

Email to go to Oak and Willow parents with new home learning info - w/c/ 11.5.2020

Dear Parents and children of Oak and Willow,

Hello everyone! We hope that you are all keeping safe and well and managed to get out into the sunshine last week. We say it every week but we cannot thank you enough for everything that you are doing at home, whatever that may be. Well done to all the super bike riders there now are in Oak and Willow, brilliant perseverance to reach your goal of riding without stabilisers! We also love following the progress of all your growing projects, there are definitely some budding gardeners out there along with plenty of 'Master Chefs' too! We really do love hearing from you, seeing what you have been doing at home and your lovely messages of thanks and support too; we miss everyone lots and so appreciate your support and communication from home. It has also been lovely for those of us that live in Worcester to see a few of you when we have been out doing food shopping or on our daily walks.

This week we are continuing with the popular mini beast theme and have added two new stories to Tapestry read by Miss Sollis and Mrs Cooper (a slight change to who is on the actual home learning sheet!) as well as a little video of a special 'mini' beast pet that Miss Cother has that she thought you would like to see - Jeff the Giant African Land Snail and Mrs Way's minibeast hunt in her garden too! Our stories are 'Norman the Slug with a Silly Shell' and 'The Snail and the Whale'; we have uploaded lots of ideas for learning inspired by these stories and linked to snails and slugs but feel free to carry on with any of the other ideas we have sent out or your own ideas too. We are really interested to see how all those worms in the wormeries you made last week will get on in the coming weeks too; they certainly have lovely homes to live in!

If you have been using the White Rose Maths then from this week it is slightly different and you will need to use the login details provided on our additional learning resources sheet for some of the activities, however we have downloaded these already and added them to the home learning section for EYFS on the website to help you. This week they are using another fabulous minibeast story 'The Very Busy Spider' to inspire maths learning so do take a look if you can as there are lots of lovely ideas and activities to do.

The White Rose resources do mention the Early Learning Goals for the end of Reception which we would ordinarily be working towards. However please be reassured that the requirement to assess children against these in June this year has been removed so do not worry if your child is not confident with some of the maths skills, or indeed any other skills related to the Early Learning Goals that may be mentioned in other online resources and websites that you may be using. Once the children are back in school, whenever & however that may be, all staff in all year groups will take lots of time to get to know where all children are up to in their learning and development and adapt all learning activities and plans to be able to meet the needs of the children. So please do not worry, your health and well-being is the most important thing and we do not want anyone feeling extra stress by thinking that their child needs to be working at these levels or that what they are doing at home is not good enough because their children are not doing everything they would in school.

Once again thank you so very much for all you are doing at home to support your child and keep your family safe and well during these challenging times. We really do appreciate that, for a whole range of reasons, not everyone will be able to complete these home learning ideas and activities with their children but if you do we hope that you have fun and enjoy learning with your child. As always we are here to help in anyway that we can and are only an email away.

Take care and stay safe everyone, have a lovely week.

Very best wishes from all in the Early Years Team