Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and have managed to enjoy some of the sunshine we have been having. It was lovely to speak to all of you this week and hear all about your news. I am also really enjoying receiving pictures, videos and updates from the children. As per Mrs Burbank’s newsletter we now have a dedicated email address where you can send these things;

[**distance.learning@stockham.oxon.sch.uk**](mailto:distance.learning@stockham.oxon.sch.uk)

Your emails are being forwarded straight to me and I am trying to save them all so that when we go back to school I can show the children what everybody has been up to.

This week I would like the children to start using White Rose Maths to support their learning. This is a brilliant approach to maths teaching and fully supports the approach we use in school. I have updated the relevant work sheets onto the school website under our learning page, there is one for each day and it matches with a video of a taught lesson on the White Rose website. We are starting at the very first lesson on introducing weight and mass and then we will follow this weeks learning.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-1>

For English this week I would like the children to use the BBC bitesize website, on here there are lessons of English for each day. There are videos, games and activities to use and they are very easy to follow. Please go back and use the lessons from the week of the 20th of April for this week. The first lesson is dated for April the 20th and is on ‘my favourite story.’ Please then follow a lesson for each day of the week. There are activities, quizzes and associated work sheets to complete.

For science I would also like the children to use BBC bitesize and complete the lesson uploaded dated the 22nd April about the seasons and day and night.

I know lots of you are completing PE with Joe Wickes which is great but if you should like some other suggestions then please try these:

<https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHd2s_saYsQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlg052EKMtk>

<https://family.gonoodle.com/>

These are all really great fun and will help to get the whole family involved!

Also Mr Chadwick who works in our school with classes on a Monday has created some videos that are skills based as well as a trick shot video for the children to watch and create their own.

These are the first links and he is making more to follow.

Key Stage 1 - <https://youtu.be/pQL_R3cc-9w>

Key Stage 2 - <https://youtu.be/uBUYZ3jNkEs>

Trick Shot Video - <https://youtu.be/pKlbdqrCatM>

This term our topic would have been pirates and I know the children would have really enjoyed this, each week I am going to set a pirate related task for the children to complete!

This week I would like the children to create a pirate ship from anything they would like (lego, junk modelling, megablocks etc) this may be a drawing or a painting if they wish. I would then like them to label the different parts of the ship and add a caption to explain each part. Any photos/videos/updates you would like to send of this would be great.

There is also the topic map that I sent out last week please continue to use this and choose activities to complete from it.

I know some of you would also like some non-screen based suggestions so each week I will try and give you some ideas;

-How many different words can you make from the sentence below:

*Learning from home is fun.*

-Think of someone who helps you and write a letter to them to say thank you, this can be anybody you feel is helpful to you!

-Create a nature diary: look out of the window each day and write a note of what you can see (birds, insects, weather, anything else you can see!) draw pictures and write where you saw each thing.

- Build a reading den : create a reading den in your house, take your favourite book there and read it!

-Use an old sock to create a sock puppet. If you are feeling like a challenge, write instructions of how to make a sock puppet.

Phonics- please keep practising phonics with your child, use the flashcards and go through them, think of words together with the different sounds in, spot the sounds in a book.

Write a list of words with the sounds in then put these words into a sentence.

This week please pay particular attention to the split digraph sounds – a\_e, o\_e, i\_e.

Use Geraldine the giraffe on youtube and also phonics play for activities based around these sounds.

Don’t forget to read as much as you can and use oxford owls website for a variety of books:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

I will give you all a ring again on Monday or Tuesday next week, if the children want to I am happy to have a chat with them. My number will appear as an unrecognised number on your phones. If you need to contact me in the meantime please do so via the school office;

[office.2583@stockham.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2583@stockham.oxon.sch.uk).

Emails are being forwarded to me so I will be able to get in contact with you.

In the meantime please just do what you can with your children we totally understand it is not the same as school and we do not expect you to be able to teach as we do in school time. Most importantly stay happy and safe and look after each other.

Speak to you all next week,

Mrs Kerman