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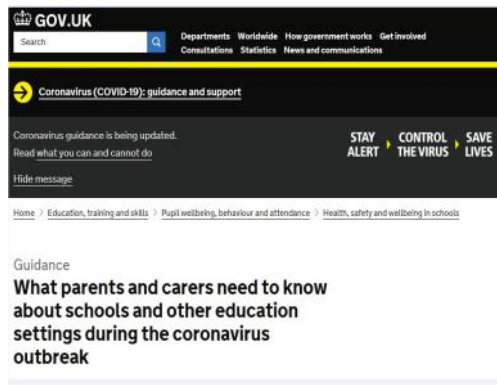
Hello everyone

I am sure you will have seen or heard the messages that the Prime Minister gave on Sunday evening about the next phase of lockdown. As you will understand from the announcements made, at the moment there is **no change in the guidance for schools**. We will continue to provide childcare for those Key Worker parents whose work is critical to the Covid-19 response and only those who cannot be safely cared for at home: this is being done in collaboration with Sladefield Infant School. However, please note that the message is still that it is **safer to stay at home**.

The Prime Minister referred to the fact that it **MAY** be possible from **Monday 1st June for Year 6 pupils** to return to school. As soon as I receive further advice from the government and Local Authority about this phased reopening, I will update you. I want to reassure you that the school's Senior Leaders and Governors are working hard together to make plans for the phased re-opening of school that will only happen when we are told it is safe to do so: the safety of the children and staff is considered of the upmost importance.

In the meantime, please could I request that you continue to keep an eye on the school website and check your eschools app frequently for the latest information about our school's phased reopening. Thank you.

Mrs Cathy Grace



Homework Diary Competition



We are opening up our homework diary competition for September. **You have the opportunity to have your original design chosen as our front cover, how exciting!**

Its time to get creative! Your design should be of **A5 size** as it will go on the very front of the diaries. The theme for this year is **'Our Thornton Family'**. We cannot wait to see your entries. The deadline for the competition is **Monday 1st June**. You can send your entries, via a photograph of your design to **homelearning@thornton.bham.sch.uk**.



Year 3 Teacher's Message

Hi everyone,

I hope you have been enjoying learning at home. I can not wait for you to show off all your new knowledge and skills when we return to school. I have been busy spending time in my garden growing peas, sweetcorn, tomatoes and lots of other vegetables with my family. I know its strange not coming to school but keep safe and be brave.

Mrs Cherry

Year 3 Activity

Making slime:

You will need



- 1, Half a cup of cornflour
 - 2, 90ml of any liquid soap
- Mix together
SLIME!



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



Year 4 Teacher's Message



Hi everyone,

Ramadhan Mubarak to those who are celebrating this year. I hope you are well and staying safe with your family. I am missing you all and cannot wait to see you soon. I have been keeping myself busy with different activities such as baking, gardening and reading. Here is a quick and easy recipe which you can do with your family.

Mrs Begum

Year 4 Activity

Chocolate Rice Krispies Cake:

You will need:

- 100g of milk chocolate
- 50g of dark chocolate
- 100g of butter
- 100g of Rice Krispies (cornflakes will work too)
- Cupcake cases

Method:

- 1, Put the chocolate in a heatproof bowl with the butter and gently melt in 10 second bursts in the microwave or melt it over a pan of simmering water, making sure the bowl doesn't touch the water.
- 2, Stir the chocolate well until smooth and add the rice krispies into the mixture.
- 3, Divide the mixture into the cupcake cases and leave to set. If you want them to set faster, put in the fridge for 1 hr.

And enjoy!



Don't forget to post photos of your Chocolate Rice Krispies on Twitter !





Year 5 Teacher's Message



Hi everyone,

When I was in Year 5, summer holidays were seven weeks long. By week six, I can remember being bored stiff. When it came to week seven, I remembered all the things that I had wanted to do but had forgotten and not got around to! Suffice it to say, I did not get things finished.

Have you drawn up a list of things that you want to get done? Set yourself a challenge to mark things off your list. Try to make this time a fulfilling one.

We look forward to hearing what you have been up to when you get back.

Mr Ryall

Year 5 Activity

Magic tricks with pens

Task

Here are some tricks that you can do with pens.

They take practice but we have some time.

Have a look on watchkin.com for Magic tricks with pens Video

I look forward to you coming up to me and showing me the tricks.



Year 6 Activity



Paper Mache Globe

During this week Mr Iqbal and his son Sami have been doing a fun but very messy activity. Just do not get glue on your carpet!!

Equipment Needed:

- Balloon,
- Newspaper,
- PVA glue or flour
- Water,
- Paint/ felt tips,
- Marker,
- Paint brush,
- Bowl
- World map.



Equipment



Step 1 - Blow up your balloon



Step 2 - Tear or cut ten pages of newspaper into strips.



Step 3 - Make your paste by mixing PVA and water or 1 cup of water with 1 cup flour and mix.



Step 4 - Place your balloon in a plate so keep it standing and also to catch the excess glue.



Step 5 - Using a paintbrush, begin to stick the newspaper strips on the balloon.



Step 6 - Cover the whole balloon with newspaper. I recommend 3/4 layers. Then leave to dry overnight.



Step 7 - Once dry, begin to paint. I recommend, with a marker, to start to outline the continents then paint



Step 8 - Once painted pop the balloon and you have created your globe!!

Don't forget to post photos of your Paper Mache Globe on Twitter !

Year 6 Teacher's Message



Hello Year 6,

Miss. B here! I am sure that in these uncertain times you are being brilliant at adapting to life at home. Normally, at this time of the month in school you would be preparing for your SATs now! You all should be so proud of yourselves as you have worked so hard this year and I am sure you are working just as hard at home and you are being incredibly strong in this time.

I am missing you all and hope that I get to see you soon. I have been keeping myself busy with school work, cooking, gardening, spending quality time with my loved ones and doing my regular brain teasers and quizzes, I can't wait to see you and hear about all the exciting things you have been doing at home.

Remember, it is important to spend quality time with your family and to follow the government guidelines to keep yourselves safe! Your safety is very important!

Make sure you look after yourselves and see you soon!

Another special brainteaser for all you Year 6's! See if you can find a tiny bee in the first image and a mouse in the second image.



Year 6 SATs



This week would have marked what would have been the start of SATs week for our Year 6 children. They worked extremely hard and we know many of them were disappointed with the cancellation. We are incredibly proud of the hard work they put in and the resilience they showed!

We are thinking of you Year 6.

From Mrs Mazar



WELL
DONE
YEAR 6!

We are proud of you all!



Inclusion Team

We are super impressed listening to all the new skills you've all been learning at home with your families such as cooking, gardening and enjoying a new hobby. If you need some inspiration, check out the Oak National Academy website 'specialist subject' section for creative arts ideas and much more.

Don't forget to share your work with us!



SEND Activities of the Week

Cereal Box Puzzles - 4 easy steps

- 1, First, cut the front panel of the cereal box.
- 2, Now, cut the box front into a few different shapes and sizes.
- 3, Then, jumble up the pieces.
- 4, Finally, use the clues in each piece to complete the puzzle.

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



Benefits:

- Promotes problem solving skills
- Looking for clues- essential skill in reading!
- Improves fine motor skills



Times Table Activity

How to Play

- Pupils use counters (even coloured bits of paper)
- You will need 2 dice. Roll the dice, multiply them together.
- Cover the answer with a game piece.
- First person to connect four wins.



Don't forget to post photos of your Time Table Game on Twitter!

