



Rosecroft Primary & Nursery School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This week has been a mixed bag of weather, from the very warm of the start of the week to the somewhat wet of the end! We know how frustrating this is at the moment, when every opportunity to take children outside is a bonus.

Our year group teams continue to share information and activities for you to do at home and hopefully offer a little something extra to what is on our website. Additionally, Mrs Thomas continues to source materials which could be of help to all children, so if you haven't already, check them out (they can be found under the additional needs section of the working from home tab on the website). Don't forget, Norfolk Council also have lots of activities to support you on their website, <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning-courses> and are now running courses about how to help your child become school ready if they are starting new to Reception in September.

Last week we began making phone calls home again and know that we are one of the only schools in the area to make contact with parents in this way. It's lovely to talk to you and your children, but please be patient as this isn't as easy as it sounds as when you add it up; it takes a whole day just to have a ten-minute chat with each member of a class – and that's without stopping for a break! As we've said throughout, please do get in touch with the school if you need any urgent help or support.

This week our Critical Worker hub has grown again and in order to accommodate the new numbers we have had to re-organise our bubbles. While we've tried to keep everyone the same, please don't worry if it isn't your child's usual class teacher.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome two new members of the staff team later in the term. Mr Carl Dennett has been appointed as Caretaker, while Mrs Terri Hammond will be joining us as School Business Manager. We know that they will both be an asset to the school and bring with them a wealth of experience to help us grow.

We know that this continues to be a very difficult time for families, even with the relaxation of the lockdown rules, but please do continue to take care as we look very much forward to the time we can all be back together again.

Rhiannon Price

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Resources

The Norfolk educational psychology service have compiled a brilliant bank of resources, these including tips for talking to your child about Covid 19, social stories, well-being activities and a really helpful directory of subject specific, home-learning resources.

<https://www.norfolkps.org.uk/information/schoolsacademies/covid-19/>

Learning using computer software and games

Some useful websites that have games designed to help your child with maths, phonics and reading include:

- www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- www.ictgames.com
- www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/

Quote of the week

“So much is asked of parents, and so little is given.”

— Virginia Satir

Nursery update

Dear Parents

I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well. This week we have been continuing to learn about Noah's ark. Through watching the National Geographic programmes, the children have been learning about more unusual animals such as the anteater and tapirs.

We have also been making the faces of the animals to go on to our Noah's Ark in the classroom and reading lots of different animal stories.

Next week we will be continuing with the Noah's Ark theme and catching up on some of the activities that we have not had a chance to finish!

We will be:

Sorting animals according to whether they live on the land or the water

Making paper boats

Making an ark with moveable animals

Beginning to count in two's

Exploring texture

As always, I continue to be amazed at the knowledge that the children display. I have learned so much about the children in terms of their general knowledge this week. One child told me that "The polar bears live in the arctic", another said "Whales blow the water out of a hole". I am so pleased that the children are enjoying the topic and we will continue to provide exciting opportunities as the topic continues.

Kind Regards

Rosebuds Nursery Team

rosebuds@rosecroft.school

Reception

To all our families in Reception,

Hello. All the staff in the reception team are thinking about you and hoping that you are keeping well. This week we have started to contact you all again by phone. Just to say hello and hear your voices. We are all in different places at the moment, in terms of home learning and bubbles and what may be going on for us at home. But at the same time we are the same. Still finding our way through this strange time, uncertain about the future but knowing that staying healthy and positive is the way forward. But we appreciate, there are tough days so take care of yourselves.

Our home learning is all about staying healthy over the next few weeks. Mrs Woodrow is working hard to bring that to you and there are some lovely ideas for this week. Thank you. Art made with fruit and vegetables in the style of Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Wonderful!



Remember too that there are lots of online books available for reading and the details are always included in the home learning.

Please continue to use the class emails, bumblebees@rosecroft.school, butterflies@rosecroft.school and ladybirds@rosecroft.school to share, as well as Tapestry. For any non-class specific enquiries and questions about the home learning tasks please email: homelearningew@rosecroft.school.

With love and very best wishes from all the Reception grown-ups.

Hello Year 1's

We hope you are all well and keeping safe. We hope that you are all getting into a routine with home learning, reading and relaxing! Some of you are learning in school and some are at home, but we are all learning the same skills. We are using the Oak National Academy online lessons for Maths and Literacy. These are great video based lessons delivered by real teachers, with just the right level of activities to work on. We hope you find these useful. We have also included some foundation lesson ideas for you to try at home. We hope that you will still find lots of exciting things to choose from.

Reading to yourself or others is a great way to learn and relax at the same time. Don't forget, if you find a book you like, tell us about it by sending an email to homelearningew@rosecroft.school with the title of the book and explain why you would recommend it to someone else! I wonder who's recommendation will be in next week's newsletter?

The teachers are still missing you all. We are starting to get in touch with everyone again by phone at the end of each school day. It may take a little time for us to call you as the teachers are busy in school but we hope to catch up with you soon. Keep busy and happy!

With love from the whole Year 1 team.

