



Newsletter week beginning 6th April 2020

Dear families...

I hope you have all had the best start to the Easter holidays possible under the most challenging of times. Can we thank you for taking the time to complete the survey last week regarding our home learning approach. In total we had 454 responses across the four schools and we will be taking onboard much of your feedback. In the weeks after Easter (should lockdown continue) we will be looking to:

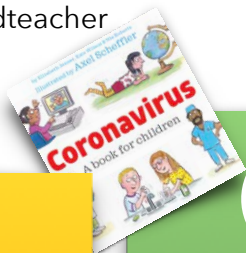
- Build in greater interactions between pupils and teachers. We have been trialing this approach in a number of classes across the Trust through Google Classroom and also an app called Seesaw. We will write to you with further details in the coming weeks.
- How we can help families who don't own any technology or only have the use of a smartphone.
- Trial different methods of teaching online including through the use of YouTube - we will be in touch with further details soon.

It has been wonderful to see so many pieces of excellent work showcased on Twitter - if you have sent a tweet with your child's work then thank you for taking the time to share it with us. Over the Easter holidays we took the decision that we should be seeking to further support the NHS and show our appreciation - with this in mind we have created a special [NHS Learning Project](#) that you can access with your child. The main aim of this project is to share absolute positivity about these heroic individuals and all they do for us. If you get the chance, please do this project with your child, tweet some of the learning and be sure to use both hashtags #TheLearningProjects and #YourNHS so that we can demonstrate solidarity with these exceptional people. If you would prefer to share work via email then you can send it to learningprojects@robinhoodmat.co.uk

Finally, we would like to take the opportunity to officially thank all of our school staff across the schools who have gone above and beyond over this period of shutdown and are working many hours to help develop new methods of learning and systems for our children to use. Please rest assured that everyone in our schools are constantly striving to help support each and every family.

Kind regards

Steve Taylor
Executive Headteacher



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MR FRANTASTIC!

Mr FranTastic goes back to his 80s roots this week with a 1989 classic.

Weekly Workout 3
[here...](#)

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CORONAVIRUS

This word is the reason that you're not going to school. It is the reason you can't go outside very often or visit your friends. This book explains it all to children.

[Coronavirus - A book for children](#)

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BBC EDUCATION PUSH

The BBC will offer daily programmes to help parents and children with schoolwork.

Starting on 20th April, videos, quizzes, podcasts and articles will appear on BBC Bitesize Daily via the BBC iPlayer, red button, BBC Four and BBC Sounds. See [here](#) for more details.

Yenton Primary



Alfie gets the Lego out to help him learn his 2 x tables. Lego maths... Love it!

Ulverley School



Imogen raises over £400 for the NHS with a 12hr trampoline marathon.

Robin Hood Academy



A fantastic Elmer made from a milk carton - A Reception home learning challenge.

Cedars Academy



Alex has been working hard to really sharpen up his quick recall of the times tables, but still managing to get some fresh air.

What's been happening this week?

There's been some great writing shared from children across all the schools this week which can be seen [here](#). After Easter we will be setting up systems across all schools for teachers to give children feedback on the work they've been doing at home. If you love writing stories and need some inspiration have a look at [these](#) inspiring pictures and story starters and let your imagination run free. For other ideas for writing opportunities check [this](#) out...

Useful FREE things to use at home with your children

[Audible](#)

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: all children's audiobooks are available for free while schools are closed.

[Elevenses with the World of David Walliams](#)

Key stages: key stage 2

Description: one free audio book reading is available to listen to every day.

[Big Cat e-books](#)

Key stages: key stage 1

Description: free e-books and worksheets from Collins

[The Day Newsletter](#)

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: a daily newsletter for parents and carers at home with children, helping to enrich learning with real-world knowledge and skills.

Registration: is required

[Numberblocks](#)

Key stages: early years foundation stage

Description: videos for numeracy development designed for children aged 0 to 6. There are fun activities that can be applied to everyday life and play.

[White Rose Maths \(home learning\)](#)

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: presentations and downloadable workbooks which are easy to use for parents. New material is being released each week.

[BBC Bitesize](#)

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: interactive resources covering the primary science curriculum.

