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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have purchased tablets for our pupil premium children. This will enable children to access the zoom meetings with their class teacher and access reading books and google classroom. If you have not collected your tablet yet please come to the office.

The Year 1 and Year 2 children of keyworkers have now returned to school after self-isolating the previous week. We have now split the Year 1/Year 2 bubble into 2 as we have more children attending so we now have 3 year group bubbles.

Reading Books

If you are unable to access books online and do not have many books at home please let us know and we will organise a home loan.

You can access our reading scheme books through Google Classroom please check with your child's class teacher if you are unsure of the correct reading level.

The Oak Academy is also giving free access to books. Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads. <https://library.thenational.academy>.

Home Learning Packs

Our support staff will be delivering home learning packs again this week to children who are not able to access Google Classroom.

Other resources you may like to use are:

BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Oak Academy <https://classroom.thenational.academy>

and there are also lessons on the bbc iplayer

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p093cv85>

If you need to speak to someone in school please contact the school office by email admin@holtfarm-inf.essex.sch.uk

You can also leave a message on the answering machine.

We will pass on any messages and get someone to call you

Zoom Meetings

Next week the classteachers will be having a zoom meeting with the second groups in their class. Please have a piece of work or activity ready to discuss with the teacher. If you have any problems with the zoom meetings please contact the office and we will pass the message on.

2nd group Zoom meetings:

Jade Monday 1.30

Amethyst Tuesday 10.00am

Sapphire Tuesday 11.00

Topaz Thursday 10.00am

Garnet Thursday 11.00

Reception TBC

In Class Next Week

Reception

“Katie and the Sunflowers” story of the week

Letters and sounds - Letters and sounds phase 3 revision

sh, ch, th, ng, ai, ee oo

Writing - Writing inspired by Katie and the sunflowers

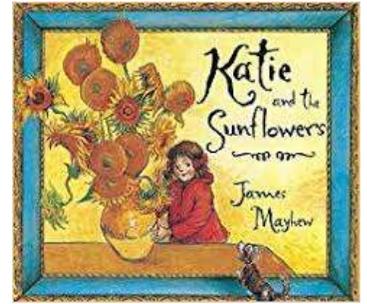
Maths - Learning all about the number 6

Handwriting - Continuing to learn the long ladder letter family 't'

Science - Exploring the life cycle of a sunflower. Exploring how other vegetables and fruits grow.

Art - Looking at art work inspired by Vincent Van Gogh

DT - Sunflower fine motor skills cutting



Year 1

Knights and Castles

Literacy - Read the story of George and the Dragon. Remind the children what an adjective is and how it describes things. Use adjectives in sentences to describe the pictures in the story. Then label a dragon and use adjectives to describe the features. Continue with alphabetical order and write the alphabet again but this time using capital letters.

Maths - Reading, writing and ordering numbers to 50. Beginning to count in 2s and 10s. Can they see a pattern? Look at the numbers on a 100 square.

Science - Looking at the sense of 'Sight'. Discuss how people who are blind can still learn to read and write and do lots of things but they have to do them in different ways. Share the story of Louis Braille and talk about why Braille is so important for blind people.

History - Learn about Hadleigh Castle. Write a couple of sentences about Hadleigh Castle THEN and Hadleigh Castle NOW e.g. Hadleigh Castle used to have a huge hall for dancing and eating. There was a chapel and lots of fruit trees.

DT - Finish painting their coat of arms on to the shield and add a handle. Then evaluate the finished shield. Did it fulfil the design criteria? Is it colourful? Does it have a handle? Is there a coat of arms on it? What do you like about your shield?

Art - Look at Paul Klee's 'Castle and the Sun' picture. Create your own 'Castle and the Sun' using the technique of printing 3D shapes/objects dipped in paint. Cutting shapes from a potato is another idea. Use the 3D shapes to create



Hadleigh Castle



Castle and the Sun, Paul Klee

your own 'Castle and the Sun' print.

Phonics - Teach Phase 5 - ie and split digraph i-e. Teach Tricky words little, one.

Year 2.

Topic Dinosaurs

Maths – This week we will be focusing on telling the time to the hour, half past the hour, quarter to and quarter past.

Literacy – Write a fact file about the Oviraptor. Label it's parts, writing about it's size, what it looks like, what it ate and any interesting facts.

Comprehension work – To complete a comprehension sheet.

D&T: Now you have made your safari jeep you will need to evaluate them. What do you like best? What could you improve?

Art - Have fun designing your own dinosaur egg

History: We will be learning about William Walker. Who he was and why he was important, and creating a newspaper report about his discovery.

RE: We are going to be looking at the religion of Judaism and learning about the festival of Sukkot.

PSHE: We are going to be thinking about how we work well together and support each other.

Science: You are going to be looking at how animals are suited to their specific habits. Why do polar bears live in the snow and camels in the desert?.



Oviraptor



What is Sukkot?

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|---------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Pasta with tomato sauce | Sausage Veggie Sausage | Burger in a bun Veggie burger in a bun | Chicken tikka masala Quorn tikka masala | Omega 3 Fish Fingers Omelette |
| Salad | Mash Baked beans | Wedges Salad | Rice Naan | Chips & Peas |
| A selection of cakes, biscuits, yoghurt, pancakes, waffles, ice cream, fruit | | | | |

COVID 19 Test Centres in the local area

This link is where you will find all the latest, up to date information, www.rochford.gov.uk/CoronavirusTests

PE

We hope you enjoyed the “Live PE” lesson with Mrs Robinson on Wednesday. Mrs Robinson would like to invite you to another Live PE lesson this Wednesday.

Topic: Holt Farm Infants PE lesson with Mrs Robinson Time: Feb 03, 2021 01:30 PM London Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7129129724?pwd=SDN5VnJJaThNb0gzMnEyT3ROdHUyQT09> Meeting ID: 712 912 9724 Passcode: robinsonpe

You can also do the take part in REAL PE on line and do the weekly challenge.

<https://real.jasmineactive.com> Reception log on username:HFIR3936 Password:born3693 Year 1 log on username: HFIY17924 Password:group9274 Year 2 log on Username:HFIY21485 Password:carry5481

Attached with this newsletter is the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service, “Winter Wellness” newsletter with ideas to support your family with physical, emotional, health, social and financial issues.

School Closure Extreme Weather

We will always try to keep the school open where possible. If the school did have to close because of extreme weather we would contact you by Parentmail, website and Facebook. Please check your contact details are up to date. Thank you.