

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our newsletter for the week. As we have received more notifications around the current situations with schools and the profile of distance learning is raised, we wanted to make sure you were supported as always by the school to continue providing the best for your children at this unpredictable time.



## Daily Phonics Lessons

During the summer term, parents and carers will be able to access daily phonics lesson by clicking on this YouTube link: [Letters and Sounds for home and school](#). All lessons are introduced by celebrities, including children's TV presenters. There are three sets of daily lessons to choose from and lessons can be selected from those most suitable to the child's year group **and** reading ability.

From Monday 27 April, a new phonics lesson will be uploaded every week day during the summer term and afterwards, each lesson will then be available to watch at any time during the summer term.

## BBC Bitesize

You may have heard that the BBC now have the Bitesize resources to support children at this time. A link to these resources can be found [here](#).

## Fieldwork Live

We have heard great feedback around the Fieldwork Live lessons and resources that we have mentioned in the last two newsletters. On Monday, children were able to learn about soil and its importance in our world, geographically and scientifically. If you missed the lesson, it is now free to access [here on the Fieldwork Live site](#) along with all of the worksheets for the learning.



You can view the [list of sessions available and book here](#) for future sessions. These are all supported by a free resource pack which has been designed for you to prepare children prior to the live session, providing some pre-lesson activities and handouts.

## West St Leonards Learning Channel

Once again, we have a number of fantastic additions to our West St Leonards Learning Channel, including Mr Woods reading 'Hic!' by Jaclin Azoulay. There have been over 1500 views so far of the channel and we are almost at 100 subscribers too which is superb to see. Could you be our 100th subscriber? Get involved and find out!

## No Flour or Yeast?

Thinking about making bread with your children but are missing key ingredients? BBC Food have provided recipes to make different types of bread. Find the link [here](#).



## Coronavirus: A Book for Children

A short book has been released to support children in their understanding of Coronavirus and the measures we must take at this time. It goes through the reasons behind social distancing and answers some of the questions children may have at this time. No doubt you will have answered a number of these questions already yourself but the book is laid out to be very accessible. A copy of it can be [found here](#) for you to share with your children.

## White Rose Maths

One of the most reputable knowledge bases for Maths in the UK is White Rose Maths, a hub of key experts and schools that research and release key resources and learning support for schools across the country.

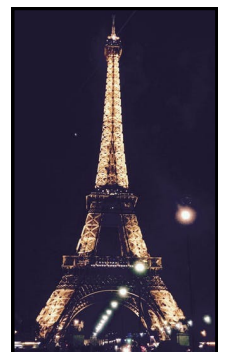
At this time of distance learning, they have dedicated time and effort to providing age appropriate units of learning which contain a collection of progressive lessons much like a teacher would within the classroom. Each lesson contains a video from a skilled teacher and the necessary worksheets or questions to practice the skills.

A link to this learning can be [found here](#) and it is highly recommended due to the content following the structure of a lesson whilst being age appropriate in regards to the level of challenge.

## Learning French and German

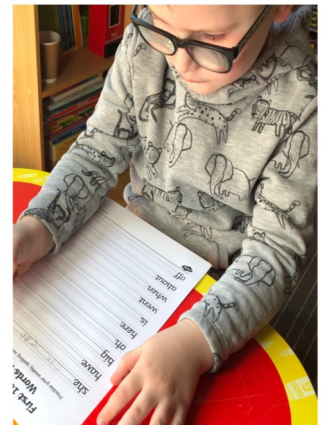
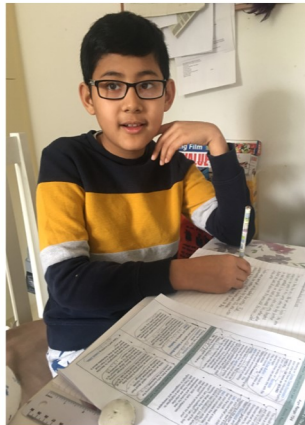
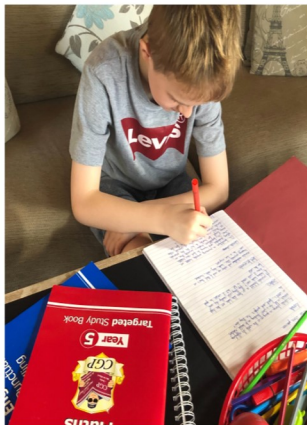
We have been given access to some interesting resources over the course of the school closure, including websites to help children learn foreign languages. In school, we had a number of classes that worked regularly with Mr Woods to help them learn French or German and we wanted to open up the opportunity for children to continue (or start) learning more about these languages at this time as an alternative focus for distance learning.

If you are interested in having access to these online resources, please email the school at [office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk) for login details.



