**R/Y1 Discovery Newsletter Summer 1 2020**

Hello to all of our lovely families of reception and Year 1 children,

Welcome to the summer term and what a strange start it is to it. We genuinely hope that you are all well, safe and as positive as you can be during these very unprecedented times. Hopefully, you will all have managed to have some family time with your nearest and dearest over the Easter break. We have really appreciated all the effort and hard work you put into working together with us both during ‘normal’ school days and during ‘home learning’ time. Seeing your posts, with happy smiling children, and chatting via Dojo really does brighten up our days.

Our topic for this half term is a perfect one for home learning. It is…‘The Great Outdoors’ a topic which can make us so grateful for where we live. Reception children your focus will come under this umbrella but we will plan from stories for your activities.



As always, our topic web can be viewed on the school website under: Classes : Discovery-What’s new?

**Home Learning- Curriculum Information:**

**We both know how tricky home learning is! We can tell you that it is easier to teach a class of children rather than your own! As such, we know that things may be difficult so just do what you can, when you can and don’t beat yourself up over it! We are ‘virtually here’ on Dojo to help, support and guide you should you need us. Mrs Mesghali will be available on Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Lever will be available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**

**Maths - Reception children:**

Choose from the Counting : Pick and Mix – sent via ParentPay

**Week beginning Monday 20th April 2020**

We would like you to access White Rose Hub Home Learning. Please start at Week 2 which begins with ‘What the Ladybird Heard.’ <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/>

**Week beginning Monday 27th April 2020**

We would like you to access White Rose Hub Home Learning. Please start at Summer Term – Week 1 which is all about ‘Supertato’ <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/>

**English – Year 1 children:**

Keep on reading 😊 – read to an adult, read to a teddy, read to a relative over the phone just keep reading!!! Don’t forget to get someone to read to you too!

Further information will be sent on the topic web via ParentPay and via our Dojo posts/videos.

Our theme for the next two weeks will be work on ‘Percy the Park Keeper After The Great Storm’ just follow the activity guide sent via ParentPay.

Following on from this, we will be looking at planning units on : information booklets relating to the great outdoors and; traditional rhymes…get your skipping ropes at the ready!

Don’t forget to get in touch with us when you are ready for your next set of individualised spellings and tricky words.

**Communication, Language and Literacy - Reception children:**

Keep on reading 😊 – read to an adult, read to a teddy, read to a relative over the phone just keep reading!!! Don’t forget to get someone to read to you too!

Further information will be sent on the topic web via ParentPay and via our Dojo posts/videos.

Our work will be related to books used in the WhiteRose Hub maths materials and The Three Pigs…start practising your best huffing and puffing!

**Maths - Year 1 children:**

Choose from the Counting : Pick and Mix – sent via ParentPay

* We would like you to access White Rose Hub Home Learning. Please start at Week 1 – Introduction to ‘Weight and Mass.’ Before starting, please print out the work. Watch the daily video (2-3mins) then complete the work.
* Spend some time practising number bonds of ALL numbers to 20 and carry on with practising times table facts
* You can also access NUMBOTS via your TTRockstars login which looks REALLY great!
* You can also access EMILE for maths and phonics.

Reading – How to access book banded books at your child’s reading level.

\*New Website : <https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/portal.aspx>

User name : parents@harpercollins.co.uk

Password : Parents20!

Click on the Big Cat logo and then choose the correct level of your child’s reading book. A selection of reading books will appear at this level. There is an option to download and print supporting materials and questions. Turn off the volume on your computer so that your child can read the book. Once read, with your support, turn the volume on and your child can re-read along with the text.

Website two which was signposted previously is : [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) Parents need to register for this one but it is free!

You can also access picture books at <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/> There are some of our very favourites here such as Hairy Maclary and The Owl Babies. Again, you can turn off the sound and help your child to read parts of the book OR have the sound on and just enjoy a lovely story. You can even challenge yourself and watch the signed version and learn some sign language.

The focus for all our other subjects is available on the topic web. We will also send out suggested activities for the children to complete from these subject areas via ‘pick and mix’. We promise to try to keep them as stress-free and easy to manage using everyday items you have around your homes.

It goes without saying just how much we are missing all of the children and being able to be the ones to teach and see them grow. We can’t wait for things to get back to normal.

With our very best wishes and love to you all,

Mrs. Lever and Mrs Mesghali