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Home Learning - Special Edition 10

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Hello everyone

Yesterday, the government announced that **all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term.** They have issued some guidance to schools about how to reopen to all pupils safely. Over the next few weeks, senior staff and governors will be revising our school risk assessment and action plan to ensure we have everything in place to safely welcome all the children back. We will continue to update you regularly via the school website, eSchools and newsletters. We have missed the children very much over the past few months and cannot wait to welcome everyone back to school in September for some exciting learning that we are already planning! Until then, **stay safe and take care.**

Mrs Grace

Year 6 Leaver's picnic

We are really excited to let you know that we have arranged for each Year 6 class to safely visit school for an afternoon for a leavers' picnic! This will give them the opportunity to see their class mates and say goodbye to their teachers and friends during this unusual end to their primary education.

Arrangements have been made for each class to attend on a different afternoon. Children from each class have been split into 2 bubbles of 15 children so that they will arrive and leave at slightly different times to support social distancing. 15 children with a **RED INVITATION** will be in the **Old Hall** and 15 children with a **PURPLE INVITATION** will be in the **New Hall**: the dividing doors between both halls will be open so that all pupils from the class can see one another and speak across the rooms! As well as phone calls home, invitations have been sent out so children know which day their picnic is on—keep an eye out for the post!

Children do not need to bring anything with them apart from a camera if they want to, although they will need to seek permission from friends and staff before taking any pictures and avoid putting them on social media! All food and drink will be provided.

It would be really lovely for everyone to have the opportunity to say good bye and good luck, however, we fully respect your decision to keep your child at home if you do not feel it is safe enough for them to attend.



Year 3 Teacher's Message

Don't forget to post
photos of your Lava
Lamp on Twitter !



Hi everyone!

I hope that you and your families have all been keeping safe and well. I'm sure that you have all been developing your creative skills whilst being at home. I have missed you all and can't wait to see you soon. I hope you all enjoy doing the activity below as much as I did. I made my lava lamp with my granddaughter via a video call which made it more fun. Mrs Kamran

Year 3 Activity

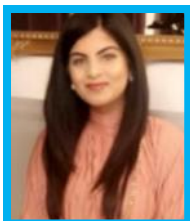
Lava Lamp - PLEASE DO THIS WITH ADULT SUPERVISION

What you will need: A large empty drink bottle with the cap, vegetable oil or mineral oil, food gel colouring, Alka- seltzer tablets - or table salt if you don't have these **Optional-** sequins/ glitter, torch

1. Thoroughly rinse the drink bottle making sure that it is clean.
2. Carefully pour oil into the bottle until it is 3 quarters full. A funnel would be useful here.
3. Fill the rest of the bottle with water.
4. Add several drops of a food colouring of your choice into the bottle. This is where you can get really creative and also add some glitter or sequins.
5. Ask an adults to break the alka- seltzer tablet into several pieces.
6. Drop the pieces into the bottle one at a time and watch the oil begin to rise.
7. Continue to drop all pieces of the tablet into the bottle and wait until they have dissolved. Remember, if you don't have these tablets, pouring salt into the mixture is another option.
8. Put the cap back on the bottle and slowly turn the bottle from side to side until the oil droplets form one big blob.
9. Enjoy the show! If you really want to bring out the colours and illuminate your lamp, shine a torch through it in the dark!



Year 4 Teacher's Message



Hi everyone,

I hope you and your families are staying safe during this time. All of your teachers can't wait to see you soon. I hope this time has helped you to experiment new things and be as creative as you can. During this time, I have particularly enjoyed baking and trying out new recipes. Mrs Begum

Year 4 Activity

Creating famous painting

Why not recreate this famous painting created by Van Gough. This fantastic Art piece was created in 1888 with using different shades of yellow. You can be as creative as possible with this art piece by using range of materials such as oil pastels, colouring pencils, tissue paper, paint or chalk.



Don't forget to post photos
of your painting on Twitter !



Year 5 Teacher's Message

Hey Year 5! How are you all? I hope you are keeping safe and looking after yourselves and your families. It's been lovely hearing what you've been up to when we make our phone calls to you. I hope that you've had a chance to read your reports and were excited to hear who your teacher will be next year! The staff miss you all and we talk about you constantly to each other. Take care. Mrs Tahir

Year 5 Activity

Fox Bookmark

Why not combine your love of reading with origami with this unusual bookmark?

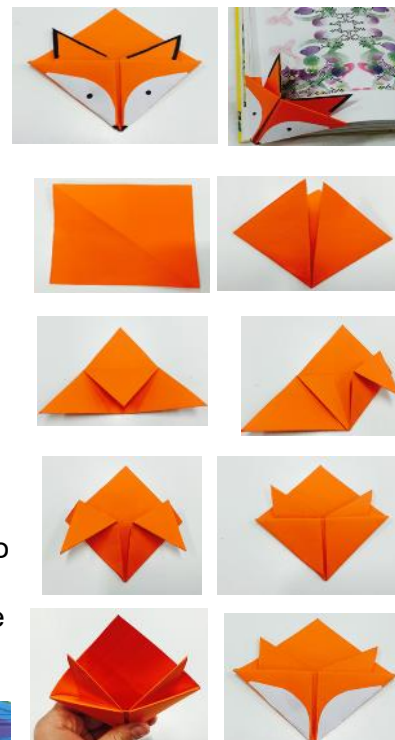
- 1, Start with a blank square of orange paper and fold it in half diagonally. You should have a triangle.
- 2, Next fold up both corners from bottom to top, so that you have a square.
- 3, Then, open the diagonals back down, fold a triangle lip down from the middle.
- 4, Fold those corners down our on an angle as below. You have made the ears of your fox.
- 5, Next fold those little corners backwards into the open middle of your origami. Look carefully at the following two pictures to help you.
- 6, Draw an oval shape on some white paper and cut in half. Glue these onto the face of your fox as below.
- 7, Finally, take a black felt tip pen and draw the fox's nose, eyes and outline the ears. Your bookmark is complete!

