



## Rosecroft Primary & Nursery School Weekly Newsletter

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Be the change that you wish to see in the world. Mahatma Gandhi

Welcome back to 'school' after the Easter Break! Our school continues to feel a little bit different with work being shared via the website and with teachers talking to you via email. We are aiming to update the website every fortnight with new work for completing at home, but do keep your eye out for any other work appearing on there.

This term, Mrs Charlotte Whytte has joined the team in capacity of Interim Deputy Headteacher. She is working closely with the teaching staff, Mrs Stamps and Mrs Drew as part of the rota at Attleborough Primary School, as well as looking after our curriculum, teaching and learning.

Whilst school itself feels a little bit different, some of the normal, regular functions of the school remain in place. This week, the Governing Body held its scheduled meeting as a virtual meeting, ensuring that the everyday business of the school continues to be addressed and managed. They have passed their thanks to the staff of the school for all that they have done over the last few weeks to keep everything going and as normal as possible.

In this week's edition, we have also included some quiz questions from FORPS. Whilst a number of fundraising activities have understandably been put on hold, they continue to work on our behalf and are already planning things for our return.

This week you may have received a phone call from school. Even though we are heavily relying on the internet for communicating with you, we value being able to talk to you and the power of hearing a voice. Don't worry if you haven't received a call yet, we're still getting the hang of the logistics of this, but will endeavour to speak to all of our families as soon as we can.

As usual, we wish you a fantastic weekend, hopefully with continued clear skies for some of the best night-sky watching of the year!

Rhiannon Price and Helen Wardale

### From the Thrive Team...

Hello from the Thrive Team!

Have a look at the following websites for ideas about staying mentally well in Lockdown!

[www.inclusiveteach.com](http://www.inclusiveteach.com) for sensory home learning it has some great ideas for those struggling.

Also on Facebook, The Thrive Approach - supporting the community to weather the storm.



## Nursery update

We hope that you are all safe and well in these uncertain times. All of the staff really miss the children and we hope that we will get the opportunity to work with them in the near future.

On the positive side, this does give you the opportunity to spend lots of time with your children. This term our topic is "Under the Sea". I will be putting some activities on the website for you to do with your children, if you would like to. With this in mind, if you do decide to do some of the activities, we would be extremely grateful if you could take some photographs for the children's learning stories. If you do not have a printer at home, this is not a problem as we can print out the pictures when we return to school.

We are still looking for any resources that you could donate for our outside area:

- Saucepans
- Strainers
- Large metal or wooden spoons
- Whisks
- Cake tins
- Muffin tins
- Guttering
- Pallets
- Rolls of wallpaper

Rosebuds Nursery Team

## Reception

Hello everyone! We hope you are all well, staying safe and enjoying the sunshine. It seems a long time since we were all together at school, but we have loved seeing and hearing about the wonderful things that you have been doing. We are so fortunate in Reception that playing is the way we learn, remember even when you don't think you are learning you are.

The adults have all been very busy too, making things for school, repairing some of the things that got tired and broken, finding new things for us all to do and learn when we are back – as well as sharing with you on the school website, spending time at Attleborough Primary with children from Rosecroft whose parents are key workers, and also chatting to you on Tapestry.

We hope you are finding the ideas we give you helpful and interesting, and that maybe you are challenging some of your grown-ups to do them too. A number of super organisations have added resources and great ideas for things you can do while we are not at school. Here are a few I think you may find particularly interesting and helpful.

