

Friday 5 June 2020

Google Classroom

For our next cycle of learning, we have introduced several changes:

1. Weekly cycle of learning that is structured around daily tasks in English, Maths and Topic.
2. Weekly video from class teacher to discuss the learning aims for the week.
3. Oak Academy links to lessons with additional worksheets.
4. Weekly English assignment which the teacher will read and comment on.
5. Small online group meetings with the class teacher to be trialled in some year groups.

The lessons from Oak Academy can be viewed on any device, including phones. Printed versions will continue to be available for those who request it. We hope these changes will support families further with home learning engagement.

EYFS

We have been so impressed with the number of students who have been logging onto Google Classrooms and sharing their lovely work. Well done Oscar and Zoe for sharing your artwork with us and well done Maryam and Eliona for your beautiful writing work. It has been great to talk to some of you on the phone this week and hear what you have been doing to keep yourselves busy whilst staying safe. The next learning cycle will be ready for you on Monday. You can also collect it from school. Next week we are going to be doing some group singing together.

Well done Nursery!

Year 1 and 2



Year 1 and 2, it has been great being able to speak to you during our phone calls this week. We still have some calls to make which we will do next

week. Well done to Sam who wrote a story and posted a video of him and his mum reading it.

Romilly has posted a fantastic picture collage showing what she has been doing since school closed - the lion looks great!



Siyana and her brother, Mikaeel have been busy painting. What have you been doing? Why not send us a photo or video in Google Classroom.



Year 3 and 4

We have really enjoyed speaking to you all this week. Don't worry if we haven't yet, we are still calling those who didn't answer the first time. It's wonderful to hear your voices and that you are all keeping busy in so many creative ways.

We hope you enjoy our new home learning which we are launching on Monday. It would be great if everyone can send us some examples of completed work. It can be a picture, photo or a video.

It'll be wonderful to see some of your home learning. Keep safe!

Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6, it has been great to talk to some of you on the phone this week and hear what you have been doing to keep yourselves busy whilst staying safe.

We have been so impressed with the number of students who have been logging onto Google Classrooms this week and completing and sharing a range of activities. Thank you Merle for sharing this lovely setting description.



Beneath me, I can feel the cold, smooth stone brushing against my feet. Calming my mind - which is stressed - I can hear the rushing of the pure, blue water in the small waterfall behind me. As the chirping bird hops around the water, I can smell the damp leaves that are floating on the surface of the water.

Because of the quiet atmosphere, I can feel my mind calming and my muscles relaxing. The little, orange bird jumps up into the blue sky and swoops down like an eagle to grab a beetle scuttling on the cobblestones.

Congratulations to all the students that completed the Year 5 quiz. The teachers are busy creating a new quiz to share next week. Check out Google Classroom next week to see a new Year 5 challenge. Here is a clue: Ready, Steady Bake!



Well done to everyone, in Year 6, who is logging in daily to Google Classroom and engaging with their learning. We are very happy to see children using this as an educational platform and sharing their wonderful work with each other. Children are enjoying listening to their teachers read class novels and it is really great to see children sharing their book recommendations with each other. Children have also enjoyed sharing projects on plastic pollution and continue to do so. Well done Year 6!



SOS-SAVE OUR SEAS*

We look forward to welcoming our Year 6 students back on Monday 15th June, 2020. We have planned activities to offer children an important and memorable closure to their primary education including lots of transition opportunities to prepare them for high school in the Autumn term.

Reading Buddy

Students are encouraged to use Oxford Reading Buddy at home. We encourage you to support your child when they are logged into their account at home, however, please encourage your child to complete the quizzes independently. If you don't have an internet connection or a computer at home, it can be accessed from any mobile device. We will be monitoring engagement levels and will announce the class winner every week in our newsletter. If you require further help please with this programme please contact the school. parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk



KS1 Reading Year 1 Phonics

Year 1, have some complex green words to sound out on google drive. Please encourage your child to read the words one syllable at a time if they need to. They can sound out the first syllable, blend it then sound out the second syllable and blend it. Then put both blended words together to read the full word. Parents and carers may find the following free website useful: <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>. You will find lots of interactive games and activities for the children to practice and apply their phonics in a fun way. The site also has an interactive reading section which you can subscribe to if you wish.