## Celebrating Our Superb Learners

Thank you to families for continuing to send in photos of great and varied distance learning. The continual focus on learning during this difficult time is very much appreciated by all of us at school. Please keep sending your photos of work and fun activities through to [office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk)



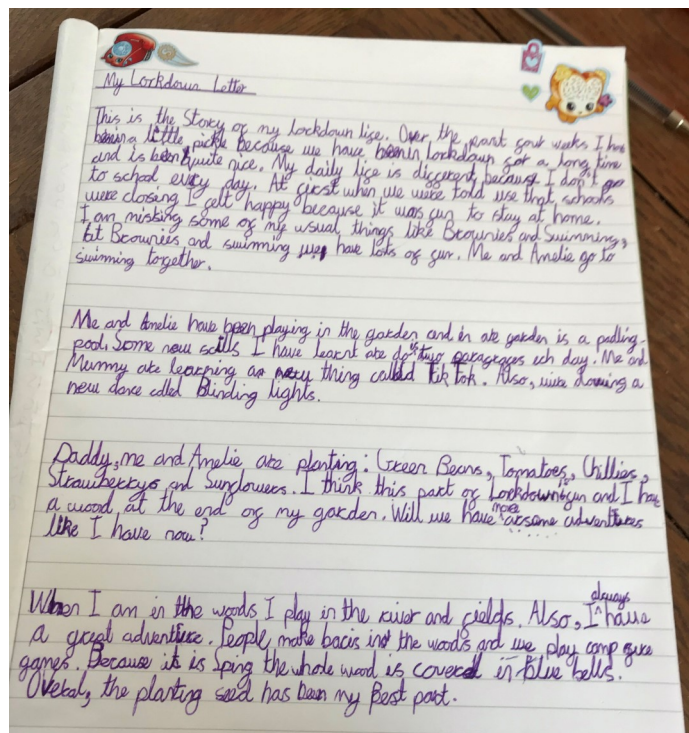
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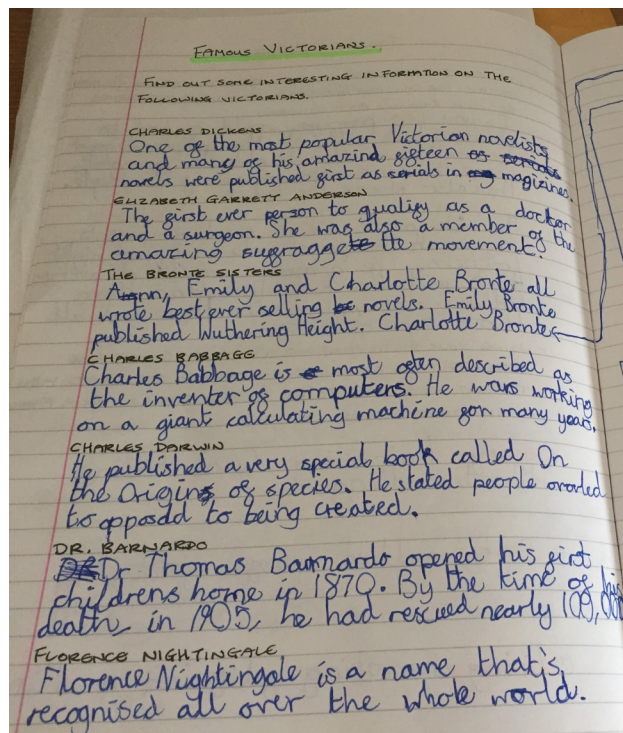


## Still Striving for a Five

We also have examples of children still trying to 'strive for a five' in their work and providing excellent extended pieces of writing. Keep sending in your great examples of great work and excellent presentation to [office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk) to be shown here. Keep it up!



Esme P — Year Three



Lillibet H — Year Two

## Bug Club

We hope that children are able to make the most of books that they have in the home but we would like to remind parents and carers that children have a login to [Bug Club](#) that provides them with an extensive list of texts to match their individual reading ability. As it is currently difficult to acquire new texts from libraries, this is a great resource that will no doubt support children in both reading on their own to allow parents and carers with some time to complete other tasks but are also great to have children read along with an adult so please [log in](#) and find out how useful it can be for you at this time. Please contact us if you are uncertain of how to log in to the site.

## Virtual Sussex School Games

At 9.15am on Monday 27 April, the [Virtual Sussex School Games](#) will begin with a virtual 'Opening Ceremony' and kick off a term of sporting challenges, giving children across Sussex the chance to represent their schools alongside their friends and classmates, and compete to be Sussex champions. Every week throughout the summer term a different sport will take place, made up of four personal sporting challenges which can be completed in the living room, kitchen, garden, or at school.

A new sport and the four challenges will be published on the website at 9.30am every Monday morning and sent directly to those [signed up to the mailing list](#). Throughout the week you can practice, train and improve before submitting your best scores in each challenge to the website ahead of the Friday deadline (12pm midday). Good luck!