

7 May 2020

Headteacher: Mr Paul Henery

Deputy Head appointment

We are very pleased to let you know that, from September, our new Deputy Headteacher will be Ellie Tovell. Interviews, via Zoom, were held this week, with the involvement of the new Headteacher from September, Rebecca Clarke, school governors and our link advisor Teresa Osborne. Mrs Tovell will maintain her teaching role whilst also having dedicated management time working with Mrs Clarke on the full range of leadership and management tasks relating to teaching and learning in our school.

Easing of lockdown / school planning

As you know, there has been lots of speculation in the media about schools re-opening, in a very carefully planned, manageable way. As yet, we have not been given definite guidance about how exactly this will be planned (we should know much more after Sunday). Please be reassured that we shall be doing all we can to manage this situation as carefully and safely as we can, with further specific communication to parents when we know more.

VE Day

As you can see, from the bunting we have been making with our small group of key worker pupils at school, we have been thinking about the meaning of VE day and the importance of marking this very special moment in history. I am sure that you all will be remembering VE day in your own different ways over this special Bank Holiday weekend.

We have put quite a lot of VE day links into the children's home learning pages this week, but this five minute clip from the BBC learning site is very helpful for children particularly in KS2 to understand the significance of VE day:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>

The Skills Toolkit

Want to learn a new skill while at home? Find free, high quality digital and numeracy courses in The Skills Toolkit from the UK government.

These are all short courses that can be completed at home, in your own time, at your own pace.

There are 3 levels of course, introductory, intermediate and advance. If you know an older person in your family who might want to learn new skills, or you want to improve your skills for job prospects, these would be really useful.

<https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/>



Online safety activities



The ThinkUKnow team at CEOP have released their 4th activity packs for children and young people around online safety. These are short activities, approx. 15 minutes each that you can do at home.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

Science experiment

Olivia, Erin and Owen learnt that Florence Nightingale realised that by washing hands it stopped the spread of disease, so they did a science experiment to prove this is right. They put some water in a pot with pepper acting as the germs, a blob of soap was dropped into the water and the pepper moved to the side showing that the soap kills off the germs.

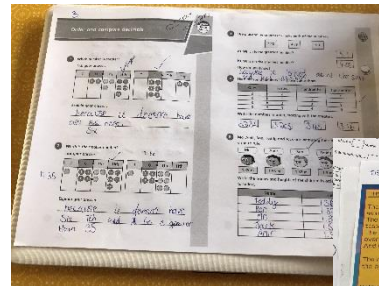
If you want to try this yourself click on the following link and follow the instructions
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/germs-experiment>



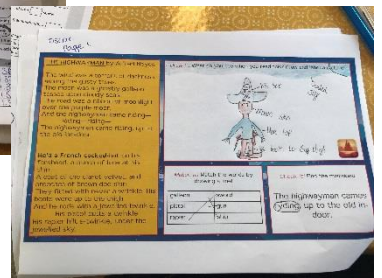
Acle Food Bank

Pauline Clark, from the Parish Council, wanted our school community to know about the food bank which has been set up for local families. If anyone needs assistance, do please get in touch with Pauline, either by phone (01493 751070) or private message on Facebook at Acle Emergency Planning – Resilience.

If parents want to donate they can drop off non-perishable foods outside the door at the Acle Methodist Church on Thursdays between 10 and 11 am.



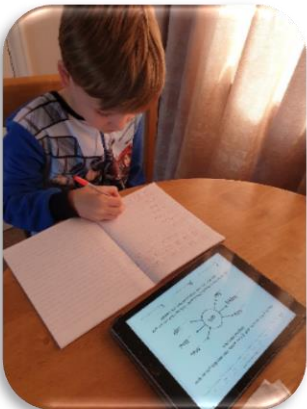
Oscar's maths and literacy work



Year 2's



Joe's watercolour painting



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