Year 2 common exception words

Year 2, have a list of common exception words which they need to read and spell by the end of this academic year. Please practice reading these by identifying them in your child's everyday reading and reading them out of context.

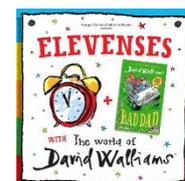
Picture Book of the month

Greta and the giants by Zoe Tucker and Zoe Perisco. This inspiring picture book retells the story of Nobel Peace Prize nominee Greta Thunberg - the Swedish teenager who has led a global movement to raise awareness about the world's climate crisis. In this story, Greta is a little girl who lives in a beautiful forest threatened by Giants. When the Giants first came to the forest, they chopped down trees to make houses. Then they chopped down more trees and made even bigger homes. The houses grew into towns and the towns grew into cities, until now there is hardly any forest left. Find out how Greta tries to solve the problem!



KS2 Reading

Are you having your elevenses? Click the link below to access one audio story- every day!
[Elevenses with The World of David Walliams](#)



Kids' Poems and Stories With Michael Rosen

Michael Rosen is well known for his great talent writing books, writing articles for newspapers and magazines, visiting schools, helping children write and performing poems in his books. Subscribe to his YouTube channel to

enjoy his engaging videos full of expression and humour.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/artificedesign/featured>

Assembly

This week's story is focused on our routines as some children are returning to school and how our routines have changed during school closures.

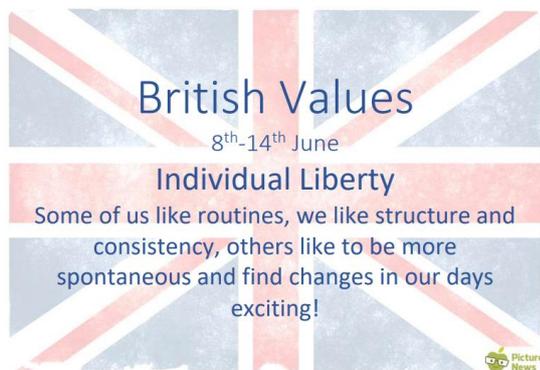


Question: How important is it to have a routine?

Virtual Assembly is now live:

<https://vimeo.com/channels/picturenews>

This week's British Value:



Phone Calls

Class teachers will be calling children again this week. We have missed them a lot and we appreciate what a difference these conversations can make.



If the phone rings and you see a blocked number, please answer as it could be someone from school. Please talk to your children about the phone call in advance and that the teachers would like to speak to them and hear how they are getting on. If your child does not want to speak, then that is ok too but they might want to hear their teacher's voice and them saying hello.

Counselling support

If you feel that you or your child need any support during these difficult times and particularly now the school has had to shut, please do get in touch with me.



Inclusion



NHS
Ealing Community Partners

Ealing Children's Speech and Language Therapy Advice Line for Parents and Professionals

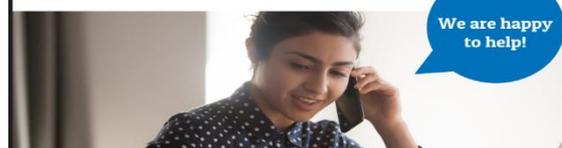
We can offer parents and professionals advice on any area of your child's (0 - 18 years) speech, language and communication including:

- > Ideas and activities to support your child at home with their attention and listening, understanding, talking, speech sounds and social skills
- > General queries about speech and language therapy

**Monday to Friday
1pm - 4pm**

020 8825 8818
We can call you with an interpreter if needed

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SAFEGUARDING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE:

If you need to get hold of the Designated Safeguarding Officer, please contact Mrs Karen Hankin via email Parentcomms. If you are concerned about a child, please call Social Care on 0208 825 8000



Childline <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

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