



Home Learning Letter Friday 10th April

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you have had a safe and happy week and that you have had chance to enjoy the sunny weather. Today is Good Friday - which means that it can only be a couple of days until Easter Sunday and Easter ...

A message from Reverend Gary Owen

The Church are posting services on Youtube whilst the building is closed. You can find short **all-age** services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day on the **Two Rivers Mission Community YouTube page**.

Type "Two Rivers Mission Community" into the YouTube search bar to find them.' And from next week, Reverend Tracey will post a **school Collective Worship** with Reverend Gary leading one the following week and so on whilst we can not be in school. Many thanks to both for this. We will have a link to the first one in next Friday's letter. Please do look out for these.

Websites

There are an awful lot out there! Many are free; some look like they are free but want you to buy a subscription at some point; some are really useful; some may be useful *if* your child is engaged in that particular aspect of learning and some just aren't that good. The Department for Education have this week compiled this list to try to help. Although it is certainly not a definitive list, it may be useful to you should you get stuck as to where you might look for support for your child's learning whilst they are at home.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

Do have a look through to see what you want your child to access, but as there are some many sites, it is probably best to do so only in conjunction with the work that they have been set by their teachers.



And with so much learning inevitably happening by children on the internet, I have included some resources from CEOP (the police's Child Exploitation and Online Protection site) as attachments. Please do look at the age appropriate resource with your child(ren) so that they know how to be safe and what to do if they feel that they are nervous about something online.

Home Learning

I am very aware that we are currently in the Easter Holiday, but we have had at least one week of Home Learning and are about to start the second next week. It is a very different way to learn and relies a lot on parents and, certainly for the older children, on the child taking a lot of responsibility for planning and carrying out learning on a daily basis. Clearly for us as teachers it is hard to have a grasp on what learning is happening: we can see what the children are doing on Mathletics and Times Table Rock Stars - both of which are incredibly important in KS2, but do not know how projects are progressing or how much reading, spelling, writing is being completed. For that reason it is really helpful for children / parents to drop teachers a quick email to keep us up to date, so that we can help where that help is needed. Please do contact us - perhaps once a week - and let us know how things are going. I have also asked that staff ring and talk with children about learning from next week.

Home Learning Heroes

Already it is clear that there is some excellent work happening out there. Many children are showing great initiative and tenacity to make sure that they keep their learning going and work hard to complete tasks set as well as their own projects.



This week's HLHs are:

Class One	All those who took part in Mr Northmore's phonics
Class Two	Emilia W.
Class Three	Gracie, Isla, Lucy, Holly, James, Archie, Emily, Elliott, Lewis, Ellie, Thomas, Berta.
Class Four	Poppy, Amy, Oliver, Adam, Georgie, Eva, Grace B.

Really well done to you all!

If you weren't on the list and think you should be, contact your teacher or Mr N and tell them what you have been up to, so that they can highlight you as an HLH next week!

Learning in the weeks ahead

Staff are considering different ways that children can share work and are looking at the possibility of using Zoom to run some sessions with children being able to link together. I am sure you have probably heard of Zoom, if not already used it at this time (it is so easy to use, even I have had meetings with other schools using it over the last couple of weeks!). If we are able to set this up at our end, please could you download Zoom ready at your end and let me know if this is a non-starter for you:

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Free School Meals

During the lockdown period, children who would be eligible for Free School Meals are being given a voucher to spend in supermarkets to help where parents' employment may have been curtailed by Covid-19. Parents of children who are currently entitled to Free School Meals have been contacted directly. If your child is not currently in receipt of Free School Meals, but you think you may be eligible, please do check the Devon County Council website - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/supportforschools/services-and-contacts/free-school-meals> DCC are processing new applications as quickly as they can.

Have a wonderful Easter weekend and I hope you get just the right amount of Easter Eggs!

Take great care of yourselves,

Rob Norton
Head of School