

17<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and have managed to spend time outside on your daily exercise, enjoying the sunshine. Following yesterday's daily news bulletin, we will all be staying at home for at least another three weeks, which will take us up to the bank holiday weekend in May. As you already know, the school has been open during the two-week holiday supporting children who have needed to be in school and the teachers and support staff have had some holiday but also been preparing the new home-learning packs ready for the first half of the summer term.

As always, the first three days of any new half term will be topic days and for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, will continue our British Isles focus with an emphasis on the Environment. We have created two spider diagrams of suggested work, which are attached. One sheet is for Reception and Key Stage 1 (years 1 and 2) children and the second sheet is for Key Stage 2 (years 3 to 6). Each sheet gives ideas for each subject and links to websites that can be useful.

We are very aware that there are some families who do not have access to a laptop or the internet. If this is the case for you, please do contact us and we will do our best to support you. We can also print information off and either leave outside the school building for collection, or send to you through the post. Please make us aware if you are wanting some extra support with accessing the home-learning as we will help in any way we can. We are also aware that with older children in some households, or with more than one school aged child in a family, time on the computer is limited. We have factored this into our planning and hope that there will always be an alternative to anything suggested on-line. Once again, please be assured, we are not expecting you to take on the teaching of your children for a whole school day, Monday to Friday. With the demands of juggling new ways of working or working from home, the demands of family and the stresses this pandemic brings, we hope this work offers some normality for the children and helps to give some structure to each day. We are also happy if it is easier for children from one family to focus on the same activities regardless of year group or key stage. Co-operating together on a project can sometimes be easier than each child doing a different activity.

At the start of next week, you will all receive an email about our new online learning platform: Class Dojo. Please follow the instructions which will allow you to set yourself up on Class Dojo and be ready to start receiving further learning tasks from your child's class teacher. We are aiming to start uploading work and activities from Thursday, and we also hope to use this system to more easily record children's learning behaviours so that more stickers and badges can be awarded.



**Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.**

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As a little extra, I received the following information this morning in my in-box. They seem to have left the mailing of this request very late, but I wondered if anyone was interested - many of you have been creative over the last couple of weeks. You may want to have a go at it over the weekend, or have something you can already submit 😊. We would love to see your art work too, so please send us a copy to the homelearning email address [homelearning.sch331@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:homelearning.sch331@educ.somerset.gov.uk) Thanks.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra is currently working with our community choir to record a version of *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*. We are very excited about this project and wanted to get children from all over the South West featured. We would love for them to create some imaginative rainbow artwork to feature in the music video. Please see below for details.

Details:

- The deadline for paintings/pictures/any type of creation is **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 17:00 to this email address: [schools@bsorchestra.co.uk](mailto:schools@bsorchestra.co.uk)**
- By sending in the artwork you will be giving permission for your child's work to be used and broadcasted online.
- If you wish, your child can feature in the photo holding their artwork and/or put their name on the work. You sending this image to us will act as your permission for us to use your child's image and/or name on our online video. Please only instruct us on submission of the picture if you wish otherwise.
- Send in your submissions electronically as photos, scans or a PDF Document

Children, as ever, keep up the reading. I have managed to read two books this week during my week at home, which has been lovely. One was a book Mrs Hewitson lent me and the other was one I have been looking forward to reading. I've also attempted quite an impossible puzzle too, which I am desperately trying to finish with the help of my family before heading back to school on Monday. Look it up, it's of the Rosetta Stone and was a very important find to help decipher Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphs! Please send me any puzzle tips and advice on the homelearning email as I know you will be able to help 😊

Kind regards



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