

Newsletter

1st May 2020

It's week 2 of Term 5 in our virtual school. The weather is mixed and we understand that you will find 'wet play' and learning trickier than ever when in this period of school closure.

Please keep talking to our staff, who are contacting you on the phone or email us if you want to share your frustrations or need help. We may be able to help you, even if it means we speak to your child to support motivation, behaviour and let them share their thoughts with us.

Week 2 of 5

There are 5 weeks of this term. During the half term, there will be a break from the distance learning and the weekly phone calls. Please use these facts to support motivating the children.

The Distance Learning will continue to be uploaded each Monday onto the class blogs:

www.preschoolhva.wordpress.com ww.receptionhva.wordpress.com www.year1hva.wordpress.com www.year2hva.wordpress.com www.year3hva.wordpress.com www.year4hva.wordpress.com

Well done everyone – It's great to see how resourceful you all being:

Doubling and halving with wrestling figures...





Creating art with natural objects



Creating your own match up cards to learn the time



Distance Learning – Maths – A change to note



From next week, we will be steering you towards particular lessons from the White Rose Maths 'Home learning' instead of PowerPoints we have been creating. We believe these lessons are easy to follow,

provide variety of questions and answers and a short but high quality video to support learning. We do use the White Rose Scheme to support teaching Maths in school, so this resource will follow similar approaches. All the resources will be hosted on our blogs.

Weekly Phone calls

We really want to stay in touch. The phone calls are clearly successful as we are answering questions and enthusing the children. We would like parents to be mindful that staff are making these calls from their mobile phones and are also, in many cases,

managing these many calls with young children at home. So please can we all enjoy and make the most of the calls but try to limit the calls to no more than 15 minutes each.



Government advice

The government continues to update a key page on supporting parents at this time of school closure: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers



Bug Club - Reading

This is a fantastic resource. The books are allocated by teachers, specifically aimed at the right levels for your child. It comes with reading support (click on the read aloud button) and also



Bug Club

provides questions. We know many of you are trying to read other home books, <u>but please consider that these books are specifically designed with progressive exposure to language, as well as being appropriate in terms of context.</u> The books are not always large but they are appropriate and skilfully put together to develop reading.

Some of you have noticed that you can access Bug Club Maths Factor. Feel free to access this but we are not setting tasks to do with this.

Mrs Brice

At the end of this week, Mrs Brice will be going off on maternity leave. She is planning to return in January. We wish Mrs Brice all the best for this time and she has shared her intention to stay in touch with us all. Please note that Mrs Russell and Miss Billitteri will lead distant learning in Year 2 Elder class, as planned.



Rainbow project in school

Mr Wilkinson, our premises manager, is keen, with the help of some of our older working children, to paint some of our outdoor furniture in rainbow colours. We would like donations of coloured vinyl emulsion.



You can bring the paints to outside the front door entrance of the school on any day and he will collect.

Inclusion Blog: www.inclusionhva.wordpress.com

Have you seen this blog? The resources on here are building and one that is proving popular is family cooking ideas:

https://inclusionhva.wordpress.com/familycooking/



Mrs Standeven, our Science lead in school and Mrs Rose are now teaming up to help you squeeze the science language when cooking with your child.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everybody's business. If you have a concern about a family or child in particular, you can discuss this with the Safeguarding team at school by contacting enquiries@haywoodvillaegacademy.org.uk or contact North Somerset's Safeguarding Partnership on 01275 888 801.

Weekly diary

- Monday:
 9:45am FacebookLive
 2pm Community walk/exercise from a member of staff.
- <u>During the week</u>, teachers will record a short 'hello' video via Twitter/ class website. The school Youtube channel, will be updated with regular stories read by our staff and or teaching videos.
 - There will also be an assembly during the week focusing on school values. This will be on the Youtube channel.
- Wednesday: 9:45am FacebookLive
 Mid-week mentions
 2pm Community walk/exercise from a member
 of staff.
- <u>Friday:</u>

 4:15pm FacebookLive Assembly with Mr Jones (This will be recorded on the radio at the same time).

Golden mention:

Frankie deserves a 'Golden M'. Since we have closed, Frankie has shown such positivity in his own learning. He has also shared a genuine concern and interest for his friends. Alongside the support of his family, Frankie has wanted and read to children in his class and find out if "they are okay". He has gathered lots of items he believes other may not have, such as story books and toys, to donate for others to collect. He is a really kind person, who is empathising with others.



Be safe and please keep in touch - Mr Jones

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