

Maybury News

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Home Learning Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I just wanted to send a HUGE thank you to all of you for supporting the school over this difficult time.

As we head into the Easter holidays, there will be no daily activities set by school. Instead if you would like to continue with some daily learning, only if you wish to, then we would suggest some daily reading, basic maths skill using Times Tables Rock Stars and using Bug club. **This is completely optional and you may just prefer to relax as a family!** Daily Activities begin again on the 20th April.

It is perfectly fine for children to be bored. You don't have to be there entertaining them all the time. They don't need every hour of the day scheduled. This is maybe a time when you choose to prioritise family time over home learning time - this is your choice as parents. Don't feel you have to complete every home learning activity, prioritise maths and English as these are key skills.

Going forward I wanted to remind all families about the **weeks that follow after Easter.**

First and foremost, the **school remains CLOSED** to the vast majority of children and we only have a skeleton staff. We will update you when the school is due to reopen.

We have been reminded frequently on the news to highlight to all families that whilst the school remains a place for the very few children who need this facility to be cared for, that we need to reduce the number of children making the journey to school to **further lower the risk of spreading the virus and infecting vulnerable people in our communities. Social distancing is a challenge in a classroom environment and the risk therefore is higher with 2 or more.** I cannot emphasise this enough that school is **ONLY** open for parents who are critical to the Covid 19 response who cannot be cared for safely at home. **The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.**

Staff will continue to prepare home learning and we will look forward to receiving pictures of things you are doing at home. Remember, try and keep to a daily routine for children. Learning takes many different forms and if they don't complete everything or anything - don't worry! Try to read with them, talk with them and encourage them to play and have fun. **Do continue to send us pictures that show how your child has been caught learning** to homelearning@maybury.surrey.sch.uk.

Mrs Merritt
Headteacher

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Staying Safe Online

While we adapt to these new and uncertain times, there will certainly be changes to how much screen time your child is having. We think it is important to celebrate what a fantastic tool the internet can be at times like this by bringing to your attention some of the great resources being offered online while schools are closed:

Maddie Moate on Youtube is offering a live science session at 11am each day. This week they have looked at parks and gardens in an exciting, engaging way for children. These are all available to be watched from previous days too and last around 30 minutes each time.

Joe Wicks is doing a live PE lesson each day at 9:00am to get children moving! This is definitely worth checking out and lasts around half an hour.

Ruth Miskin Training is running daily speed sounds phonics lessons that are worth looking at if your child is working on their phonics skills.

Cosmic Kids Yoga has lots of great yoga videos for children to work on.



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What a special privilege to be able to share in your home learning and to celebrate the wonderful learning taking place at home. This week we have many more lovely pictures to share that have been emailed to us.

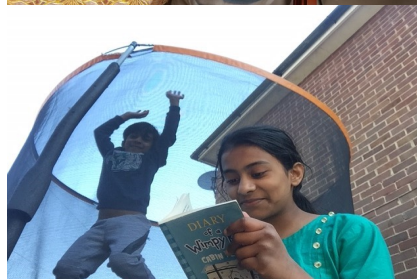
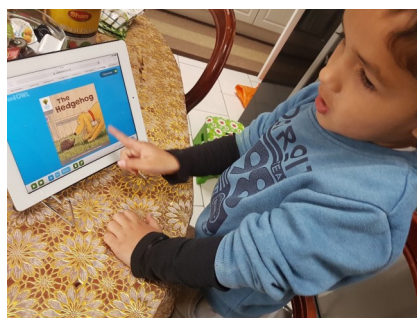
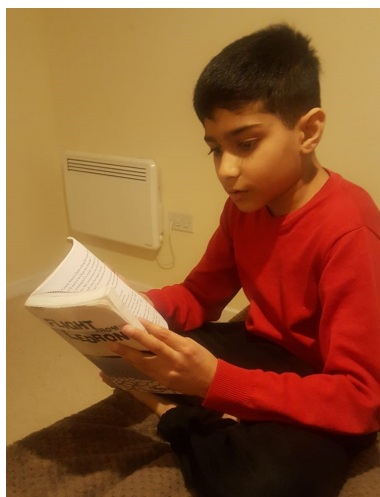
Remember that the next two weeks will be our Easter Holidays and during these weeks, teachers will not be setting daily learning tasks. Don't forget that you can continue to read using Bug Club, explore spelling patterns using Ed Shed and use Times Table Rockstars to keep practising your times tables. Can you complete any of the Easter challenges below?

