



# ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE CHURCH of ENGLAND

## (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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### Nursery Newsletter 5

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a rather unusual half term! Unfortunately, due to the ongoing COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak, the school will continue to remain closed to prevent further spread of the virus. I hope you are all managing to stay fit and well during this time, as well as enjoying time together as a family.

This half term our topic is 'Our Wonderful World'. To support you further at home, I have created our usual topic web full of the exciting learning which would have been taking place at Nursery. This may inspire and support you in your learning journey at home with your child. However, I am very aware that parents are not teachers and the most important thing, at the moment, is ensuring that everyone is happy and healthy. Please use the topic web and the new home learning pack (available via the website in class news) to support your child as you see best.

In Nursery we would have been using the texts, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. You can listen to the stories using the following links;

The Very Hungry Caterpillar – [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXHScpo\\_Vv8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXHScpo_Vv8) (story read by Eric Carle)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY> (animated film)

Jasper's Beanstalk - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jemrWJX7xJo>

In phonics we would have been looking at blending and segmenting words. To practise oral blending, you could say some sounds, such as /c/-/u/-/p/ and see whether your child can pick out a cup from a group of objects. For segmenting practise, you could hold up an object such as a sock and ask your child to use their metal microphone robot voice to segment and tell you which sounds they can hear in the word sock. I will add activities for blending and segmenting to the home learning pack. Please use only pure sounds. I have added a short video about this. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

Physical activity can be difficult to accomplish whilst needing to stay at home, however there is a range of online activities which you could use to exercise with your child. The Body Coach, Joe Wicks, is holding a live 30 minute PE lesson each weekday morning at 9am. You can watch this live on his YouTube channel. The website [www.gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com) also offers a range of fun physical movement videos (Nursery particularly love 'Dinosaur Stomp'). If you would like something calmer, Cosmic Kids Yoga offers a range of simple yoga videos for children, linked to stories. Again, these are available at <https://www.cosmickids.com/> or on YouTube. Below is the link to cosmic kids yoga for 'The very hungry Caterpillar'.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhWDiQRrC1Y>

To help support your child further at home, you could encourage your child to use both a knife and fork at mealtimes, explore the garden on a minibeast hunt, bake together and engage children in preparing food at family mealtimes, practise independently putting on their coat and fastening it and also independently getting themselves dressed in the morning.

All of the weblinks will also be accessible via the home learning pack on the website under class news, Nursery, where I have also added more activities for you to try at home.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns, please do contact me by email, my address is:  
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I look forward to seeing the exciting things you do. If you can, please upload photos of your activities to Tapestry, twitter or email me directly. I do love to see all the exciting things the children have been up to.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Francis