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Newsletter

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Easter Prayer

The veil of darkness
 Transformed to the brightest light.

The most dreadful end
 Became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair
 Fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death
 Defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.



www.lords-prayer-words.com

Dear Parents

Well, we certainly did not expect when the March newsletter was sent out that we would be sending the next one in such strange circumstances. We hope you are all keeping safe, well and busy during this difficult time and we hope to be able to welcome you all back to school soon. Staff have been busy working at home and we have loved your messages and seeing all the fantastic photos of the work and activities you have been doing. Keep sending them in by email. We have shared some photos on the website in a weekly gallery for you to enjoy, so, if you have not had chance to send anything yet – get 'cracking'! After Easter, from April 20th we will be posting activities related to your new topics and there is some information below to get you started.

Best Wishes to everyone. Look after each other.

Journey into Easter

Shahne Vickery has produced a special Journey into Easter for use at home this year. It uses some stunning art work by Nebiyu Assefa. The link to the resource on the Imaginor website is https://imaginor.co.uk/journey_to_easter and the pack is also on the school website. There are lots of ideas for reflection, discussion and activities linked to each picture.



Journey Into Easter With Children

Reflections through art for Holy Week and Easter

written by Shahne Vickery with paintings by Nebiyu Assefa



'Food Glorious Food' tea party

We were all sad to miss the KS2 end of term tea party but some of you have had baking days of your own. Look at the lovely chocolate cake and Luca's chocolate Crunch.



BBC.co.uk/bitesize – daily lessons for all ages commencing 20th April

The government have been working with the BBC and from Monday 20 April, BBC Bitesize will publish daily online lessons for all ages. The link is already on our home-learning page There will also be a new dedicated TV channel full learning content, podcasts on BBC Sounds and loads of educational video on iPlayer..

KS2 'Going for Gold' Summer term topic

'Going for Gold' - the new topic for KS2 (Peregrines and Kingfishers) has two main strands – Ancient Greece and Keeping Fit.

Children will research, learn about and present information about life in Ancient Greece. They will find out about Athens and Sparta, Greek democracy, everyday life and about the ancient and modern Olympic Games. They will learn about the human body including the importance of exercise and the effects of drugs/smoking. We will also be learning about the myths and legends of Ancient Greece, including Theseus and the Minotaur, Medusa, the Cyclops etc. as well as reading some Aesop's fables and having a go at writing our own.

All children were sent home with a new topic book to use or they could decide to use a scrapbook. As a start they may like to find /draw or download pictures and title for the front cover. Then they can prepare the contents page.

Information and ideas for activities and tasks will follow from 20th April on the home learning section of the website. However, this is a chance for you to get really creative in how you present your work. There could be pop-up sections, flaps, pull-out sections, photos/ drawings. Not all your work/ideas need to be in the topic book, although you could add photos of practical activities. You may for example want to produce some larger pieces of art work or posters.



Mount Cooke residential

Some of you may be worried about what is happening about the residential in June. It seems unlikely at this time that this will be going ahead. Like many other schools and residential centres, we are waiting for information from the local authority regarding insurance policies/ cancellations etc. and more information will follow. This may take some time but be assured that there will be refunds available.





Woodpeckers – Summer term1 topic- TOY STORY

During this exciting and engaging history based topic, the children will learn about popular toys through the 20th century and the early 21st century. The children will need to think about their favourite toy from today before moving on to looking at toys which were popular when their parents and grandparents were children. They will develop a range of transferable historical skills such as: asking and answering questions, identifying and interpreting different sources and recognising change and exploring how this influences them today. More details will follow about a range of learning activities which include: designing and creating games, writing instructions for a game, comparing and sorting toys and investigating the materials that toys are made from and how these have changed over time.

Online safety

We would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of vigilance when children are using computers/tablets etc and to remind children not to give personal information online. A link to CEOP-online safety is on the front page of the school website.

Happy Easter everyone!



Easter egg design by MM