Easter Challenges:

- ⇒ **Have a tea party/indoor picnic for the people in your household. Can you also create invitations and menus for it?**
- ⇒ **Build a den using blankets.**
- ⇒ **Make sock puppets with old socks and create a little show.**
- ⇒ **Make and decorate biscuits.**
- ⇒ **Create a Easter egg or treasure hunt with clues.**
- ⇒ **Look at family photos together.**
- ⇒ **Make paper aeroplanes and have a race.**
- ⇒ **Freeze toys in ice (put them in the freezer with some water) and then rescue them.**
- ⇒ **Make up your own dance routine.**
- ⇒ **Create your own computer art using Paint.**
- ⇒ **Create something new using junk modelling.**

Reading at home

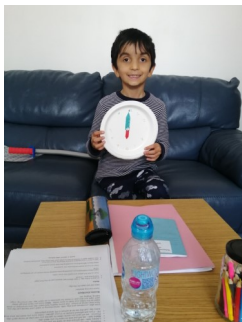
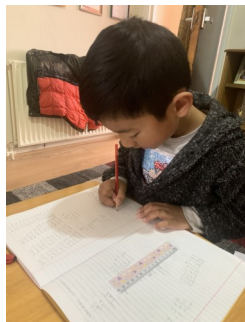
"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go." from Dr Seuss. We may not be able to physically go far at the moment, but reading can take you to outer space, into the deepest oceans, to far away countries or maybe even to a land of fairies. While we are spending longer at home than normal, take your imagination on an adventure by reading regularly and maybe even write your own book! Remember you can read on Bug Club if you run out of books at home.



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Maths at home

This week you have been completing a whole range of maths activities. We have seen practical Maths, like Yousaf's home-made clock and Manaal's counting in twos using objects from home. Computer Maths, like Arya's home learning completed on the Ipad. Then Praman has been recording his Maths in his home learning book—he has taken so much care over his presentation! Remember that the easiest areas of Maths to keep practising are your counting skills (including times tables), telling the time and directions (including left, right, compass directions and horizontal and vertical). Can you ask someone at home to set you time, counting or direction challenges?



Helping at home

It is so lovely to see more of you helping at home. Look at Shaurya and Dhairya helping with the cleaning at home. Junainah has also been helping her brother with his home learning—what good team work! Could you help make your bed, put away some of your laundry, help cook the dinner or tidy away some of your toys at home? Send us some pictures of how you are being helpful.