The Booktrust home time - A hub of resources aimed at families and children. To see what's on offer, visit: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>

The Literacy Trust Family Zone – Divided by age group, there are lots of ideas and guidance for a variety of activities which will engage children while developing their reading, writing and language skills. To see which resources are available, visit: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

Norfolk Library Service - Although the branches are closed, they still offer online services including audio books for all ages and even some particularly suitable for those learning to read. If you are not a member you can join for free online and be able to access resources straight away. You will be issued with a library card that you can use in the Library in town when it re-opens. Children can have their own card too. The Library also has a facebook page which is hosting a number of events too: [www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesUK/](http://www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesUK/)

RSPB – Without becoming a member, you can access their website, which is a super resource for finding out about native birds and animals. They also have games and activities. Find them here: [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

Phonicsplay – I expect that a lot of you have already explored this site, but you may not realise that it has been updated. The new site is accessible on tablets and at the moment, due to Covid-19, is free to everyone. To upgrade go to: [www.New.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.New.phonicsplay.co.uk)

Please remember to keep sharing with us by email or on Tapestry, and to take time to relax and enjoy being together as a family; children grow up far too quickly. We are missing you all, children and parents, but hope that you are taking care of yourselves and each other while remaining safe and well.

With love from all the grown-ups in Reception.

## Year 1

Hello to all the lovely Year 1s and their families.

The teachers and Y1 team are all missing you and your happy smiles; keep smiling and cheering up the people in your house. We hope you have tried doing some of the home learning activities that we set you, but you have probably been doing lots of learning just by being at home chatting with your adults. Having stories read to you or chatting about television shows is a great way to keep up your comprehension skills, and you can practise reading at your level with all the great books on Bug Club.

For a fun way to keep fit and learn at the same time, check out the BBC Supermovers website. There are lots of funny songs and dances to help you remember the learning we did at school. We hope you are enjoying this Spring sunshine and finding moments for keeping fit, calm and happy every day.

Please remember to email our class email address for any questions, or if you would like to show us what you have been doing at home. We look forward to hearing from you!

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[Squirrels@rosecroft.school](mailto:Squirrels@rosecroft.school)

With love from the whole Year 1 team

## Year 2

Dear Year 2

We hope you and your families are all keeping well and have had a rest over the Easter holidays.

Mr Williams, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Moorhouse and Mr Underwood all hope that you are all finding a routine for each day now. It maybe that you start your day with some exercise, practise your handwriting or reading a book. If you are running out of ideas remember you can keep an eye out for the suggested activities that are posted on the school's website every two weeks to help keep you busy and hopefully have some fun with them whilst being at home. We hope you have managed to enjoy the sunshine a bit too and maybe you have managed to have a BBQ or two, we've even heard of some children pitching up a tent and sleeping in their back garden!

Remember to email us at school on your teacher's class email, as a reminder, these are:

[Badgers@rosecroft.school](mailto:Badgers@rosecroft.school)

[Moles@rosecroft.school](mailto:Moles@rosecroft.school)

[Deers@rosecroft.school](mailto:Deers@rosecroft.school)

We would love to hear what you have been up to!

With love from the whole Year 2 team

## Year 3

Dear Year 3,

We hope you have all had a great Easter Holidays (even with the current situation). We are very excited to receive lots of emails about your home learning. You could upload photos of what you have been doing such as cooking or gardening and we would love to see any art work you have produced. The Year 3 team have been making phone calls to you to see how you and your families are doing. If you haven't heard from us yet, don't worry, as we will speak to you as soon as we can. If you need any advice on any of our home learning activities, want to show us any work or just want to say hello then our class emails are as follows:

Mr Leather – [bats@rosecroft.school](mailto:bats@rosecroft.school)

Miss Clydesdale – [leopards@rosecroft.school](mailto:leopards@rosecroft.school)

Miss Snowden – [foxes@rosecroft.school](mailto:foxes@rosecroft.school)

Stay home, stay safe,

The Year 3 Team

## Year 4

Welcome back Year 4. The Summer term has arrived and with it a new set of home learning.

First, an apology, the supportive PowerPoint mentioned in the home learning sheet is actually the first slides of the pdf document, sorry for any confusion.

We all hope that you enjoyed your Easter break, eaten lots of chocolate and managed to get outside in the amazing sunshine; it's wonderful to see the flowers growing and to hear all the birds singing. Keep up all your hard work, we love getting emails showing us what you have been doing. It would also be great if you could share any books that you have been reading or listening to, just send your class teacher an email with a short review explaining why you love it and we will try to include some in our next newsletter.

