Dear all

I hope you’ve all had a great two weeks holiday and managed to make the time a bit different from your normal time at home. Please let me know what you’ve been up to; did you manage to have an Easter egg hunt or did you do any other Easter craft or activities? We were very lucky with the weather weren’t we, I hope you managed to make the most of it.

School remains closed so I will be sending work again for you to access at home.

Maths:

For Monday, please continue with the books that you started before the holidays.

YR5: written adding & subtraction

YR6: multi step problems

If you have completed the books or wish for more maths and English, Classroom Secrets have developed a set of home learning packs which I will attach to the email but can be accessed from their website:

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/>

I suggest the children work with the worksheet open on the computer to save you having to print them out. Classroom Secrets is used in school and the children are familiar with the content and layout of the worksheets. However, just a word about the maths. These are not straightforward calculations. Some of the questions will have to be worked out and then the children have to give an explanation. In class, the children attempt one question at a time and are expected to answer in full sentences, so sometimes they may only complete a few questions. When they are asked for the amount of combinations, for example, they are expected to work out all the possible combinations and I know the children find this quite a challenge. Any problems, please just email me.

The answers (you will be pleased to hear) are on a separate worksheet.

English:

YR5: helicopters, question set 1

YR6: formal & informal writing pages, 26, 27.

Please continue with your times tables, reading every day and practise you spellings. The BBC have a range of Bitesize pages for your spelling patterns which you can use. Details are below.

**BBC Bitesize**

The BBC have a fantastic range of homeschooling resources including daily lessons which go live on Monday April 20th. For information about the BBC Home learning site please access the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn9447h>

Topic:

I was really impressed with the Maya you completed. Lots of you have memorised and remembered so many facts. Our new topic is the Ancient Greeks. I hope you like it. To begin with, the BBC have a great Bitesize webpage about this subject, so I suggest you make a start by looking at that:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39/articles/zxytpv4>

Within Ancient Greeks the topics we cover are:

1. Who Were the Ancient Greeks?

2. Ancient Greek Democracy

3. Ancient Greek Olympics

4. The Battle of Marathon

5. Greek Gods and Goddesses

6. The Trojan War

Our class reader is Who let the gods out. By Maz Evans. It’s a very funny book and worth a read. Just a note to parents, our class readers are books which are usually at least a year above the classes reading age. If your child/children can’t access the text themselves and you don’t necessarily want to read it to them, any book about the Ancient Greeks, fiction of non-fiction will be fine. There are, of course all the Ancient Greek myths. Below is a link to a list of suitable texts;

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/>

Here is a link to the Ancient Greek myths on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HdGukCgWC0>

The following activity can be done at point during the half term. Choose your favourite myth. Can you write out a myth in your own words? Have a go at writing it as a playscript. Can you write it as a story and add dialogue?

I will send you work for each part of the topic over the week, but for now, just find out about the subject, look at the BBC pages and watch the videos.

I will be sending out information about this half terms Christian Value, but for now I feel I have bombarded you with material. Any queries or questions please just email me on the email below. Emails are sent from the Pupil Asset site so if you wish to get in touch, please can you email me on the following email address. When you reply to the emails I’ve sent, they go straight to the office and not me. Many thanks.

Please keep the photos coming in and let me know what you’ve been up to! I am working in school this week but will endeavour to put your photos on the website so you can see what everyone is up to. I am hoping to ring parents this week just to discuss how things are going and answer any questions you may have. Please let me know how you and the children are finding the resources.

Have a good week.

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