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## HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Parents and Children,

Hope you are all well and managing to cope with the restrictions put upon us all, obviously they are going to continue for another three weeks. Please keep doing what you are doing and it will all work out in the end I am sure.

I hope you got chance to view our fun video, you can find it on the school website, under Children/Gallery, it did make us all laugh when we were recording the little bits for it. As I always say we have a great team at Church Aston, that are not only happy to support our children and families but take time to support each other which is so important during these difficult times.

Some great things are going on at home, you are all being so creative and I hope you are enjoying spending that extra time with your children. I am always surprised by the way each family are thinking of new things to do and keeping up with work. Keep reading going and any chance to write is useful, this week there is a focus on Time which can be quite a difficult concept for children to understand as they need to think about it in so many different ways.

Our school potatoes are planted, thanks to Mrs Bryon, Mrs Harris and a couple of our children. I have also planted some seeds at home, I am sure lots of you are finding time things to grow and do in the garden.

Make the most of your time. I know you will.

Take care.

Jenny Griffiths



## New Summer Term Topic

### Time

Our first summer term topic is time. We have put together a collection of activities you can do at home to explore what time is, how we measure time, what a clock face looks like and some geography and history of famous clock faces. We look forward to seeing what you do while exploring this topic so don't forget to send us photographs of your clock faces and of you and your family exploring the other tasks. [Click here to link to the time document.](#)

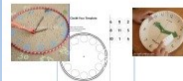


Our first topic of the summer term is time. What do you know about time? Here are your challenges this week...

#### Make a clock face

Look carefully at the clocks around your house. What numbers can you see? Where are the numbers on the clock face? Do all the clocks look the same? Why are the hands of the clock different lengths? Remember to position the 1-12 in the correct place then find the centre of the clock face to position the minute and hour hand correctly.

We have included a copy of the clock face if you need one.



What's your favourite story?

Take time to read or listen to a story.

#### Time games

Try and estimate how long the following times are without looking at a watch or clock. How close can you get? What strategies can help you? (Counting in your head...)

10 seconds

30 seconds

60 seconds/1 minute

Who is the closest?

What's the time? Play 'What's the time Mr. Wolf?'

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#### Explore the length of time

How long will it take you to...?

write the alphabet

jump 10 times

read a page of your book

draw a flower

complete a jigsaw

#### Days of the week

Talk about what day it is. It's Wednesday today so tomorrow is ... Yesterday was... After Friday it will be...

#### Websites

Expresso has videos and activities linked to time. (Use login)

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh82nv>

Teaching clock

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/time/teaching-clock>

#### Famous clocks

In London there is a famous clock tower. Big Ben is the name given to the massive bell inside the clock tower. Can you find out any interesting facts about the clock?

Are there any other famous clocks around the world? What do they look like? Where are they?





## CLASS 1

Hello children, the staff have been busy making a video for you to watch on our website. This is to show you that even though we are not seeing you all, it doesn't stop us thinking about you every day so carry on staying safe for us.

Please look at the new **Time project** that we have set for you. The link is on the page before this. We are excited to see some of your ideas and would love you to send us any work that you do.

Eric Carle's stories *The Hungry Caterpillar* and *the Bad Tempered Ladybird* are stories about time passing. Can you find any more stories that have times in them? It might be days of the week, months, different seasons or times of the day.

We would also like you to keep looking at the phonic sounds using this website: [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) Username is **march20** Password is **home** (Reception please look at phase 3 sounds and year 1s look at phase 3, 4 and 5 sounds.)



## CLASS 2

It's the start of the summer term and we have been so lucky to have so many lovely sunny days. I hope you are all enjoying being in the garden and finding all the new plants and buds growing. The Powell family have been having a go at planting some seeds and Aimee, my younger daughter, recycled a plastic bottle to make a container for her seeds (see photographs above).

This term's topic is going to begin with some work around 'time'. We have attached a sheet with some ideas for activities and we'd love to see what you do so send in photographs of your clock faces, if you can, to add to our gallery in the newsletter. I would like Class 2 to focus on telling the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and if you can quarter to the hour. Some of you may want to explore counting round the clock face in 5s to help you tell the time to five minute intervals. White Rose maths is revisiting fractions for year 2 and focusing on doubles for year 1 which would be useful too!



# SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

**P.E with Joe ...Every Monday—Friday 9am for 30 mins  
join in with his daily workout at;**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

# Mathletics WOW! Superstars



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2 GOLD certificates this week....totally amazing achievement. A massive well done to all the children have worked hard to receive their bronze, silver or gold Mathletics awards today. It is wonderful to see so many continuing with this. Keep up the hard work, well done!



**BRONZE AWARD**



**SILVER AWARD**



**GOLD AWARD**



# Home Learning

Many online platforms have offered schools and parents free resources to support your child with their education whilst they are at home. Please take a look at the links below.

