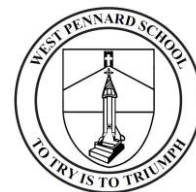




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 6th April 2020



Dear parents, carers and children,

As we come to what would have been the end of our spring term in school, I thought it timely to keep in touch with the school community. It would be easy to reflect on all the 'what ifs' and 'could haves', instead this newsletter has been compiled to provide families with ideas to keep busy in practical and fun ways whilst staying safe at home.

I am sure that many children will need a break from home-schooling and having time to switch off from more academic learning will be important for many. Teaching staff will not be expected to update their google drives over what would have been the Easter break.

Below is a snapshot of activities from a range of staff at school.

We would love to see which activities you have had a go at. Please send in photographs to:

westpennardprimary@gmail.com

With all good wishes

Jo Hale

Quote of the week

Joshua 1 Be strong. Take courage.GOD is striding ahead of you. He's right there with you. He won't let you down; he won't leave you. Don't be intimidated. Don't worry."

Write a letter

In today's world it is easy to Skype, pick up the phone or facetime, but there is still nothing nicer than receiving a letter or card.

Write a note, card or letter to someone who might be lonely and let them know you care.

Miss Hale ☺



Stars

A slight twist on the usual 'Star of the Week' ... If you would like to nominate a member of our school community – child or adult, who in your eyes have gone above and beyond, then we would love to hear from you.

This could be a kindness award, community award or just something that you are really proud of, then please let us know.

Email the usual school email and send in your nominations for our next newsletter

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Make a bird feeder

Make a bird feeder and send in photos of the birds that you see using it. There are 3 really simple ideas on the cbeebies website that use everyday things that you might have at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/bird-feeder>

If children wanted to extend this they could design their own bird feeder/ write the instructions/keep a tally of different birds they see/ sketch one of the birds they see?

Happy bird watching

Miss Morris 😊

Make an Easter jigsaw

Use the jigsaw template attached to this email. Children can either draw an Easter picture or write a message to someone, then cut it out and post it to someone this Easter.

Send in photos of your completed jigsaw

Happy Easter

Mrs Robinson 😊

How to Grow a Rainbow

You will need:

- ❖ Kitchen roll/paper towel
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Felt-tip pens
- ❖ 2 small bowls
- ❖ Water
- ❖ A paper clip
- ❖ Thread



1. Carefully, cut your kitchen roll into the shape of a rainbow.
2. Using felt-tip pens, colour a rainbow about 2cm up both sides.
3. Attach your paperclip to the top of your rainbow and tie a piece of thread to it. This will give you something to hold your rainbow steady with.
4. Fill each small bowl with water.
5. Hold your rainbow with the coloured ends slightly submerged in the water.
6. Watch your rainbow GROW!

The Science behind the rainbow 🌈

A brief introduction to 'capillary action'! Water molecules like to stick to things - including themselves. Sticking to things is called *adhesion* and sticking to itself is called *cohesion*. The fibres in kitchen roll make lots of little holes. Water is sucked through the holes because of adhesion (liking to stick to other things) and cohesion (liking to stick to itself) means that the rest of the water follows. The water pressure will eventually slow down and the pressure of gravity will mean it will stop moving.



Hope you enjoy! Miss Holmes

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Emotional support

Visit the ELSA website to access some free resources to support children's well-being during this challenging time. Find activities such as: rainbow window art, calming strategies, emotion art therapy wheel and many more ...

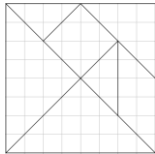
Visit

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/category/free-resources/>

Mrs Clarke

Tangrams

A tangram is an ancient Chinese puzzle where you make pictures using mathematical shapes. Make a set of tangram pieces from squared paper as shown below:



Visit

<https://tinyurl.com/mathsactivitywp>

to download

Can you make each of these pictures using your seven pieces?



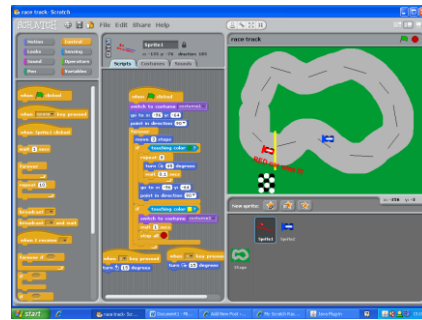
More challenges

<https://rich.maths.org/14074>

Mr Wheat

Create a racing car game using Scratch

Create your own racing car game using scratch.



For instructions visit

<https://tinyurl.com/computingactivitywp>

To use scratch either use online or download at <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

Mr Wheat

Start a Nature Journal

It's a good time to start a daily nature journal. Good for both children and adults... a place you can write, doodle, stick in leaves and flowers, record what you have seen and heard. Over time this will become quite a body of work and self-reflection.



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