



Rothersthorpe CE Primary School
Pride, Ability, Positivity
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the summer term. Although at a distance, we can still work together and support each other.

Parent Consultations can still be arranged with class teachers via calls over the next two weeks. We have decided that if you would like to have a discussion with your child's teacher to please email them directly from Wednesday 22nd April. Teachers will then arrange a convenient date and time with you. Consultations will still be planned for ten minutes so it might be a good idea to make a few notes of any questions you would like to ask before the meeting. If anyone would like to arrange an SEN meeting or well-being support meeting please email myself—head@rothersthorpe.northants-ecl.gov.uk—a call can be arranged with myself, a class teacher or Mrs Henry-Moore who is our school SENCo.

The spring term target reports are now not relevant and teachers are working with the Department for Education regarding preparing the format for summer term pupil reports. It would be really helpful to upload any work that your child completes to ClassDojo and Tapestry as it would be lovely to include some of the children's home learning successes as part of their report this year. Thank you.

During our Zoom staff meeting yesterday we shared examples of learning resources and some children's work. I would like to say that what you are all doing at home during this difficult time is amazing. We are very proud of staff, parents and pupils for ensuring that Rothersthorpe children are receiving home learning that enables them to be happy and supported.

Kind regards, Mrs Fountain and Staff at Rothersthorpe

The BBC Big Night In—Come Dancing Challenge
Thursday 23rd April 2020

Please send me your video clips to create a
Rothersthorpe whole dance routine



Parts 1-3—see previous email

Part 4—chorus, repeat of part 2

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p089t1h5>

Part 5—With Oti and Neil

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p08b0s4q>



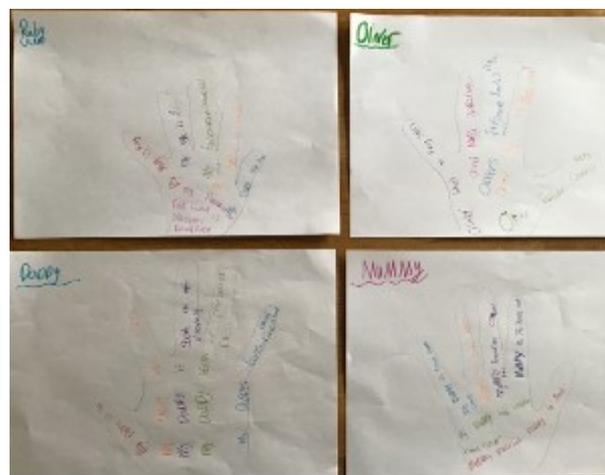
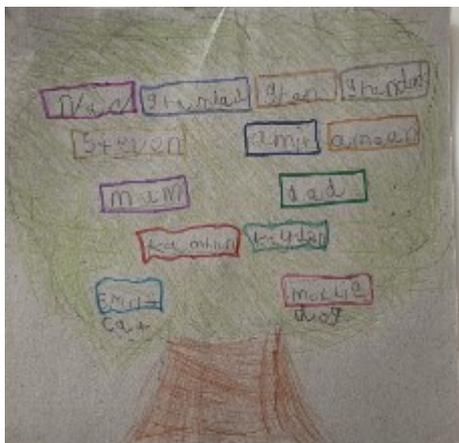
Fabulous Easter bonnets



Lots of great home learning shared on ClassDojo



- ◆ Enjoying telling the time
- ◆ Great cooking and weighing –practical/real life Maths
- ◆ An amazing Andy Warhol inspired pop art picture
- ◆ A lovely family tree and family hands
- ◆ An excellent model



Some children & parents may prefer a daily time-table, some may not.

This is an example for Y1/Y2 children

9am	Phonics & spelling
9.15am	Reading
9.45am	Free choice
10am	Writing
10.30am	Free play/outside/snack
11am	Arithmetic/Times tables
11.15am	Maths
11.45am	Free choice
12pm	Lunch
1-3pm	Choice/topic time & outside

Some children & parents may prefer a daily time-table, some may not.

This is an example for KS2 children

9am	Arithmetic / Times tables
9.15am	Maths
10am	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar
10.30am	Free play/outside/snack
11am	Reading
11.30am	Writing
12pm	Lunch
1-3pm	Choice/topic time & outside



Outdoor Topic idea for any class—This learning map might be useful if you have children in several classes. They could do these fun activities together.

