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THE SQUIRREL

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Development Days 2019-20:
Monday 1st June 2020
Tuesday 2nd June 2020
Wednesday 3rd June 2020
Thursday 4th June 2020
Friday 5th June 2020



We are nearly through the first week and although we have been reacting to the changes everyday, I do think we are settling into a new routine. I have to say it is very strange in school but the children who are attending are doing brilliantly. **I also have to say a huge thank you to Team Lanesend who have supported and rallied to make this work for everyone.** The activities that are coming home have been great and really imaginative and it has been lovely to see all the home learning pictures coming in. I am very impressed!

During this period, **it is really important to be registered on School Dojo** as many of the activities are coming through this way. I do know that some families do not have internet and resources at home. We are finalising a list and then I will ask for physical packs to be made up and delivered to these families. I have also really appreciated home learning activities that have been sent in from our families too that I have shared with the staff. We do have some learning packs still here in the school office and if you are able to come and collect them we would be grateful. The feedback that I have had from families is that having a schedule for the day is really helping the children make the most of the current situation we are facing.

Today, you will be emailed a word document with your child's learning for the next week. It will have all the year groups on it as a link and it will take you to the learning and online activities that you can complete at home. The team have been keeping in contact with families and have already made contact with many for the children's first check in. It has been so sweet how the children have spoken to the teachers but also quite eye opening that this is a skill that children do not learn anymore. As a young girl myself, my dad worked from home and we were trained in answering the phone for him and used to love it! It is definitely a skill we are going to need now, alongside video conference calling and if the internet goes down we will have to resort to handwritten letters!

The children yesterday made a beautiful rainbow to put up in our reception and it was lovely that we sent out our own Lanesend rainbow squirrel for children to do at home and place in their windows so that when we are out and about on our physical activity session we can spot them in the windows. Please do send any photos of them to school as well as we will add them to the newsletter each week.

This time of year we would usually be asking for decorated Easter cakes, decorated eggs, Easter bonnets or an Easter garden. **I would like to give all families a challenge in creating one of these activities at home** and to send in the pictures to the school and we will have a remote competition for each category. An Amazon voucher could be on its way to the winning entries. (It's just a shame that we will not be able to taste the delicious cakes!).

Over the Easter period, the teachers will be taking time out with their own families. They will send home next Thursday, Easter activities and projects that children can do over the Easter period. Please continue to send in pictures via Dojo.

We will provide school support after the Easter break to our key worker and vulnerable families as we are currently doing until such time the government advises that we can open the school and make a new kind of normal.

Pupil progress reports—we have collected in all the FLiC data and we will be generating pupil progress reports for this term. We will also be sending out the objectives your children have been working on and what they still need to focus on at home. We are just looking at the best way to do this, if it is via Dojo or to your email addresses at home.

This week, we have decided on the themes of learning for the next academic year. These are:

Autumn 2020

A Whole New World

This is in celebration of the 400 year anniversary of the pilgrims setting sail for America, but can include other voyages of discovery in history and links nicely to pilgrimage in RE as well.

Spring 2021

Rain, Steam and Speed

The Tate Modern is having an exhibition of Turner as an art focus, looking at his art work and the time that he lived in. Rain, Steam and Speed is one of his famous pictures. It will also link to the Year of European Railways, as well as opportunities to look at steam inventions, the weather, speed records etc.

Summer 2021

Written in Stone

This will be a link between the Aztecs / Mayans and the Egyptians. It will also link to the history of writing from the Rosetta Stone onwards.

Class names will be named after famous ships that made these new world discoveries. It is also quite apt as we ourselves will be discovering a new world after Coronavirus.

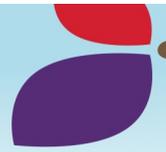
In school at the moment we are deep cleaning and steaming every classroom and piece of equipment over the coming weeks. We do have quite a lot of property also in the office for collection. If this is not collected by Easter then I will be recycling it the best I can. The office is open from 9am-3pm everyday but the school site is also open from 7.30am-5.30pm. Whilst the school remains open, and I know this is a difficult area to bring up in such challenging times, we do still need to collect outstanding monies. Please continue to pay using school money online at home over the coming weeks.

This week in school we have been looking at idioms. And it would be great if you could send any to me. There are lots when you start to look from, 'a penny for your thoughts', 'drastic times, calls for drastic measures' and 'every cloud has a silver lining'. **And in keeping with that thought we are finding a silver lining to this very big cloud!**

Caroline Sice, Headteacher



FOR YOU



We have loved seeing all your beautiful rainbow pictures being sent in and displayed in your windows too. There's some very creative and artistic ones. Please keep sending any rainbows you make into us. They really do brighten up our days, windows and our Newsletter!



LANESEND ZONE



*Tune into the quiet and calm,
turn down the busy and give
this week's activity a go...*

Mind Full, or Mindful?

Remember our **M**indfulness tools, seek the sunshine, talk often, dance, laugh & love #TeamLanesend



ACTIVE COPING CALENDAR: APRIL 2020



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

"Everything can be taken from us but one thing: the freedom to choose our attitude in any given set of circumstances" ~ Viktor Frankl

5 Get active. Even if you're stuck indoors, move & stretch

6 Contact a neighbour or friend and offer to help them

7 Share what you are feeling and be willing to ask for help

8 Take five minutes to sit still and breathe. Repeat regularly

9 Call a loved one to catch up and really listen to them

10 Get good sleep. No screens before bed or when waking up

11 Notice five things that are beautiful in the world around you

12 Immerse yourself in a new book, TV show or podcast

13 Respond positively to everyone you interact with

14 Play a game that you enjoyed when you were younger

15 Make some progress on a project that matters to you

16 Rediscover your favourite music that really lifts your spirits

17 Learn something new or do something creative

18 Find a fun way to do an extra 15 minutes of physical activity

19 Do three acts of kindness to help others, however small

20 Make time for self-care. Do something kind for yourself

21 Send a letter or message to someone you can't be with

22 Find positive stories in the news and share these with others

23 Have a tech-free day. Stop scrolling and turn off the news

24 Put your worries into perspective and try to let them go

25 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

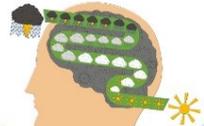
26 Take a small step towards an important goal

27 Thank three people you're grateful to and tell them why

28 Make a plan to meet up with others again later in the year

29 Connect with nature. Breathe and notice life continuing

30 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time



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