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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well. We would also like to thank you for your continued support during this time. Following on from the letter sent on Saturday 20th June, I would like to reassure you that although we are unable to have the full school return, we are still very much committed to delivering a high quality curriculum to those children who remain at home. As well as being able to access BBC Bitesize and all the other recommended websites that we have posted on our website, we will continue to provide the children in Nursery, Years 2 , 3 and 4 with quality directed tasks that can be completed at home.

NURSERY

In Nursery, the children will be provided with lots of lovely transition activities on Tapestry. They will read a book about a dinosaur called 'Harry Goes to School' . Here they will learn about the changes and exciting things they have to look forward to as they transition to Reception.

YEAR 2

English

We will look at traditional tales from the UK and from Greece. We will also study the traditional tale of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. The children will answer questions about the story, design and write an advert for clothes and finally write their own elf story. We have named our second literacy topic "The Magic Box". The children will read the ancient Greek myth called 'Pandora's Box' and answer questions about the story. We will then read a poem called 'The Magic Box' and use it to write our own poems.

Maths

We will recap time and measurement and develop our investigation and problem solving skills.

R.E.

For the last few weeks of term we will focus on our need to treasure God's world. We will also write some prayers to thank God for our wonderful world and all its creatures.

Science

We will continue with our topic on our environment. We will look at climate change, greenhouse gases and endangered species in the world and what we can do to help.

Topic

In this last part of term, our topic will continue to be "A journey through Europe". Each week we will visit a new European country and discover a bit more about the place. In Art we will continue to take our inspiration from our European theme. Already, we have looked at Matisse from France and Miro from Spain.



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YEAR 3

English

We will be studying a variety of short stories including fables, traditional tales and stories by contemporary authors. We will be using these to write descriptions of settings and characters, and revise the use of direct speech, determiners, expanded noun phrases, make comparisons between texts and answer comprehensive questions.

Maths

We will study horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines, 2D and 3D shapes, telling the time to 5 minute intervals, mass, capacity and ways to represent data.

R.E.

We will be looking at special places.

Science

We will focus upon forces, and we will investigate pushes and pulls and if possible magnetic forces (for this you will ideally need to have 2 bar magnets).

Topic

In history, we will be continuing our studies of the Stone Age to the Iron Age and will complete some lovely art work based upon this topic, we also make our very own round houses.

YEAR 4

English

For the last four weeks of term, we will be studying variety of short stories using the books 'Short' by Kevin Crossly Holland and 'Short and Scary' by Louise Cooper together with the retelling of traditional tales such as Sinbad and Icarus. We will study how to twist an original version of the story to produce our own version. We will then gather these together into a class anthology. We will also write diary entries to enable us to empathise with a character and see events from their point of view. Additionally, we will be writing a set of instructions about how to make a set of wings, escape from a labyrinth etc. based upon the stories that we have read, and finally we will look at some poetry too.

Maths

We will study money and statistics, looking at different types of graphs and creating and completing our own surveys.

Science

We will focus upon the states of matter, and we will focus particular upon how materials change state. We will be recapping some of our work classifying items into the three states of matter (solids, liquids and gases) and then consider through several experiments the processes of freezing and melting and condensing and evaporating. We will then learn how these processes work within the water cycle.



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R.E

Our R.E. for the last few weeks will be looking at God's people and those who followed his way.

Topic

We will be looking at 'Food' in our geography work building upon work that we completed earlier in the year concerning food miles. Now we extend this by learning about the journey of bread from field to fork and consider some of the issues raised by how we use our land to feed our population. This links with our DT work for the last two weeks of the term where we will be learning about different types of bread, making bread and cooking with bread.

RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

For those children from these year groups who remain at home, please be assured that they will still have access to the very same lessons and activities on Google Classroom that are taking place in school.

After inviting many classes back from the 1st June, the teachers have been working fulltime onsite to staff the many bubbles. Children may still submit their work when completed and teachers will monitor this and provide feedback to the children as much as possible. The teachers will still of course upload a weekly video / letter to keep in touch and should you have any concerns, or wish to communicate with the class teacher, please do so on Google classroom and they will endeavor to reply as soon as he / she can.

Thank you once again for your understanding and support in these strange times. We are very much looking forward to returning to some sense of normality, as I am sure you all are. With regards to what our return to school in September looks like, we will of course communicate this to you once the Government has finalised their plans and announced it to schools.

Kind regards,

Mrs Porter and Mrs Moore.