



Week 8: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021



Dear Butterfly and Ladybird Class,

We have had such positive feedback about our 'People who help us' topic that we will be learning about the role of Engineers this week and the children will be building a bridge from recycled materials. Please remember to take a photograph and email it to us on our usual address;

reception@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk

### **World Book Day - Google Classroom and Google Meet**

Officially, World Book Day is on the 4<sup>th</sup> March, but we are waiting until all the children return to class so that we can celebrate World Book Day together on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

However, we would like to mark the day by organising a whole class Funny Hat Google Meet. You can either make a hat to wear or find something silly to wear on your head. We don't mind what it is, but think the sillier it is, the better! We have been very impressed that so many children have learnt to mute and unmute themselves. Please remember to mute your child's microphone when you log in, as our last group will be bigger than usual.

**Our last Google Meet will be on Thursday 4th March. We will email you with the time.**

***If you are still having difficulty joining Google Classroom and Google Meet, please let one of us know as soon as possible.***

Although we said this week's plans and home learning would be on Google Classroom, we have decided to keep all plans on the website as usual, as this is the last week of lockdown. We hope this does not cause any inconvenience.

### **Timetable**

As usual, our timetable covers the seven areas of the EYFS curriculum, but it is just for your guidance and allows you to pick and choose activities that fit in with the time you have available. In your last week of home schooling, you might choose to prioritise getting your child school ready; ensure they can wash their hands thoroughly, take off and put on their jumper - folding it to go in their tray would be wonderful, putting on and zipping up their coats would also be useful.

### **Religious Education – The Eucharist - Gathering**

Week 2 of our Eucharist topic looks at our church family gathering together to celebrate Mass, how we welcome each other and who we might see in church. We are particularly focusing on your child learning the responses; **"The Lord be with you."** **"And with your spirit."**

There are background notes for parents and an outline of the activity on the website, along with a copy of the 'Welcome to Church' template for your child to draw their own picture of being welcomed to church.

We realise that it has been a very long time since most families were able to go to church, so please take the opportunity to talk to your child about Father Nigel or your parish priest and about the people you saw in church last time you were there.

Why not join Father Nigel's live stream Mass on Saturday at 10.30, 6.30pm or Sunday 9.30, 11.15, 6pm. Click the link below and scroll down the page to the live stream <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/whitton/>

## **Daily Maths – White Rose Maths – Building 9 and 10**

The maths focus this week is working with the numbers 9 and 10. Your child will be looking at different ways of recognising, ordering and making 9 and 10. The activity sheets are on the website and the links to White Rose Maths are on the suggested timetable.

### **Reading**

As we are unable to send home reading books at the moment, please use Reading Eggs with your child. There is a wide range of books at all levels in the 'Library', including books about People who Help Us. Links to books that are required are on the suggested timetable.

### **Additional Activities**

As usual we offer some additional 'pick and mix' activities for you to choose from if you would like to complete a range of cross-curricular activities. These are optional and you do not have to try to complete all of them. I think the pizza recipe looks delicious and is so simple with only two ingredients.

Please remember to keep all your child's work at home and date each piece. We will put their work in their file when it is safe to return to school. Please send in each week's home learning task (in green on the timetable) on Wednesday or Thursday. This is the only piece of work that you need to email us.

### **And finally...**

We would like to say a very big thank you to each and everyone of you for your patience and fortitude over the last two months of lock down. Needless to say, we are delighted that this is our last week of home learning and cannot wait to welcome all of your children back to class. Unlike any other year group, we have been teaching in class, taking three Google Classroom sessions per week and planning the curriculum for home and school. You have been wonderful teachers for your children and we have thoroughly appreciated all of your kind words of support, ideas for our timetable and for being on hand with technical support during our virtual sessions.

We would appreciate your feedback and have placed a link below to a very short questionnaire. You and your child's views will enable us to tailor our support for parents in the future.

Reception Home Learning and Well-Being Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WQBM2ZJ>

We look forward to seeing you for our last Google Meet on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Don't forget your funny hat!

Best wishes,

The Reception Team