

Monday 4th May 2020

Dear Class 4 and families,

I hope you're all well.

I am writing to update you on the useful resources available from the Oak National Academy (www.thenationalacademy) for **Week 3** of this term. If you have missed the lessons from the previous two weeks, they are still available. If you click on 'schedule' it will say 'This is week 3' but if you scroll down, you will find the resources for weeks 2 and 1.

Foundation Subjects

In terms of the **Foundation** lessons available, both year groups should try the Year 6 history lessons on Monday and Thursday. They follow on from the last two weeks of learning and link beautifully to our war topic. Monday's lesson explores **what life was like in Nazi Germany** and Thursday's lesson asks, '**Was the Second World War inevitable?**' The Year 5 lessons this week are useful as a reminder of our curriculum day last November about the Tudors if you are interested, but these are not essential. Monday's lesson is about Henry VIII and the Reformation. Thursday's lesson explores the strengths and weaknesses of Elizabeth I as a monarch.

I also recommend as relevant to our summer term learning for both year groups the Wednesday Year 6 Foundation lesson (science) which continues the learning from the last two weeks about evolution and fossils as evidence. This week the focus is about **how to use fossils as evidence for finding out when different organisms lived and what happened to them.**

The Tuesday lessons for both year groups continue to be the same. If you are interested, this week you can learn how to say your birthday in Spanish. The Friday art lessons are also identical for both year groups. This week builds on the skills taught last week. The lesson teaches you how to do overlapping and to draw still life objects.

English

For both year groups the five lessons are complete units of work so need to be completed in order from Monday to Friday. The units of work integrate spellings, words of the day, comprehension and SPaG into the learning.

The Year 5 unit is about persuasive techniques, which we have recently been studying in class.

The Year 6 unit is about setting descriptions, which is exactly what we would have been working on in class when studying Goodnight Mr Tom.

Maths

As with English, the five lessons over the week are a complete and progressive unit of work so need to be completed in order.

The Year 5 unit of work is about converting between units of measure, including time, length and perimeter and I would recommend it as these skills can easily be forgotten if not regularly practised.

The Year 6 unit of work is about missing angles and lengths, classifying quadrilaterals and triangles. I would recommend this to both year groups. This is what you were working on with Mrs Alves and Miss Cronin just before the school closed and had not finished. Also, a number of you were absent that week so this would be perfect for catching up and also for consolidating your skills and knowledge.

Don't forget that you all need to be regularly making sure that you still know all of your times tables. If you don't use them, you lose them!

Other information

If you are running out of ideas, don't forget that there is BBC Bitesize and White Rose Maths which provides structured maths lessons at www.whiterosemaths.com/homelearning. You also have Espresso. There are new full lessons and resources at <https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/what-we-offer/discovery-education-espresso/new-resources>

Also, Twinkl is producing weekly home learning packs.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/weekly-learning-activities-pack-week-3-age-9-10-t-e-2550088>

This week marks VE day on Friday. These links will help you to learn more about it:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/75th-anniversary-ve-day-reading-comprehension-ages-9-11-t-e-2550207> and <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-h-4813-ve-day-resource-pack>

I hope you are enjoying home learning. Let's hope we will soon be back in the classroom.

Take care and stay safe!

Mrs Henden