Relaxing with your pets

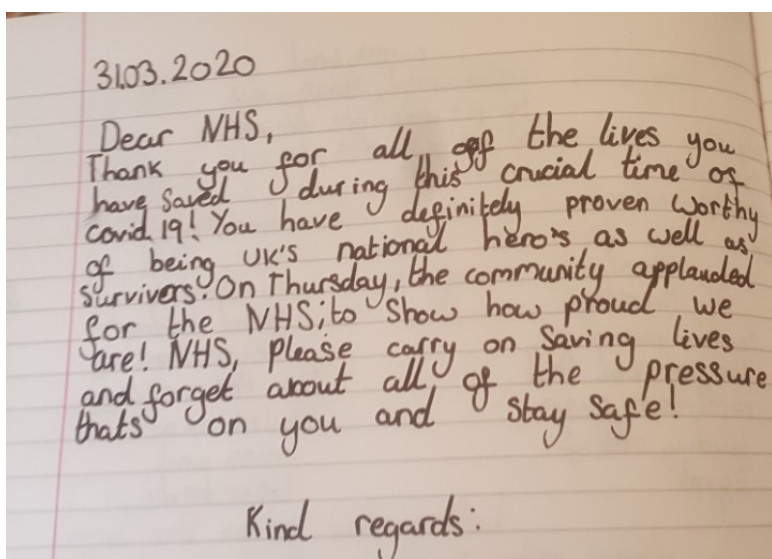
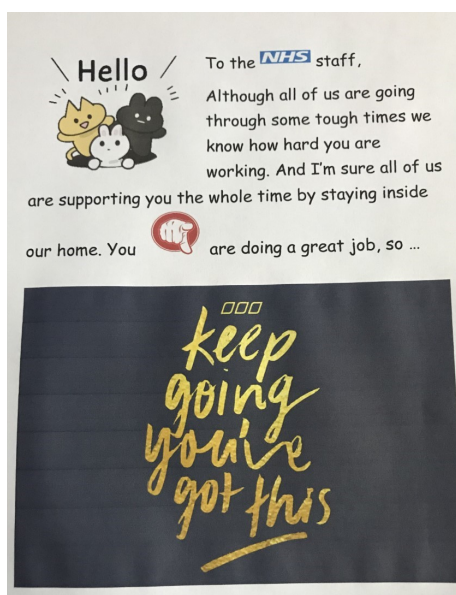
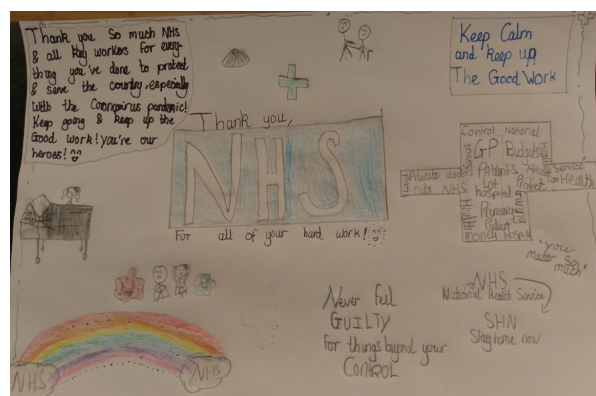
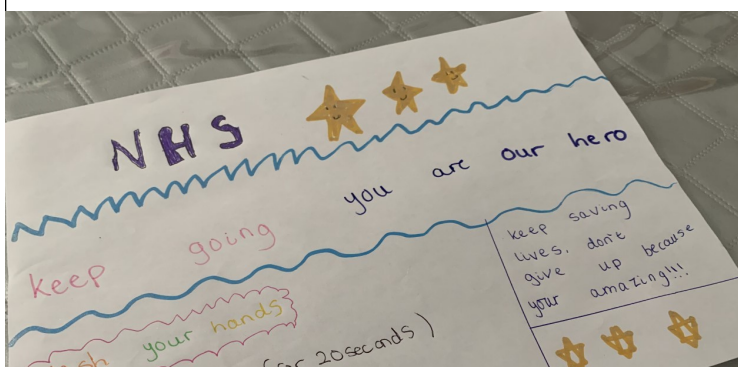
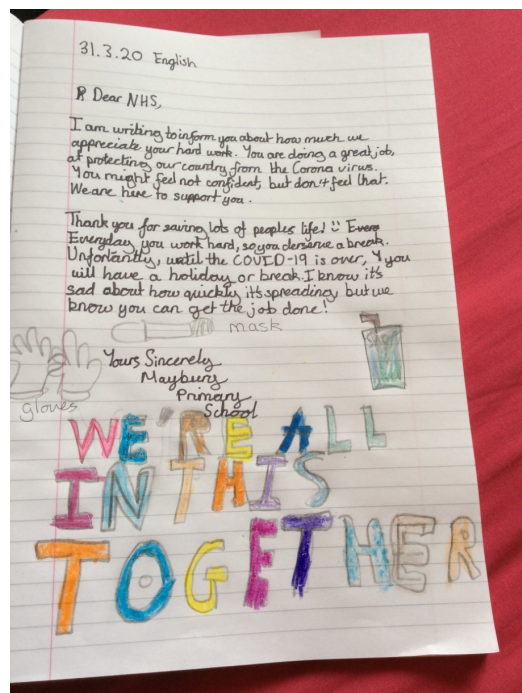
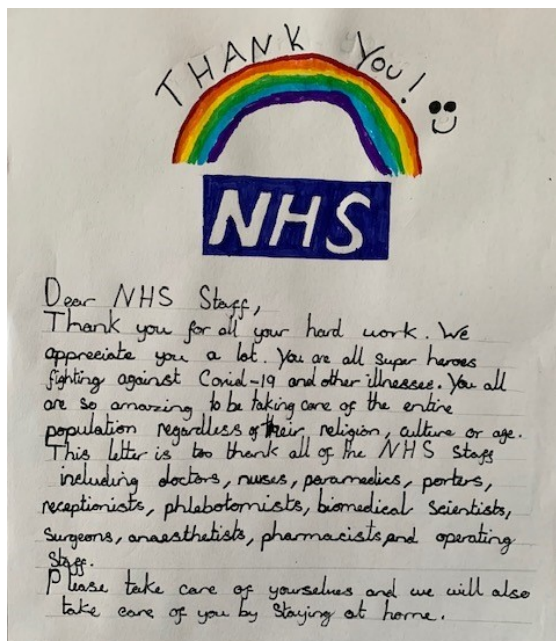
Those of you who have pets at home have been spending some quality time relaxing together (including Mrs Sullivan who is a strong believer of puppy power to relieve stress). Shiven has been giving his dog lots of cuddles and Mrs Gigg's has been looking after her guinea pigs at home.



