

In response to recent events, we have altered this week's learning letter to give you additional information should your child not be able to attend school.

In the last two weeks we have been:

- Looking at the features of non-fiction books and writing our own non-fiction text on dinosaurs.
- Measuring length using centimetres as well as beginning to understand and measure weight using non standard measurements.
- Learning about Mary Anning and her fossil discoveries, in History
- Exploring our senses and discovering Spring in Science
- Art, painting Spring pictures and looking at Van Gogh's 'Almond Blossom' painting.

In the next two weeks we will be:

- Focussing on biographies centred around Mary Anning.
- Continuing our work on weight and learning about volume, in Maths
- Looking at the differences between Autumn, Winter and Spring, in Science
- Evaluating our moving pictures in DT
- Checking our knowledge of the Year 1 Common Exception Words.

*Just a reminder, this half term's Key Instant Recall Fact is
Know number bonds for each number within 10*

After Easter the KIRF is to know the multiplication and division facts for the 10 times table.

Put a smile on an elderly person's face

How about having your children write notes or draw and colour pictures and post them to the local nursing homes as the elderly in these homes are not allowed visitors.

Spellings

We will be focusing on the following phonics sound

ore saying 'or' - more, score, snore, store, shore

the prefix un - unwell, unfair, unhappy, untrue, unkind

Year 1 Common Exception words:

you, your, said, says

Ways to help your child at home

A reminder of the main learning websites you can use (all children have logins in the back of their reading diaries):

www.educationcity.com

www.sumdog.com/sch/northdowns

www.purplemash.com/sch/northdowns

www.trockstars.com

Things to do if you are not in school...

Reading

Read every day. Ask your child to write 3 questions they could ask about what they have read.

Phonics Play have kindly made their website available to all as a response to the coronavirus. Please do use the games and activities to support your child's phonics learning <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Oxford Owl also has free resources to support learning, such as educational activities and games and free eBook library for 3- to 11-year-olds <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

Maths

Learn this half terms KIRF (see above)

Useful websites include the following:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt9k7ty/articles/zp8crdm>

<http://www.ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/index.html>

<http://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/partPartWhole/index.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/super movers/ks1-maths-counting-with-john-farnworth/zbct8xs>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/super movers/ks1-maths-digits-&-numbers-with-marlon-wallen/zfyjbdm>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10> (level 1)

Measure: learning about centimetres and metres as well as volume. Comparing and ordering lengths, heights and volumes around the house and outside if appropriate.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/super movers/ks1-maths-capacity-volume/zj8njhv>

Learning the 10 times table, including division facts

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/super movers/ks1-maths-the-10-times-table-with-webster-the-spider/zm32cqt>

Writing

Write about a picture - these can come from a google search about something that interests them, or from www.pobble365.com. Writing needs to include capital letters and full stops, adjectives, the words 'and' and 'because' and finger spaces.

More information can be found in the Year 1 Grammar and Punctuation guide on the school website.