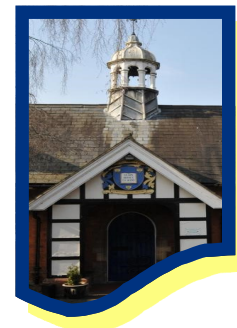


# Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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**Reminders:** Check your email for updates from Mrs Humphriss and the school office.

**Bank Holiday Friday 8th May 2020 - VE Day.**

**Latest Government Advice:** Please continue with social distancing and follow government advice.

Only go outside for food, health reasons or to work if you cannot work from home.

Stay 2 metres away from other people. Wash your hands as soon as you get home.

## News from the Desk of the Deputy Head

We are approaching the end of another week working remotely but it has ended with a joyous celebration at school, and hopefully for those at home, having our VE-Day tea party. The children and staff have been busy preparing for this over the past couple of weeks, making celebratory bunting to hang on the school railings; making silhouettes of soldiers to display in our windows and creating super models of fighter jet planes. Thank you for all the bunting that has been sent in from home – it has been lovely to see so many wonderful ideas and new creations arriving in school each day.

Everyone seems to be fairly confident with their online learning now – eSchools is a useful platform for communicating and providing learning for the children and the teachers are carefully planning and preparing work every day. It is vital to engage in these teaching and learning activities and we have seen some super work being produced at home again this week. I have seen some Night Pirates in Reception class and the children have been designing and labelling their own treasure maps! I have seen many Bug Hotels, which look better than some hotels I have stayed in and already have visitors; I have seen chronological timelines created in History lessons; cave paintings and penguins being produced in Art lessons and incredible ice sculptures being constructed in Science lessons. What a range of subjects that are being covered and what talented children we have. It is so fantastic to see all of the super work that you are supporting your children to produce at home. I hope you are finding the work interesting in amongst continuing with your own busy work schedules? I know from home-schooling my own two boys at the moment that I am learning a lot and finding most of it quite interesting (although Year 8 Maths is testing my patience somewhat!)

Nearly all our teachers and TA's have also been holding Team sessions through the Teams platform over the past week, listening to readers; carrying out small group sessions and scheduling whole class meetings. We really hope the children have enjoyed taking part in these sessions and have found them useful. The staff enjoy doing them and it is so important for the children to touch base and have a catch up with their class mates. I know that many people are longing for social contact, which is critical for our emotional well-being and general health, so hopefully these sessions are providing the children with positivity and enjoyment. As a staff team, we have been thinking of ways for the children to have the opportunity to reflect on life at present and to also have something to look back at in years to come. Each of the teachers will be including some well-being lessons and activities as part of the children's PSHE work to enable them to do this over the next few weeks. So although it has been another week of lock down, there is, as ever, still lots of lovely, positive news to share. Please do keep in touch and let us know if and how you have celebrated VE-day at home – your photos, emails and messages are always gratefully received!

Have a lovely weekend,

'Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.'

Mrs Withers



## Top Tips for Year 6

- First of all, can we just say how proud we are of you all Year 6 ... the work you have been doing is amazing and we are so impressed with your effort, hard work, resilience and focus. It has also been great to catch up with most of you on Teams over the last week and even meet some of your pets!
- Here are our TOP TIPS for home learning ...
- Try to stick to the timetable provided at the beginning of each week, as this will help you manage your learning and follow a similar routine to the usual school day. However, please do switch things around if you need to in order to make this work for you and your family.
- Remember to read the instructions that come with each task carefully, as these explain exactly what to do, and listen to my videos – I know Year 6 ... you can't escape my wittering even at home!!
- Please focus on this week's work only, even if you do still have work remaining from the previous week.
- Don't worry if you can't complete all the work set. If you get to the end of your Maths session and you haven't completed everything, leave it and move on ...
- Remember to get outside and exercise each day, as this will help you to stay happy and healthy. I know lots of you have enjoyed our PE sessions each week – my personal favourite so far has to be Penny Football ... we have a McCormack family tournament planned this weekend!
- Enjoy the practical and creative ideas linked to our Hola Mexico theme as these subjects are just as important as Maths and English.
- There will be Music and DT coming in the next two weeks!
- Please do not hesitate to send us a message if you need any help or even just to say hello and let us know how you are getting on ... it's great to hear from you and sometimes a few words of reassurance help us all.
- Read, read, read! Reading can be such an escape from reality, transporting you to a different world, where you can experience varied and wonderful characters. Try to find time for a great book.
- Finally ... try to keep a record of this strange time for your future self to look back on. We are living through history right now. You could use the Time Capsule booklet or other ideas that I have uploaded into our projects on eSchools.
- That's all for now ... Keep smiling and stay safe!

Mrs McCormack and Mrs Euinton

## Home Learning with Year 6



There is funded telephone counselling available for parents of children with additional needs. The counselling will address the additional pressures created by Covid-19. Contact Nilam Gill at: [time4hope@btinternet.com](mailto:time4hope@btinternet.com) if you feel this would be of benefit to you.

## Home Learning



## Keyworkers

Cygnets and the RSC nursery are both currently open to care for key worker children, if this is of use to you please contact Cygnets on **01789 204181** or RSC on [nursery@rsc.org.uk](mailto:nursery@rsc.org.uk).

## Safeguarding

### Staying Safe Online

Children and young people are likely to spend more time online due to social distancing. Talk to them regularly about the benefits and risks of the online world and give them space to ask questions and talk about anything that worries them.

The NSPCC has a wealth of information about staying safe online:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/march/undertaking-remote-teaching-safely>

## Home Learning with Year 2



## Home Learning with Year 4

Here are some of the lovely pictures of Saxon boats that have been made for our Traders and Raiders topic.