Bug Hunt

Minibeasts live in all sorts of habitats. Many prefer dark, damp spots in gardens/ woods, so this is a good place to start your hunt. Encourage children to use their best detective skills to track creatures down:

- ◆ Peak under stones and logs to find millipedes
- ◆ Peer into cracks in tree bark and deadwood to find beetles and spiders
- ◆ Poke your nose into long grass to see ants and grasshoppers
- ◆ Look closely at leaves to discover caterpillars and ladybirds
- ◆ Keep your eyes peeled after rain—Can you spot slugs, snails and worms?

Rubbings

Kids will love exploring the patterns and textures of bark with this tactile activity. Simply take some crayons and paper on your next trip to the woods.

Choose a bumpy tree with interesting bark. Place the paper against the trunk and rub the crayon over the paper to make a print of the bark pattern.

Encourage your children to experiment with different trees, then take a look at the bark rubbings to see how they compare.



Toilet paper bird feeder

A great recycling project to teach kids about reusable materials.

1. Run a long piece of string through an empty paper toilet roll and tie together the ends.
2. Have your child smear peanut butter all over the surface of the roll. (If your child has a nut allergy use something else).
3. Roll it through bird seed and hang in your garden.



Potions and Pies

You will need: a cup, sieve, mixing bowl, spoon/stick, tray or board

1. Sieve the dirt into the mixing bowl to make sure it is smooth and free from sand, grit or stones.
2. Gradually add the cup of water to the dirt and stir the mixture.
3. The dirt and water should combine to make a sticky black dough. Roll this into a ball.
4. Press the dough ball out onto a tray into a flattened circle.
5. Decorate the pie with your choice of toppings such as grass, flowers or pebbles.
6. Leave the pie to bake hard—preferably in the sunshine and serve in slices with a cup of home-made garden cocktail.

Mandalas

The meaning of the word Mandala in Sanskrit is circle. Mandala is a spiritual and ritual symbol in Hinduism and Buddhism representing the universe. The circular designs symbolise the idea that life is never ending and everything is connected.

1. Collect your materials –shells, rocks, pressed flowers, sticks, acorns, pinecones, ferns etc.
2. Organise your materials by size.
3. Choose a centre point and work your way out. This is open-ended and can evolve as you go. Encourage your group to work together.



Good News Blog Spreading Positivity From the Bugbrooke sisters

- ◆ A nine year old girl delivered pizzas to her neighbours with a difference, using a remote control car! She sent notes round asking for their orders, and then made the pizzas with her dad. They then put them on top of the remote control car (covered in foil of course), and she went out to deliver the orders.

Her neighbours thought it was a great idea, with one describing her as a genius!

- ◆ It's the Queen's birthday today—she is 94.

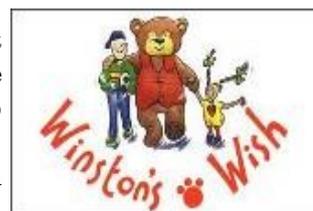
Good News Blog from Rothersthorpe

- ◆ Lottie C in class 3 appeared on Chris Packham's wildlife YouTube show. She spotted bats in her garden.
- ◆ Lots of our community are making a range of artwork related to supporting the NHS and a lady called Hollie posted this amazing knitted Captain Tom.
- ◆ Lots of families in Rothersthorpe village are taking part in the game 'I spy'. You can walk around the village and look in windows for pictures of zoo animals this week, then Disney characters, followed by Star Wars. What a great idea.



Mental Health and Well-being

Attached to the email that was sent with this newsletter is the leaflet '*Having difficult conversations with children*' from Carlisle Diocese. The leaflet covers: The principles; who is the best person; to be honest; not to avoid having the conversation; allowing your child to participate fully; talking about death with children; minimising the shock; being ready for a range of responses; support after the conversation; there is no 'right' way; looking after yourself; reflecting. These are two key websites that you could access:



www.cruse.org.uk

www.winstonswish.org

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Board

- * ThinkNinja: Online self-help knowledge and skills for (10-18 year olds) who may be experiencing increased anxiety and stress. www.healios.org.uk/services/thinkninja1
- * The Hide Out: Online space to help young people understand domestic abuse, and how to take positive action if it's happening to them www.thehideout.org.uk
- * CAMHS Live: Mental health support www.nhft.nhs.net/camhslive
- * The Mix: Free information and support for under 25's www.themix.org.uk

Friends of School—Classroom Saver Project



Well done parents and children for saving lots of pennies—a total of **£270.52** was raised. As 'The Friends of School' letter states, each class will receive the amount they saved. Well done!



What would you like to spend your class amount on? Email ideas to your class teachers.

Thank you to our 'Friends of School' for organising this great idea.