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Letters to our key workers

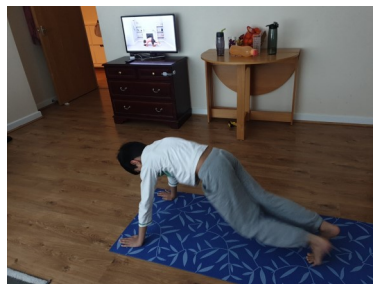
Sea Turtles class have been reflecting on the amazing job our key workers are doing during this critical time of Covid 19. Their letters are so well written and thoughtful. Perhaps you might like to write your own letter.



Wellbeing at home

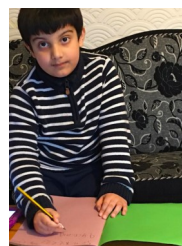
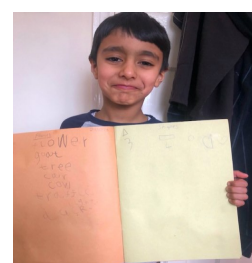
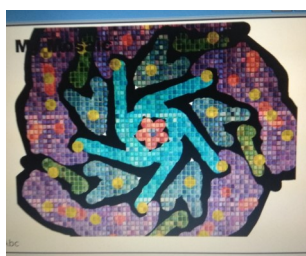
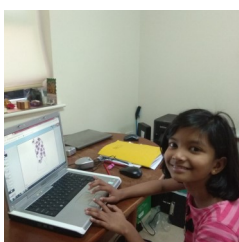
Keeping fit

It is important to keep our bodies fit while we are at home. If you are able to, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk or a bike ride with someone in your household. If you are not able to get out, there are some great exercising workouts online, including 'PE with Jo' or try Cosmic Yoga.



Spend time on your talents

This week lots of you have been busy crafting, colouring and cooking at home. Mrs Bales has been creating Easter cards using finger paints, Mrs Giggs has been cooking with her daughter and Yazhini has been creating some computer art! It would be lovely to see you developing your singing skills at home. Try the home learning section on Sing Up and pretend that you are back in Singing Assembly with Mrs Sullivan <https://www.singup.org/home-schooling>.



Until next time...

Remember to have a go at completing some of the Easter challenges from the first page of the newsletter. You might also like to have a go at creating a happiness jar. If you don't have a jar: a box, tub or bag will do. Decorate it to make it look special for you. Then add the things that make you happy to the jar on bits of paper. Mrs Butler's children made their own jars and found it helpful to focus on all the happy things in their lives. You can then get your jar out whenever you are feeling sad and it will remind you of all the happy things in your life. We hope that you manage to find moments of peace and lots of happiness over the Easter fortnight. Be assured that all at Maybury Primary School are thinking about you daily!

