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(VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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Reception Newsletter 6

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed some time together as a family in the sunshine. This half term some children will begin over the coming weeks to return to school, whilst others will continue to stay at home and access home learning. As always, we endeavour to support you and your child as much as possible. Home learning opportunities will continue to be added to the class page of the school website and support will still be available via email/phone calls.

This half term our topic is 'Journeys'. This we will focus upon the journey children have made in Reception and supporting children with their transition to Year 1. To support you further at home, I have created our usual topic web full of the exciting learning which Reception would be enjoying this half term. This may inspire and support you in your learning journey at home with your child as well as informing parents of attending children what the focus of learning is. Please use the topic web and the new home learning pack to support the children as you see best.

After this pro-longed absence from school it is important that we take care of children's well-being and mental health and this will continue to be our main priority. We will use the online book, Everybody Worries, to allow children explore any of the worries they have at the moment. The book is accessible for free online at <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/api/interactives/29765.html>.

In Reception we will explore Amelia Earhart and air travel. We will use the text, 'I am Amelia Earhart' to think about all the things she learnt to do as she got older. You can listen to the stories using the following link; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ww_KQyvprOY This text and the topic of Journeys will allow us to think about being resilient, determination and being positive. The home school learning pack will provide activities/ideas to explore this further.

It is important, where possible, to continue to read with your child. Oxford Owls are continuing to offer parents free accounts to access books online. You can create an account and access books at <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>. Once on the site, please select books for ages 4-5. The following book titles are suitable for Reception children to read;

Big, Bad Bug	The Big Carrot	Tiger's Family
Code	A Dog's Day	An Odd Bug
Ant and the Baby	Quiz	Leek Hotpot
Silver Foil Rocket	The Birthday Cake	Toads in the Road
Turnip is Missing	What's the weather like today?	Dragon Training
Goal!	No Tricks Gran	Painting the loft
The Play Park	The Race	

Please use these to continue to practice recognising the sounds and building words with children using their phonic bags. Children who are attending school will read with an adult throughout the week.

Physical activity is a great way to improve children's moods and is one way to support mental health. The website www.gonoodle.com offers a range of fun physical movement videos. 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.

Doing school work at home can be difficult, however here are some simple ideas to help support your child further at home, and prepare them for the transition to Year 1. You could encourage your child to complete a small writing activity each day, such as a diary of the things they have done, a letter to family or a friend or writing about their favorite stories. They could also practice using a mouse for a computer and having the responsibility of tidying an area of the house each day.

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

I hope these ideas are helpful! If you have any questions, worries or concerns, please do contact me by email, my address is: katie.wilkinson@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk.

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.

Stay Safe!

Yours sincerely

Miss Wilkinson