

Monday 20th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well and managed to have a relaxing Easter break under the circumstances.

Further to our last letter, I provide some more work and suggested links related to our new Term 5 topics. I recommend that a structured approach is taken, if not already, for children to engage in the following learning in order to ease the return of school life for the pupils when we are back. However, in saying this, we are not dictating how long each child should spend on each activity and we will leave that at parent/carers' discretion, placing the child's well-being above academic studies.

Should parents/carers or pupils wish to contact me about any queries regarding work, or just a message from child to teacher, you can contact via the new class email address: bannerman@hunton.kent.sch.uk and I will ensure I check this daily (Monday-Friday), although please note it is not a facility for on-going two-way conversations. It would be also be a lovely way to perhaps share any children's work they are particularly proud of.

Phonics

Year 1 were nearly finished with Phase 5 sounds before we regrettably had to stop school. They only had split digraphs remaining. If you would like to consolidate phase 5 phonics with your year 1 children, then you can use the following websites to help with this (please click, they are hyperlinked!):

- [Floppy's Phonics Sounds and Letters](#)
- [Jolly Phonics](#)
- [Letterland Phonics](#)
- [Letters and Sounds](#) (supplemented by closely matched and fully decodable books)
- [Phonics Bug](#)
- [Phonics International](#)
- [Read Write Inc.](#)
- [Sound Discovery](#)
- [Sounds-Write](#)

Reading

Please continue reading with your children, encouraging them to read to you as well as you reading to them. I am more than happy for them to read anything that takes their interest/of their own choice!

You may also be interested in the following website for listening to audio books: <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

<https://authorfy.com>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

Writing

A range of writing activities can be found under the KS1 section of the following website to help with a range of writing genres: <https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/>

Other Recommended writing websites:

— **Hunton CEP School, Bishops Lane, Hunton, Kent, ME15 0SJ T:01622 820360 E: office@hunton.kent.sch.uk** —

<https://www.englishmastery.org/>
<https://www.literacysshedplus.com/en-gb/browse/free-resources>
<https://www.pobble365.com/>
<https://2simple.com/purple-mash/>

Mathematics

This term, Bannerman were due to start their **measurement** unit. This includes:

- Length, height, mass, weight, capacity and volume (cooking is a fabulous one for this, as well as measuring heights in your families).
- Money (coins, not necessarily notes)
- Time (Year 1: half past and o'clock, Year 2: half past, o'clock, quarter past, quarter to)

Pupils should continue log on to 'TT Rocks' to increase their times tables fluency.

Recommended Maths websites:

<https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/blog/learning-home-packs/>
<https://www.mathematicsmastery.org/free-resources>
<https://nrich.maths.org/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-with-maths>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>
<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

Science

Bannerman's new science topic is '**Living things and their habitats**'.

Recommended Science websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>
<https://www.stem.org.uk/primary-science>

History/Art

This term in Bannerman we were due to look at **William Caxton** as a local significant historical figure. He was famous for being the first person to introduce a printing press to England and he is from Kent. If you would like to look into him a little more, you can. Perhaps your children could make an information booklet about him and share what they have learnt over email! The children love drawing portraits of people that we look at in History. Can they think of any ways to print (potato prints, stamps etc.).

PE

We feel that is important that children keep physically active the best they can for positive impact on healthy minds also. I am sure you are all familiar with 'Joe Wicks' live workout'; there are many Youtube videos with these on!

Other KS1 appropriate PE websites include:



Associate Head Teacher

Mr. Paul Ryan

Deputy Head Teacher

Mr. Ed Ming

Compassion, Hope, Reverence, Wisdom

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

<https://www.afpe.org.uk/physical-education/thisispe-supporting-parents-to-teach-pe-at-home/>

RE

Our topic for RE this term is 'Faith Stories'.

The key question we were going to pick apart for this was: **'What stories are told by and about people of different faiths and beliefs?'**

One of the main stories that we were going to look at was Jonah and the Whale. The children are familiar with this story already so it will just be a case of reminding them of this story! You can also watch this link for the story:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00wdnz1>

Websites suggested by the Diocese to help with other faiths are:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zxnygk7>

<https://www.bl.uk/sacred-texts>

Other general resources:

There are many good resources out there and for any other useful links, please refer back to the original cover letter we sent out on Friday 20th March and our newsletter just before the Easter holidays.

From Monday 20th April BBC bitesize will have daily Maths and English lessons. They will also have lessons for other curriculum areas. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

Oak Academy are also delivering live lessons from Monday 20th April also: <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom>

I hope you are all well and taking care. Please use the class email address as referenced above should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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