Year 3

Hello Year 3,

Another week has gone by and we are missing you all even more than we did last week. We are still receiving some fantastic emails and pictures of your home learning and we're all so impressed with what you are managing to achieve. Don't forget that it is Father's Day on Sunday, so make sure you make a card and do something nice for your Dad, Uncle, Grandad or special person that you want to thank. The first Times Tables Rockstar battle was won by Fox Class and this week sees Leopard class in the driving seat. Next week will be the last battle and it will be between Bat Class and the winner of this week. Good luck Rockstars!

The Year 3 Team

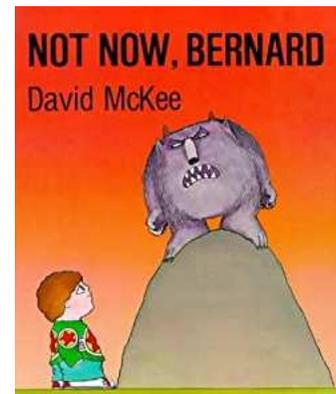
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Hola to all our Year 2 Children,

We hope that you are all keeping yourselves busy and safe. With some places now open and things slowly returning to normal you may have done something that you haven't been able to do for some time. As you discover more things to do please remember to check out the school's website <http://www.rosecroft.school/> to keep up with your home learning. You can do this by hovering over the 'working from home' tab and looking for the drop down list and then select Year 2.

Also, just for fun, something you may wish to try at home is make a kite. You could use fabric, plastic bags or card. You could decorate it with different things and test it in your garden or on a walk through the fields. If you make one you could send pictures of it to homelearningtu@rosecroft.school.

Last week you found out a favourite book that Mr. Williams likes to read. This week Mrs. Cooper would like to share one of her favourite books. Mrs Cooper said, "My favourite children's book is 'Not now, Bernard' and it's a golden oldie! I like the humour in it and I met the author David McKee when I was at primary school." If you'd like to share a book you've read or maybe you would like to share a video of you reading a book please send it to homelearningtu@rosecroft.school.



Stay in touch and hopefully we will see you all soon.

With love from the Year 2 team

Year 4

Hi Year 4,

The sun has been shining so far this week and we hope you have all been able to take the opportunity to get outside. We have started the next round of phone calls home and look forward to chatting to you. If you have not had one yet, please do not worry as we will be ringing over the next few weeks. It's been lovely to hear what everyone has been up to and great to hear that lots of you are working hard on your home learning.

Finally, children's art week is fast approaching us and begins on the 29th June. Now is a good time to start researching any creative projects you might like to do whilst at home. Perhaps you will learn to sew or maybe you will find out about your favourite artist. Arts and crafts are a great way to enjoy yourself and express yourself. I absolutely love using Pinterest for creative ideas and inspiration.

If you have any concerns or questions about the home learning, please do not hesitate to contact us. Either your teacher or another member of the Rosecroft team will do their best to help.

Stay safe and well.

Mrs Roberts, Mrs Spall and Miss Todd.

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Year 5

To our wonderful Year 5s and their families,

Mr Rhodes and Miss Allen are continuing to make their next round of phone calls. It's a real joy to speak to you all when we can and we love hearing about the learning successes and experiences our pupils have encountered.

The Year 5 team have enjoyed getting to know Penny, Luley & Zip, our Koala and Kangaroo Class mascots. Have you got any favourite cuddly toys who help make you feel better or any mascots who cheer you on and encourage you? Let us know!



Each week, one of the Year 5 team members will be suggesting their favourite upbeat song for you to listen to if you're ever feeling a bit gloomy...or simply if you just want a good boogie!:

"My feel good song is Girl On Fire by Alicia Keys. It's a classic that I love to belt out very loudly whilst driving my mini. I'm totally oblivious to anyone who may see me with my mouth wide open holding those long notes!" - Mrs Levitt.

What is *your* feel good song? Feel free to email Mr Rhodes or Miss Allen to let us know!

With love from the Year 5 Team.

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FORPS Lockdown Quiz

Round 12 Multiple Choice

1. Which sign of the zodiac is represented by the Twins?
a) Aries
b) Gemini
c) Sagittarius
2. What word is used to describe a group of ants?
a) Hill
b) Crush
c) Colony
3. From which flower is vanilla extracted?
a) Orchid
b) Daffodil
c) Marigold
4. Zorro is Spanish for which animal?
a) Fox
b) Zebra
c) Badger
5. How many kidneys does an average human have?
a) One
b) Two
c) Four

6. Which bird lays the largest eggs?
a) Ostrich
b) Goose
c) Cow

7. Which fabric is made by worms?
a) Silk
b) Cotton
c) Nylon

8. What is the wife of a duke called?

- a) Lady
- b) Duchess
- c) Princess

9. What does a cartographer make?

- a) Carts
- b) Maps
- c) Wheels

10. How many sheets of paper are there in a ream?

- a) 500
- b) 250
- c) 100

FORPS Lockdown Quiz Answers to Round 11

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| 1. b) Penguin | 6. a) Doc |
| 2. b) James | 7. a) Sahara |
| 3. b) Fish | 8. c) June |
| 4. b) Alaska | 9. a) Ludwig |
| 5. a) In the ear | 10. a) France |

Office

All home learning activities for each year group can be found on the school website, hover over the 'Working from Home' tab and select the year group from the drop down menu. If there is anything you can't find please let us know.

The home learning contact emails are:

Reception, Years 1 and 3

email: homelearningew@rosecroft.school

Years 2, 4 and 5

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