I (Mrs Roberts) have been reading Cogheart by Peter Bunzil; a great adventure filled with twists, turns, danger and even a mechanical fox called Malkin.

Mrs Roberts, Mrs Spall and Miss Todd.

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## Year 5

The Year 5 team hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter break and that you are staying safe and well.

Mr Rhodes and Miss Allen have begun to make phone calls to our Year 5 families and it has been truly wonderful to check in and see how everyone is doing. This may take some time to contact all families but please rest assured, we will be making contact with you all.

Please remember that we are always available via our class emails. Please also check out the Rosecroft website for support/helpline numbers and e-safety advice. Keep sending us your amazing home learning and other creative experiences that you are proud of. We love all the baking, making and other activity-partaking you've been doing! We hope you found the mental health and wellbeing activities shared at the start of the week useful too.

Keep looking after yourselves and those around you and we look forward to seeing you when we can!

Year 5 Team

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## Office

All home learning activities for each year group can be found on the school website under the 'Working From Home' tab. If there is anything you can't find please let us know.

Remember, we are still here for any of your queries via email: [office@rosecroft.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@rosecroft.norfolk.sch.uk)

Keep safe!

## Safeguarding

If you haven't already, you will shortly be getting a call from your child's teacher or another member of school staff just to check in with you and to say hello. If you have any queries or questions regarding anything you think we could help with, this would be a good time to discuss them. If not, then we're enjoying just catching up with parents and children – our Rosecroft Community is still very much alive, albeit a bit different at the moment!

The current situation is proving to be really tricky for many – parents and children and everyone's worries and struggles are different. The NSPCC have put together a really useful package of information that covers topics like:

- How to talk to children worried about Coronavirus
- How to manage working from home as a parent
- Keeping children safe from abuse
- When is it ok to leave a child home alone?
- Guidance on lockdown and separated families
- How to cope with family conflict and tantrums

Follow this link and take a look – it's really user friendly!

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

As a community, it is important that we continue to look out for each other. Norfolk County Council have launched their 'See Something, Hear Something, Say Something' campaign. Please see the attached posters, they are also on our Facebook page and on our school website.

A DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) is always available during school hours to discuss any safeguarding concerns with staff or parents. Please don't hesitate to make contact if you feel you have a safeguarding concern around a child. By email: [safeguarding@rosecroft.school](mailto:safeguarding@rosecroft.school) or if you wish to speak to one of our Rosecroft Safeguarding Leads in person please call us at Attleborough Primary School on 01953 453491.

Don't forget, if you have a safeguarding concern for a child you can do this through the Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS). The Customer Service Centre can be contacted on: 0344 800 8020 and you can remain anonymous if you wish to, or you can contact the NSPCC.

## Friends

Hello from the Friends of Rosecroft Primary School also known as the FORPS.

We just wanted to let you know that we are still working behind the scenes and have put our fundraising efforts temporarily on hold until we can move forward once again. As parents and staff we have also been busy looking after our own families with home schooling and fun activities as well as keeping the key worker children safe and secure. When we can get back to doing what we do best we hope to create a magnificent event where we are able to bring together, the children, parents, staff and community in a joyous gathering. Until then we are hoping to provide you with a few fun activities to keep you occupied so keep an eye out for these!

Thank you all for your continued support. We cannot wait to see you all again and get Rosecroft's 'community defibrillator' and 'outdoor spaces' projects revived.

Stay safe and keep sane.

Warmest wishes from the FORPS team

## FORPS Lockdown Quiz

### Round 1

1. What sort of creature is a dingo?
2. In which country is the Taj Mahal?
3. Who was the first man to walk on the moon?
4. What are the names of Harry Potter's parents?
5. What are the four oceans called?
6. Which language is spoken in Australia?
7. What is the name of the tree that produces acorns?
8. What is a baby kangaroo called?
9. How many sides does a hexagon have?
10. How many strings does a violin have?

The answers to this quiz and Round 2 will be in next week's newsletter.