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Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

Hope you've all had a good week and have been able to access and complete some of the learning activities provided by your teachers. Remember, there is no expectation to complete all of the activities, just some; especially make sure you are doing **regular reading**. Your teachers have put up videos of them reading a story, so have a look at these and enjoy.

It is really good to hear about the great things some of you have been doing. Well done to Freya for running laps of her garden to raise money for the NHS. A super idea!

Also it was great to hear Austin reading his own story to Mrs. Skipp. He had enjoyed listening to Mrs. Skipp read and then wanted to do the same back!

Keep sharing what you have been doing.

Even though we are all missing doing lots of our usual things, it is really nice to be having the sun shining. This weekend I intend to do some gardening – this is quite unusual for me. Have any of you been helping your parents in the garden?

During the Easter break I played some board games with my daughter – I really enjoyed doing this but have to admit that she was the champion and won every game! Think I need to do more practising.

Please see below messages from your teachers.

Keep Busy; Keep Active; Keep Safe.

Best wishes

Helen Green

Hello everyone,

I hope you and your family are all keeping well. We have been very lucky to be experiencing such lovely weather and I hope that you were able to enjoy Easter. I am sure you have enjoyed some Easter chocolate and fun!

We have been busy getting used to having a crazy puppy in the house. Pippin is now 10 weeks and thinks it is good fun to hang off my ankles for most of the time. She is having her injections this week so we will soon be able to take her on walks.

The time at home in the garden, and on my daily exercise, has really made me appreciate the beauty of our natural world. Therefore, I will be setting RE learning next week for you all to do with our wonderful world. You can send me photos of your learning at my email address.

I have received some amazing 500 word story entries, I knew you were all great authors! I've also heard from a few of you who would still like to enter the competition. Therefore I am going to extend the deadline until April 30th. All the details are still on the school website home learning page.

I would love to hear from you to see how you are getting on and what you have been up to. If you would like to contact me my email is

claire.spiers@sgmail.org.uk

Take care, keep safe and keep smiling

Mrs Spiers ☺

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and managed to enjoy the celebrations even in these difficult times. We still managed an Easter egg hunt after a visit from the Easter Bunny even though Olivia and Stanley were worried that he might be in lockdown too. We have been spending our time walking the dog, trying to investigate different routes and finding some hidden gems, baking, playing in the garden, eating outside and gearing up for the return of home schooling.

We have enjoyed lots of Zoom meetings with our family including one which involved our family who live in Brazil and are also on lockdown. I'm sure you're finding lots of new ways to keep in touch with family and friends too. Mr Skipp and I even played Bingo with the people from his work one evening as a means of entertainment. We've never been to Bingo before but it was lots of fun.

I have also been taking part in a challenge of my own, 100 Happy Days. At the end of each day I think back over my day and choose something that made me smile, these are mostly little things like finishing a cup of tea whilst it's still hot, or a nice picture drawn by my children but it really helps me to go to bed with a smile on my face. Why don't you try it too?

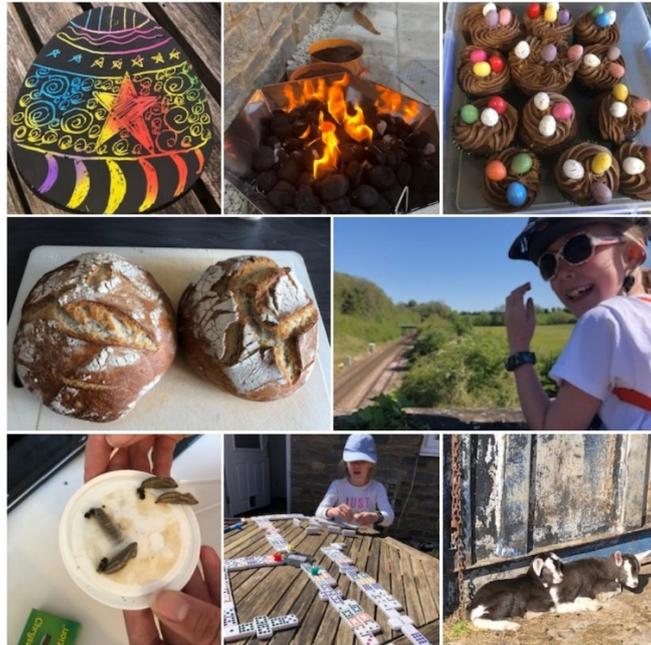
I am really enjoying the emails that you are sending me with photos and videos of what you are up to as well as sharing the fabulous learning you are doing. When I receive an email from one of you my husband guesses as he says my face lights up as I read it, I really am missing you all. Don't forget to keep checking the website for the new learning that I am putting on for you and the stories that I am recording for you each week. I hope you enjoy this week's learning, there's lots of things to do outside next week with our topic of Minibeasts!