You can also follow the instructions on the link below :

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Don't forget to post your Fox Bookmark on our Twitter page.



Year 6 Teacher's Message



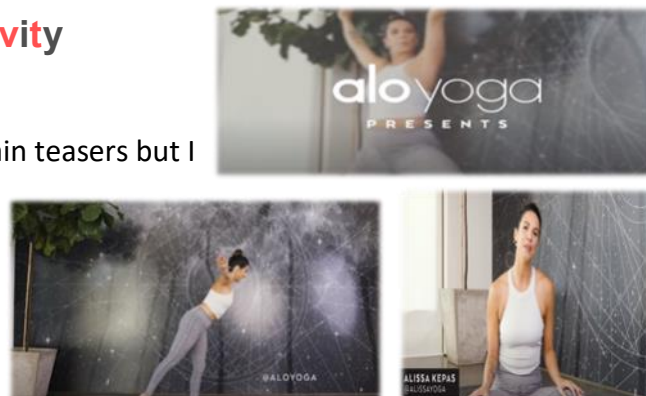
Hi Year 6,
Miss B again! This week has been so much fun, we have been doing so many fun activities over the past few days. Year 6 have had a BIG focus on wellbeing and mental health. As we know that the current situation, has been a little scary. Year 6 have been doing a mixture of art, sports, yoga and even just sitting and telling each other funny stories which have left us in stitches and boosted our mood. We hope that you are staying safe at home and that you are having as much fun as we are. Everyone has been super brave and adapted to all the changes at school showing a growth mind set. Remember to keep yourselves safe and stay alert at home too! Keep completing your home learning and the mental wellbeing activities to keep yourselves positive. Spend time with your loved ones and have fun!

Year 6 Activity

Yoga

I am going to make a change today! Normally, I post brain teasers but I want to share with you the yoga sessions that we have been attempting in class. Click on the link below to watch the amazing Alissa Kepas as she talks you through some kids' yoga! We had so much fun doing it!

<https://watchkin.com/9d34a900f1>



Inclusion Team



Hi everyone!
Don't forget that you can access the free service which provides information, advice and support for parents and carers of children with SEND during this difficult time. You can also speak to the SENDCo Miss Shaheen, who will listen to your concerns and help you to find solutions to make things better. Please telephone the school to make a telephone appointment with her: 0121 327 0824.

SEND Activity of the week

Box of Happiness

This is your box of happiness! - We all have different things that make us happy – This is your chance to choose things that make you happy – You can decorate the box in any way you want! You can list the items or draw the things you want to put in. When you start your new class in September, you can share your box with your new teacher.



Don't forget to post your Box of Happiness on our Twitter page.



Parents/Carer Survey

Birmingham City Council's Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) and Inclusion team is inviting parents and carers of children and young people with SEND to take part in a short survey. The aim of this survey is to find out your experiences during lockdown and the support you have received from different education services.

Please complete one survey for each child or young person with SEND. The survey is anonymous, however you can choose to include your contact details at the end if you would like to be more involved in shaping future SEND services.

Thank you for taking part. Your feedback is important in helping us to monitor and improve our services for SEND families.

The survey will close at 12 midnight on Monday 13 July 2020. Please visit

www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/educational-support-for-children-with-send-during/



We're here to help

We're providing a range of information, advice and support for parents/ carers of children with special educational needs or a disability (SEND) during this difficult time:



SEND Parent Link Contact Line - 0121 303 8461
For queries and concerns call 0121 303 8461 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday and you will be signposted to the relevant professional to help with your child's needs.

Communication and Autism Team (CAT)
Advice and support for families and children with communication and autism.
Email CATParentEnquiries@birmingham.gov.uk for more information.

Early Years Inclusion Service
Helping you to support your child's learning, development and emotional needs.
Email SENdenquiries@birmingham.gov.uk for more information.

Educational Psychology Service
Get help with anxieties and emotional support from our Educational Psychologists.
Email epsparenthelpline@birmingham.gov.uk for more information.

Pupil and School Support (PSS) Service
Advice and support for families and children with learning difficulties.
Email SENdenquiries@birmingham.gov.uk for more information.

Sensory Support Service
Providing families and children with sensory support and ideas to help stay motivated.
Email ESSensorySupportLeadership@birmingham.gov.uk for more information.

"We can do this if we all work together as a family"
Birmingham SEND Youth Forum

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Communication and Autism



Access to
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Supporting Transition into Secondary School: A Session for Y6 Parents

The Communication and Autism Team would like to invite you to a session to consider planning ahead for your child's secondary transfer this year. There will be an opportunity to ask questions to the C/AT representatives about supporting your child/young person during the current situation and the focus of the meeting will be to give you information and practical strategies to support your child as they move to Year 7.

**Monday 6th July 2020
1-3 pm**

This session will be run via Microsoft Teams/Remote training so you will need access to a laptop or phone that has this application.

To secure your place please book online via:
<http://accesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk> Please note once you have booked a place you will be sent an invite via ~~Microsoft~~ Microsoft Teams to attend the training.

Please note this is a parent/carer only session.

For more information please contact:
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