they cut up. It looks amazing. Theo also made bunting. He designed his own, and Ms Wallis and I were especially impressed with how detailed and carefully made it was. It is a really striking design. Meanwhile, Faith had been really busy recreating an

evacuee's suitcase, complete with its contents. A great way to do some hands on learning whilst celebrating this important anniversary. I bet it really brought to life



for Faith, how those children might have felt as they left their loved ones in the cities and towns, to stay safe in the countryside. It made me think that although we are going through a really challenging time at the moment, at least we are able to stay home and safe with our immediate families – a positive thought to think about and reminder to appreciate those we live with and who love us.



We were thrilled with all the pictures we were sent of your work and activities. I especially enjoyed seeing the results of Freya's investigation which resulted in these magnificent crystals. Fantastic Science going on here, along with lots of other work – well done Freya!

As always, we really love hearing your news and seeing pictures of what you get up to. If you have something to share, ask an adult at home to send them to VLockwood@greatwhelnetnam.co.uk when they have a spare moment. The pictures we were sent last week were put on the school website's Home page. Have another look if you get the chance.



Finally, I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed speaking to you all on the phone this Monday. It was so good to hear your voices and catch up with how you all are. If I didn't manage to speak to you, you can always ring school on a Monday as Ms Wallis and Mrs Kimber are in and would love to hear from you.

Now onto our home learning for this week:

Home Learning Advice

As always, we want you to access your learning how and when fits in best with your family. Remember you can look back at the suggestions we have sent you since this term began. 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 and BBC bitesize Daily lessons.

English

The Oak National Academy Year 4 will be looking at a new unit on **Persuasive Writing** this week. It will look at the key features of the genre and will end in you writing your own **persuasive rap**, inspired by one written and performed by other Year 4 children.

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 **suffix 'ation' added to verbs to form nouns**.

BBC Bitesize starts by looking at **Recounts** 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 time and money.

BBC Bitesize is working on **Multiplying and dividing problem solving** 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 lessons on **Spain**, looking at the language (how to say the date in Spanish) and the history focus of **The Spanish Armada**. The Science lesson continues looking at aspects of learning about light and focuses on **How we See Light**.

BBC Bitesize looks at historic monuments, in particular **Stonehenge**.

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.

Speaking of projects . . .

Because the **VE Day** bunting project was so successful, with so many children throughout our school taking part, **Ms Wallis has decided to do a different hands-on project every week.** I am particularly excited about this week's so look out for her letter. I won't tell you what it is as I want to get some practise in, but a little hint is that our family are already drawing straws for who is going to 'lick the spoon'.



I hope lots of you will get involved and have some fun getting creative and sharing your at home experiences. As always, the main message is to 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 this week and see some great work, or pictures of last weekend's celebrations, or this week's project. We are thinking of you all and really miss you. Have fun, be good and stay safe. Have a great week everyone.

Best wishes

Mrs Lockwood and Ms Wallis