

Shakespeare Class Weekly Note for w/c Monday 20th April



Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you so much to the families that have shared their wonderful work at home. I hope you are all doing OK. I am still missing you like crazy, but we too are keeping ourselves busy. We take Harry out for a walk or a trip to the river Ouse on the back of our bike every day and he likes looking at the baby ducks and 'mama ducks' as he calls them!

Please do continue to send me your pictures of what you've been up to. It genuinely brightens my day when I see work and photos of what the children have been doing.

In addition to the set 2-do's I have updated on PurpleMash and to avoid the children going stir-crazy, I thought I would give you some suggestions of activities for the children this week. There is no obligation to complete any, but it may help to give your day some structure. Choose which ones you think will appeal most to your child. I will aim to send an updated list each week.

<u>Keep Active!</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Get Arty</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Using the football commentary link I sent out, create your own video that I can add commentary to. It doesn't have to be football. It could be star jumps, throwing and catching etc.- Joe Wicks ('The Body Coach') is doing live workouts for children every morning at 9 on his YouTube Channel.- Go Noodle with the family or have a family workout. Fancy a dance? There are lots of dance videos they could try. Maybe try some Yoga. <p>Recommendation: at least 2 hours of exercise a week.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- TT Rockstars is accessible at home. I will be setting up some competitions in due course.- White Rose also offer a 'Problem of the Day'. Try one each day and see how you get on: https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/classroom-resources/problems/- Play Hit the Button - focus on timestables, division facts and squared numbers.- There are also some fantastic apps to download if you have a tablet, such as Matholia tools (access to lots of mathematical materials in an app), Maths Rocks (times tables songs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Practise observational drawing of anything – minibeasts, fruit cut in half, Lego model, pet, favourite toy etc.- Noel Fielding (Bake Off host) has #artclub on Twitter where children can share their art work if they want to.

<u>Spelling</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Music</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practise your spelling on Spelling Shed (free trial: No credit card needed) - Choose 5 Common Exception words. Write synonyms, antonyms, the meaning and an example of how to use the word in a sentence. Can the word be modified? - Choose 5 Common Exception words and practise spelling them using forwards backwards. Write the word forwards then write the words backwards, e.g. forwards sdrawrof 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Write a recount of your day. This could be used in history one day to show what happened during this period. - Write a character description of a member of your family. What do they look like? How do they behave? etc... - Write a story involving members of your family. Do they have to defeat a monster? or find something they have lost? - Write a set of family rules, could they begin with 'We always.....' rather than 'We do not - Write a letter/email/ text message to a member of their family that you have not seen this week. - Take part in a writing master class. https://authorfy.com/ 	<p>Find out what music family members enjoy. Do they like the same music? What is their favourite song? Do you like/dislike any particular types of music and why? Can you identify the instruments you can hear and describe how the music makes you feel?</p>

Here are some good (and free) links that you and your child/children can access at home.

This first one is only suitable for children still on book bands.

<https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/teacherlogin.aspx>

Collins have put all their banded reading books on line for free! Each book can be read on screen by the children or the software will read it to them, highlighting each word as it reads. There is a short activity at the end of each book and you can print off an activity sheet if you want. Log in as a teacher.

Username: Parents@harpercollins.co.uk

Password: Parents20!

<https://www.exploreyork.org.uk/digital/e-books/>

York Library have thousands of digital books and audiobooks available to download. If your library card has lapsed, it can be renewed online.

<https://share.yorkmusichub.org.uk/>

York Music Hub have set up a space for anyone to share their music – it can be practise, a performance, a lesson or anything you like. Even if you don't want to post anything, it's lovely to see the musical talent in our city.

<https://www.accessart.org.uk/sketchbooks-an-online-course-for-children-families-parentsteachers/>

Access art is a fantastic site for art teachers. Now it has made a free art course for families about developing a sketchbook.

Remember to continue using the workbooks I sent home little and often, and read daily if possible.

Whatever you are deciding to do with your time, the most important thing is your happiness and well-being. Social media offers lots of great ideas, but can also provide added pressure to do things and be living up to every expectation of those who are posting online. It is so important to do what works for you and your family and keep them happy in whatever way you see fit. If you need some help, advice, or just some calming words, please do get in touch with me as we are all in this together and there is nothing more damaging than feeling like you are alone in this.

Best wishes,

Mr. Jach