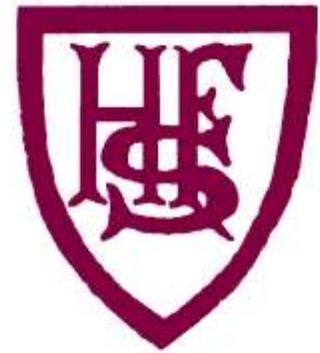


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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you are keeping well and safe. We would like to thank you for all the support that you are giving to help your children with remote learning at home. We are very aware of how challenging this can be. Everyone has different circumstances with home life, such as having more than one child or trying to do your own jobs as well.

There may be days when this can be quite stressful. Please remember, that whatever you are able to do will be good enough. The most important thing is that your children are safe and happy. If some days are more difficult, please try to do just some of the work, such as part of the English or Maths or some reading. This will help your child to keep engaged with school.

Hopefully, the Zoom meetings with the Teachers and Teaching Assistants will have given your children the chance to see and talk with their friends. We will also continue to make phone calls to parents. Please let us know if you would like to speak to your child's teacher. The Zoom meetings for next week will be sent out to you. In Y1 and Y2, if you are unable to attend your allocated meeting, please join in with the other meeting.

Mrs Gordon, one of our Year 2 teachers, has written some helpful ideas, following discussions with parents, about how to keep your children motivated. This is attached to this letter.

Mrs Browne, our school SENCO, has put some information onto the Google Classrooms to help support children's well-being and mental health. If you would like more information, please contact her through the school office.

Mrs Robinson continues her live PE sessions for your children to

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

Pearl Mon 8th 10.00am
Diamond Tue 9th 11.00am
Jade Mon 8th & Tue 9th 1.30pm
Amethyst Tue 9th 10.00am Thu 11th 10.00am
Topaz Wed 10th 10.00am, Friday 11.00
Sapphire Tue 9th 1.00pm Thu 11th 1.00pm
Garnet Thu 11th 2.00 Fri 12th 11.00
Emerald Mon 8th 11.00, Thu 11th 11.00

join in with. Details below.

Trying to lift some of the gloom at the moment, www.firstsite.uk has announced **The Great Big Art Exhibition**, encouraging everybody to get creative in making a piece of artwork to display in your front window or uploaded onto Google Classroom and the school website. It can also be shared on <https://firstsite.uk/the-great-big-art-exhibition-gallery/> The first theme is **Animals**. We will also try and encourage the staff to take part as well!

Robin Goodier
Headteacher

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>

School Closure Extreme Weather

Snow has been forecast for Sunday and early next week. It is unclear at the moment how much snow there is likely to be.

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

Home Learning Next Week

Reception

“The Rainbow Fish” story of the week

Letters and sounds - oa, ar, or, er

Writing To write about the Rainbow Fish using descriptive language.

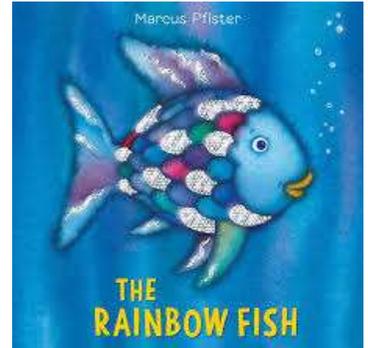
Maths- All about number 7, including how to write it and the different ways to make 7.

Handwriting - Long ladder letter i.

Music- Me and my friends.

Fine motor- Under the sea cutting and tracing.

Chinese New Year activities.



Year 1

Knights and Castles

Literacy - Literacy - Retell the story of George and the Dragon. Look at parts of the story and make comparisons. Look for speech bubbles in story books and explain this is what the character is saying. Choose other characters and add speech bubbles and consider what they could be saying. Introduce the word 'verb' and explain that verbs are action or doing words. Add the suffix 'ing' to a verb to change the tense e.g eat= eating.

Maths - Continue to explore place value with larger two digit numbers. Count the tens and then the ones to reveal the two digit number. Partitioning a two digit number below 50 and saying how many tens and how many ones. E.g. 23 is 2 tens and 3 ones.

Science - Learning about the senses of taste and smell. What body parts are associated with our sense of taste and smell? Have some pots with the following items to smell: coffee, ginger, curry powder, cinnamon and vinegar. Or anything that has a noticeable smell e.g. perfume. Can they guess what it is? Can they describe the smell? Explore the sense of taste. Have different flavours of crisps to try. Can they guess what it is? Can they describe the taste? Present them with a variety of things to taste and identify.

History - Learn about Medieval banquets. Compare the food at



George and the Dragon

a Medieval banquet to the party food we eat today. Discuss what we do at parties now e.g., have a disco, dance, play games like pass the parcel etc. Explain that at parties in Medieval times people did a special kind of dance.

Art/DT - They are going to make a wall hanging of their coat of arms design or a wall hanging of their 'Castle and the Sun' design using fabric, pens and paints and then adding a stick or cane to hang it.

Phonics - Introduce the Phase 5 digraph oe and split digraph o-e. Learn the tricky word 'were'.



Year 2.

Topic Dinosaurs

Maths – This week we will be looking at statistics. We will be learning how to interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts and block diagrams.

Literacy – To collate dinosaur fact files and make into a book doing a front cover, glossary, contents and index.

Read the poem 'Five Crazy Dinosaurs', children to identify rhyming words, verses and how poetry starts with a new line.

Write and illustrate their own 'Five Crazy dinosaurs' rhyming poem.

Comprehension work depending on reading ability.

D&T/RE: Learning about Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day) and designing your own perfect pancake.

Art - Create your own Chinese dragon to celebrate Chinese New Year.

History: Make a poster showing the possible causes of dinosaur extinction.

PSHE: This week you are going to learn about the importance of respect for differences and similarities between people

Science: You are learning why plants are suited to their habitats and completing a fun quiz.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pasta with tomato sauce	Sausage Veggie Sausage	Burger in a bun Veggie burger in a bun	Meatballs in tomato sauce Veggie meat balls	Omega 3 Fish Fingers Omelette
Salad	Mash Baked beans	Wedges Salad	Rice	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

Well done to all the children that took part in our jungle adventure this week. Our next Live PE lesson will be on Friday 12th February at 1.30pm, further details will be on google classroom.

Topic: Holt Farm PE lesson with Mrs Robinson

Time: Feb 12, 2021 01:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7129129724?pwd=SDN5VnIJhThNb0gzMnEyT3ROdHUyQT09>

Meeting ID: 712 912 9724

Passcode: robinsonpe

PE Newsletter and SSP Step Up and Dance attached