



St Peter's Head Teacher News

Doing all the good we can through faith, love and excellence

8th May, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope that you are all well and continuing to support each other during these unprecedented times. There has been so much speculation about schools reopening recently. However, I have no more information than you do as I sit and write to you. As soon as I have anything confirmed then I will inform you. We continue to support you remotely as much as we possibly can and we continue to remain open for our key worker parent's children. Thank you to all the staff for their support and hard work in achieving this.

Home learning

Each Friday, the teachers send out their week ahead resources and a daily routine suggestion. Further resources can then be found on our website in each Class page section. If you are struggling to access these resources then please let us know as we will get hard copies delivered out to you.

Here are some extra resources:

Science home learning:

As we are part of the Canterbury Primary Science Partnership, we will be sharing each week some links to videos and activities from King's School which the children can try safely at home without too much equipment.

The resources are on the website, at: <https://www.kings-partnerships.co.uk/resources/>

You can follow on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Kings_Partners where other activities and links will appear from time to time with the hashtag #CPSP.

1. SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

- a) A fun art/craft project which can also teach a bit of science and maths is to make a paper twirler: <https://artfulparent.com/paper-twirlers/>



You simply cut out a spiral from paper or card - which you can decorate first - and hang it from

the middle by some thread. If you hang it above a heater (in winter anyway!) the warm air rising bounces off the spiral arms and makes it turn. This is called a convection current. You might have an elderly neighbour who would appreciate one of these to make their home look more colourful; otherwise, the King's School can deliver to a care home. Let me know!

b) And this is a lovely collection of activities for all the family:

<https://www.exploratorium.edu/snacks/collection/family>



In this example, you rub a balloon to make it static, then use the static electricity to make a can roll!

2. SCIENCE FILM

Christina Astin, from the partnership, had a go at making her own film of some fun “kitchen science” experiments! Let me know if you have a go too.

<https://vimeo.com/415932994>

French home learning:

There are excellent video clips and interactive activities for everyone in KS2 on the home learning grid.

Here is the link for the home learning for French home learning:

<https://www.chorleyssp.co.uk/parents/french/21646/ks2-french-activities>

VE day 2020



This Friday will mark the 70th anniversary of VE Day, the end of the Second World War in Europe. At 3pm on 8th May 1945, The Prime Minister Winston Churchill made a radio speech to tell Britain that the war was over. This resulted in a nation rejoicing with men, women and children throwing parties, lighting fires and ringing bells. The skies were also full of planes marking victory high above us.

We, as a school community, were hoping to commemorate the event but unfortunately due to

the current situation this is not possible. However, here is a link to help your children to understand what VE day is about:

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

Here are some activity ideas:

- A creative writing task where children imagine being a part of the celebrations
- Design a newspaper front page from the day
- Make flags and bunting to decorate your house
- Why don't you, design a medal, or make a spiffire. You could even research some wartime recipes and have a go at baking one!

I would love to see some pictures of any of these activities for my next newsletter.

Here is a link to Collective Worship provided by the Methodist Schools:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBqO1mQZN6o&t=48s>

Free School Meal Vouchers

If you think that you might be entitled to these then please apply on-line, the school receives extra funding too, so it is worth checking:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Virtual Sports Challenge Week 2 update from Mrs McLanaghan

Well done to all the new and returning Sports Challenge participants. There were three football skills to try out and improve on this week - passing, dribbling, and a trickier drop-kick-catch challenge. They were all slightly more difficult than last week's speed bounce, but your perseverance shone through with some great results. The girls have dominated the competition however, and judging by their amazing scores, the future of our girl's football team looks very promising for years to come! A special and well-deserved mention goes to Sophie (4) who scored the highest points across all 3 challenges, and to Elisia (2) who managed a brilliant 27 drop-kick-catches, after receiving coaching from her older brother.

Green team are still in the lead, although yellow team are only 1 point behind, with red and blue tied in third place.

The top three scorers in KS1 are Elisia (2), Daphne (2) and Patrick (R)

The top three scorers in KS2 are Sophie (4), Artemis (5) and Farah (6)

Look out for information on the next challenge on Monday when it would be great to see as many as possible of you having a go.

Continuing to communicate

As a school, we will continue to keep you updated and informed as regularly as we need to. We are all still here for you. Please do not hesitate to contact the school on headteacher@st-peters-canterbury.kent.sch.uk or phone 01227 464392. Mrs Pearson is available on dpearson@st-peters-canterbury.kent.sch.uk or 07522 922088.

We are also updating our Facebook page regularly. Please follow/like our page>

<https://www.facebook.com/StPeters/>

Once again, we would all like to say a big thank you to all our key-workers; we value and applaud you.

Keep safe, stay healthy and keep smiling.

Best wishes

Kristina Dyer

Head Teacher



Our St.Peter's family photos

Please keep your photos coming; it is lovely to see you all. If you would like to share photos of activities your children are enjoying at home then please email them to headteacher@st-peters-canterbury.kent.sch.uk (please also provide written permission for me to put these photos on social media).

Last week Rainbow Class were scientists! They enjoyed rescuing objects frozen in ice, investigating how different liquids changed gummy bears, life cycles of caterpillars and frogs and many other experiments!

There are also some more examples of how our hand and footprints can be changed into all kinds of wonderful pictures!

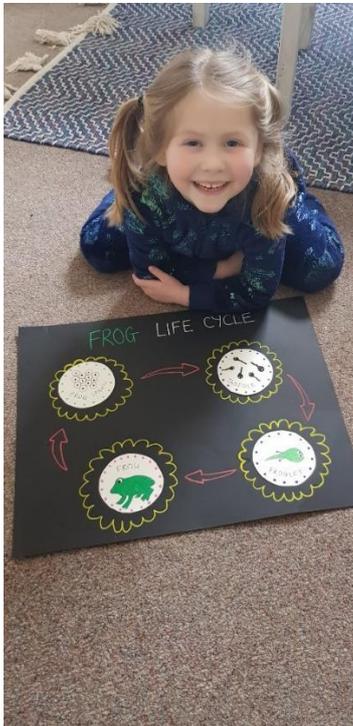
Here is Livia enjoying hand printing and a milk investigation. I love her Flamingo hand print picture!



Louis's ice experiment and Patrick's ice challenge.



Pheobe's life cycle work and wonderful Octopus hand print picture.



Seren's ice challenge.

Tom's Midnight garden
 Peter has the measles
 Tom needs to go away
 He wants to say
 I don't want to go away

In the midnight garden
 On the flagstone floor
 Is this my garden
 Tom is not quite sure

Building a treehouse
 Hatty suddenly galls
 Abel carries her in the house
 Tom loudly calls

Peter tells him he needs to go home
 Tom gives a deep sigh
 I need to go, midnight garden
 Time to say goodbye!

Poetry by Sophie L in Class 4

The night
 In the night all of the
 beautiful stars are shining
 Shining moon casting
 a light on the dark.
 Dark shadows following
 me around in the night
 Around each corner I am
 scared of what I find.
 I find an owl making
 in a tree.
 Trees looming reaching out to me.
 Me and my friends are very
 scared.
 Scared of the foot steps I
 hear.
 Hearing cats fighting oh so near.
 Near is the end of the night.

Poetry by Freya in Year 2

The night

In the night all of the beautiful stars are shining.
 Shining moon casting a light on the dark.
 Dark shadows following me around.
 Around each corner I am scared of what I find.
 I find an owl waking in a tree.
 Trees looming reaching out to me.
 Me and my friends are very scared.
 Scared of the footsteps I hear.
 Hearing cats fighting oh so near.
 Near is the end of the night.