Look forward to hearing from you all soon,

Mrs Skipp x

Hello to all Year 5 & 6 parents and children,

I hope you made the most of the sunshine over the Easter holidays and got outside as much as possible. I know there will have been lots of things that you didn't get to do though and that is not easy. Like lots of you, we were meant to be away in our van so our holiday looked a little different to what we had planned and definitely involved fewer people!



I am still loving receiving photos and videos from you so I can see what you're doing with your time at the moment. Please remember that the activities we are sending home are a guide but there are lots of other useful things to be doing at the moment. I found this picture which I think sums this up well:

16 Everyday Activities That Count as Learning



A reminder that the main document from school to look at each week will always be added to this [folder](#); the other folders are full of optional extra activities, should you want more.

I have started recording video messages to you all and want to read you a book whilst we are all at home. I couldn't decide what to read so need your help! Please watch the first two videos and then email me to let me know which book you would like me to continue reading! Please send your choice, any updates or questions to sarah.woodcock1@gmail.org.uk

Please keep in touch and look after each other.

Sarah Woodcock

Year 3 and 4 – Home Learning Theme: Mini beasts and Animals

Hello everyone,

I hope that you are all well and are keeping safe. I hope that you are all settled into different routines but most importantly are happy and are making the most of this time while School remains closed.

Firstly, thank you for all the updates I have received from you in the last couple of weeks. It's really nice to see what you have been up to and I am so impressed with the work you have been doing.

I hope you have enjoyed the 'Superhero' theme this week and are ready for another exciting week of learning. Next week our learning theme is 'Minibeasts and Animals' I encourage you to get involved and when you are outside to do some exploring. There are also plenty of learning activities on the [Whole School Learning Platform](#) for you to enjoy.

Keep safe and keep smiling.

Mr. Manning

Another big hello to you all again!

Welcome back to virtual learning after the Easter holidays!

What the Gatehouse Family has discovered in the last couple of weeks.....

- The 'tricky' Easter egg hunt my children requested because last year's was too easy, was too cryptic and led to tears and tantrums!
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner has been in the form of chocolate (it has calcium and iron in it so it must be good)!
- Crocs and socks are still totally ok, but so are sliders and socks too!
- Diminishing fermented grape juice supplies have thankfully been replenished.....and there's plenty of toilet roll in the shops too!
- The total ab workout the girls and I are doing is working.....it's just that I have a substantial protective layer over my six pack so it's not visible to the naked eye!

What we've also discovered is.....

- The Hero Scarecrows around the village (great idea Hall Family!) are bringing much needed smiles to lots of faces!
- The sun is shining and we love it!
- The beauty of blossoming trees!
- How appreciative you are to catch up with someone briefly whilst out on your daily exercise, be it even from a safe social distance!
- Harry having a huge clear out of his books, but the favourites when he was much younger sneaking back onto his shelf each night!

Remember to keep it simple, keep it realistic, stay vaguely sane and hold on to those 'silver lining' moments!

Keep safe, keep well and stay smiling!

Mrs Gatehouse ☺

NEW – CREATE A WILDFLOWER AREA IN YOUR GARDEN

One of our upcoming topics is going to be plants.

Collect your family envelope of wild flower seeds

from the plastic box outside of school from

Monday, 27th April and get sowing those seeds!

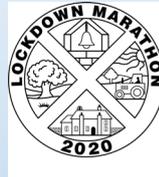
Please let Mrs Gatehouse know if you cannot get to school and she will pop them through your letter box!

Philippa.gatehouse@sgmail.org.uk

NEW - THE LOCKDOWN MARATHON

CAN YOU COMPLETE 26 MILES OF ACTIVITY THIS TERM?

All those children that can will be awarded the exclusive Lockdown Marathon 2020 medal!



All you have to do is RUN, WALK, SCOOT OR CYCLE the distance and record your progress (download the [RECORD SHEET](#) here if easier)!

Trouble getting out to complete the distance? Work out how many times round your garden equals a mile and get moving!

Once you've completed the marathon distance, email Mrs Gatehouse on Philippa.gatehouse@sgmail.org.uk to receive your medal!

GOOD LUCK!