## Useful websites

[www.thepehub.co.uk](http://www.thepehub.co.uk)

<https://www.tts-group.co.uk/home+learning+activities.html>

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning->

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

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

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-2/>

[www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers)

<https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games>

[www.spellingshed.com/en-gb](http://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb)

<https://teachyourmonster Toread>

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) Username is **march20** Password is **home**

<https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/>

<https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk> Username is **student26973** Password is **aston3**

[www.twinkl.co.uk](http://www.twinkl.co.uk)

[www.snappymaths.com](http://www.snappymaths.com)

[www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com)

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[www.mathshed.com](http://www.mathshed.com)

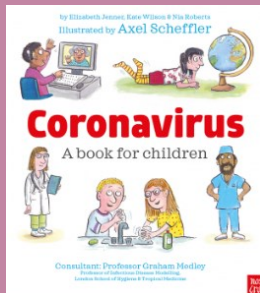
[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

[www.natgeokids.com/uk/](http://www.natgeokids.com/uk/)

[www.primaryresources.co.uk](http://www.primaryresources.co.uk)

[Numberblocks](#) or [Alphablocks](#)

[Mathletics](#)



A free information book explaining the coronavirus to children, illustrated by Gruffalo illustrator Axel Scheffler. Click the below link.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/88ok8kfdjjj4gkn/Coronavirus.pdf?dl=0>

## The big grow

You can apply to get packets of seeds, a compost disc, a handy growing guide and a special grower's certificate.  
<https://innocentbiggrow.com>.

## SPECIAL VIDEO MESSAGE

Staff have compiled a special video for children and parents to hopefully make you smile.

This is on the school website under children/gallery. To view this you will need a password (e-mailed earlier this week).

[Link to the video](#)



## IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Information for parents and carers about the closure of schools following the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19). This link was last updated **April 7th**. Please check for updates which this week include resources for online learning and links to the curriculum.

[Click here to be directed to the gov.uk website.](#)



# GUESS WHO?

**LAST WEEKS MYSTERY  
PERSON REVEALED.**

DID YOU GUESS  
CORRECT?



# Garden Gang



Our small team of gardeners have been busy this week in planting potatoes and looking after our vegetable patch.



# Little Chefs in the making

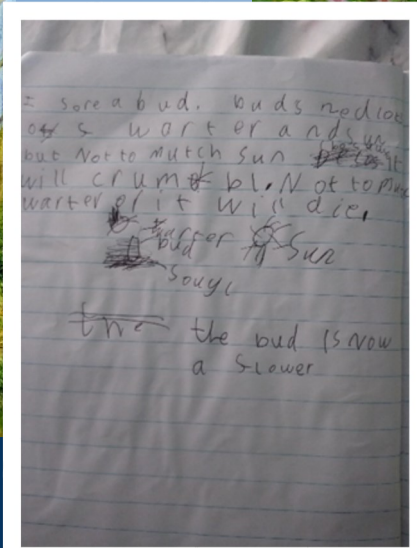
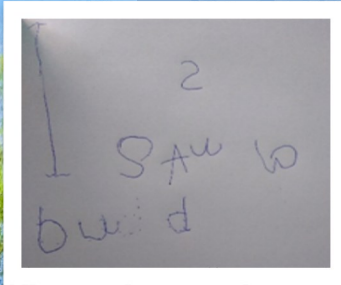
What have you been making this week?





# HOME AND SCHOOL LEARNING

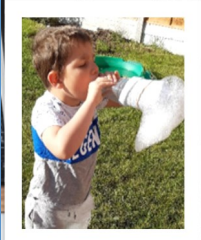
We have loved seeing all the wonderful photos of your children enjoying their home school learning. We will continue to share them here so please keep sending them to us.



**Some children went for a walk then wrote about it.**



**More super craft**



**We hope you enjoyed your birthday?**



**This looks fun!**



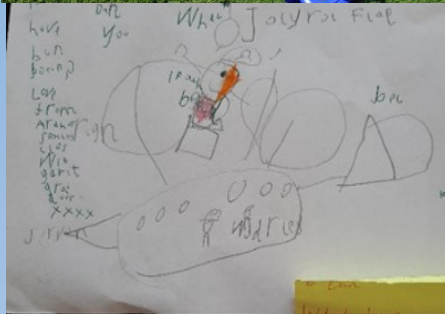
**Beautiful butterflies**



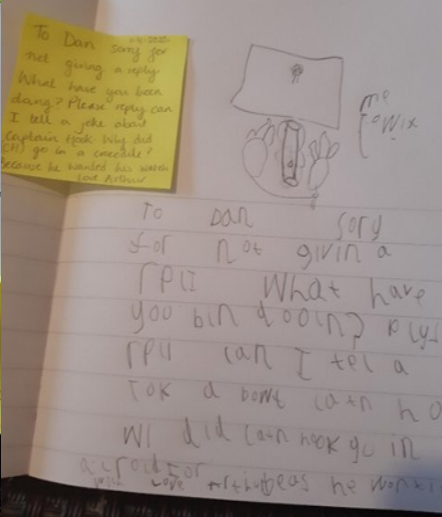
**Super writing**



**Recycling craft**



What have you been doing?  
Love Arthur  
Singham  
long love  
white over



**Thank You!**

Please continue to send in your photos to:  
[a2033@taw.org.uk](mailto:a2033@taw.org.uk)