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Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all keeping safe and positive during this time of lockdown. This time of year is one of my favourite times in the school calendar when the weather is sunnier and we get to use the outdoors more. We must be thankful for the lovely weather we have been getting, which has enabled us to all get our 1 hour of daily exercise.

I appreciate that the longer schools remain closed the more difficult it becomes to keep motivated and focused. Teachers continue to upload learning activities onto the school learning platform which include Maths, English plus other practical fun learning. Please be reminded that there is no expectation to complete all of the learning and you as individual families need to pick and choose what suits you best and what engages your child.

Friday 8th May the whole country remembers and celebrates the 75th anniversary of VE day. I know many of you will have been busy decorating bunting and I look forward to seeing all of your creative designs (many thanks to Mrs. Gatehouse who will be displaying the bunting on our school building).

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend – sunny weather for most of it, so lots of outdoor activities in your garden!

Keep Safe, Keep Smiling and Be Happy!

Best wishes

Helen Green

Reception

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all still keeping well and continue to have lots of fun at home. This week I have a new challenge for you all. The rest of the school received logins for Read Theory last week, in Reception we didn't as it's a bit tricky for us so I have devised our own reading challenge which is now on the website in this week's folder. There are lots of different reading activities to have a go at and when you have completed 5 activities, they don't all have to be different send the monitoring sheet to me via email and I will send you a certificate. I will send a different certificate for every 5 reads you complete so once you have received one for 5 reads you'll be working towards 10 and so on.

I am still really enjoying the emails that you are sending with photos and videos for me to see and look forward to receiving these each week. I hope you are looking forward to some celebrations for VE day this weekend. We also have Mr. Skipp's 40th birthday to celebrate so Olivia, Stanley and I have been busy trying to prepare things to make his "lockdown birthday" special. We have gathered messages from friends and family far and wide and I have been learning how to use iMovie to put them altogether to surprise him on the day. We have messages from as far away as Norway, Brazil, Australia and the Seychelles!

Keep safe and keep smiling,

Mrs Skipp x

Hello to all Year 5 & 6 parents and children,

I'm sure you are all as grateful as me that the sun came back this week! Everything seems to be easier when the sun is shining and it makes our living quarters seem so much bigger! Plus, everyone is more inclined to agree to go for a walk which I know is helping to keep us all vaguely sane! Yet another week at home has meant we have done yet more baking and have finally finished our jigsaw!

I know like me, most parents are juggling lots at the moment; trying to work from home whilst parenting and attempting home schooling. I just wanted to reiterate that the activities we



are sending home are ideas. It's lovely to hear that so many of you are using them and enjoying them but please remember, you need to do what works for you and your family during this strange and difficult time. We have given you a selection of activities so you can decide as a family what you can fit round other commitments and what catches children's interests. The last thing we want is to contribute to your stresses.

Please continue to stay in touch via email - sarah.woodcock1@sgmail.org.uk – your updates and pictures really make my day.

Stay sane and look after each other.

Sarah Woodcock

Year 3 and 4 – Home Learning Theme: Plants

Hello Everyone,

I hope that you are all well and are keeping safe.

Again, thank you for all of the updates I have received this week. I hope you have all enjoyed learning about different animals and have tried some of the VE day activities. I know that some of you have tried some of the VE day recipes and were shocked about how they tasted.

If you haven't started already, I encourage you to take part in the School Lockdown Marathon, completing 26 miles of being active this term. Remember there are medals for all the children who 'Smash it.'

For the next two weeks, our learning theme is Plants. Mrs. Gatehouse has been busy delivering seed packets already, and we would like you to plant the wildflowers; to look after them and to think about all the things they need to survive. They are now yours to look after. As always there are also plenty of different Maths and English activities this week, along with plenty of creative activities.

I hope you all have a good week and please remember to send me any of your exciting learning.

I am at the other end of an email if you need anything.
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Keep safe and keep smiling.

Mr. Manning

A Sunny Hello to You All!

It has been a beautiful week of sunshine and Friday is a bank holiday.....this means no school!
Yeah.....said all of my lot!

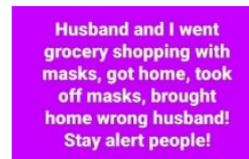
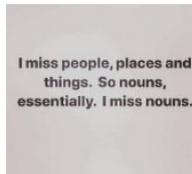
So last week, after doing Joey and Billy's quiz on mini beasts, I learned that slugs have 27,000 teeth!
Who knew! Keep sharing your lovely learning – it's fabulous to see what you've all been up to!

I know that some of you are finding Reading Theory a bit tricky. Mrs Skipp has put together an alternative, so look out for this in next week's learning ideas.

What's been going down in the Gatehouse household this week.....

- A bit of gardening.....Charlotte came running in to say, 'Mummy, I've found baby turnips growing!'.....they were bulbs! Clearly I've missed some essential teaching along the way.
- Versatile children – I found Charlotte doing her next day's lessons very late at night (I wasn't pleased), so she could have none the next day.....good thinking really!
- Harry and Charlotte are battling it out to see who can be the most annoying sibling to each other! There is no clear winner yet!
- Crocs and socks have been replaced by flip flops.....no socks yet!
- Fermented grape juice supplies are still ok.....phew!

Found a few pics that might sum up your week, like they do mine –



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

- We have tadpoles in our school pond! Do you remember how we released some frogs or toads (not sure which they were) from my garden into the Spiritual Garden last year? We are clearly going to have lots more!



- If you get a chance to go on a walk around the village, walk across the school field. There is a family of rabbits living under the flower show container and about 5 baby rabbits enjoying the football pitch!
- Graham has kindly done some sorting out in the Spiritual Garden ready for all our seedlings to be planted.....watch this space for more vegetable news!

Enjoy the special VE Anniversary Day this Friday.....I'm looking forward to taking a walk and seeing all the bunting!

Keep safe, keep well and stay smiling!

Mrs Gatehouse ☺

Hello everyone,

I hope you and your family continue to keep well. The weather is continuing to be kind to us so I hope you are able to get outside for some needed exercise and sunshine. As you know I should have ran the London Marathon this year; I am challenging myself to keep running and I hope lots of you are taking up the marathon challenge. I've also set a challenge to my daughters to complete the 'Couch to 5K' - because they were turning into couch potatoes! I can't say they are very keen at the moment, but we will persevere with it.

I have been in school this week working on the library. I am hoping it will all be ready for us to enjoy by the time we are able to return to school.

This week for RE I have taken inspiration from VE day. Lottie is learning about World War 2 for her home learning and I have been learning lots of facts alongside her. Our theme is 'Giving' and there are some learning ideas on your weekly planning.

Pippin the puppy update-she has developed a liking for cheese and banana and is still biting anything that moves!

Thank you for all your 500 word story entries. I am going to re-read them all and will announce winners next week.

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

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Take care, keep safe and keep smiling

Mrs Spiers ☺