

## Class 2 Home Schooling Newsletter - 23rd February 2021

Hi Year 2. I hope you are all ok. All being well this is the last week of home learning and we shall all be back together next Monday. Here are this week's activities.

I have popped another video onto Purple Mash which explains what you will be doing this week. Have a look at it before you start.

There will also be some work on Purple Mash including reading, maths games, this week's spellings and worksheets for some of the other lessons.

### **Celebrating World Book Day at home**

This year's World Book Day theme is 'share a story'. We would love you to share a story with the people you live with. This could include getting grandparents or other family members to read stories over video chat; setting aside a family reading time when everyone at home all read their own books or magazines; building a cosy reading den with cushions in a corner, or a sheet draped over chairs to make a tent; read a story or chapter and then act it out together. We'd love to see some pictures of the places or ways you share a story at home! Please email them in to [staff31@croft.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:staff31@croft.staffs.sch.uk) We will be included some of these for a whole school display.

I have also planned some exciting activities for World Book on Friday. These are all based upon the book - Leon and the Place Between by Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith. This book is all about the circus and magic. There will be a video on Purple Mash of me reading the story and I was also put a link to the story as well so that the pictures can be seen in more detail. I hope you enjoy the story and the activities.

**On Thursday the 4th March, Staffordshire Libraries will be reading Corrinne Averiss' My Pet Star at 2 pm on our YouTube and Facebook Page. See the flyer I have uploaded to Purple Mash for more details.**

We hope you enjoy World Book Day 2021!

Thank you for the remote learning you are doing at home with your children. We recognise the extra strain this puts on families but we really appreciate you keeping the children, your family and us safe by staying at home and following the rules.

### **Monday**

**Lesson 1 - Phonics - There are two groups. Complete the work assigned to you on Purple mash.**

**Group 1**- Adding the suffix -ly

Watch the video - Nesy Spelling Strategy - spellings rules for adding -ly.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOoZ3HAbh00>

Complete the Change the adjective sheet.

**Group 2** - Have a go at this interactive phonics lesson focusing on oo/u/ew/ue/u-e You will need a piece of paper and a pencil for this lesson.

Follow the link to the lesson:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fT\\_U2\\_BUfI&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fT_U2_BUfI&feature=youtu.be)

**Lesson 2** - English - For the next two days we will be carrying on with the Newspaper Report Unit on Oak Academy. The teacher for these lessons is Miss Weerasekera. For these lessons you will need an exercise book or a piece of paper and a pencil.

Today's lesson is: To write a middle that builds.

In this lesson we will write the interview in a play script style. The questions will focus on the details of the situation as well as Apollo's emotions and opinions. We will need to use our imaginations to creatively write how Apollo might respond to the news reporter's questions.

Follow the link to this lesson: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-write-a-middle-that-builds-drama-chh66c>

**Lesson 3** - Maths - This week we are carrying on with our measuring unit that we started last week. The teacher for these lessons is Miss Mitchell. For these lessons you will need a pencil, exercise book, a ruler and if possible the printable sheet that I have uploaded onto Purple Mash.

Today's lesson is: Measuring length in centimetres

In this lesson, you will be measuring objects with a ruler.

Follow the link to the lesson: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/measuring-length-in-centimetres-7Or6ad>

**Lesson 4** - Geography - This week we will be carrying on with or lessons about Brazil with Miss Harrison.

Today's lesson is: How is the weather in Brazil different than the UK?

In this lesson we will recap our knowledge of the seven continents in the world and locating Brazil on a map. We will then look at weather patterns in the UK and compare these to the different weather we explored in Brazil last lesson.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/how-is-the-weather-in-brazil-different-than-the-uk-61jk8r>

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## Tuesday

**Lesson 1** - Phonics - There are two groups. Complete the work assigned to you on Purple Mash.

**Group 1** - Adding the suffix -ly. Sort the words into which are spelt correctly/incorrectly.

**Group 2** - Have a go at this interactive phonics lesson focusing on oa/ow/oe/ou/o-e You will need a piece of paper and a pencil for this lesson.

Follow the link to the lesson:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8ChuWZwkFc&feature=youtu.be>

**Lesson 2** - English - This is the final day of our Newspaper Report Unit on Oak Academy. The teacher for these lessons is Miss Weerasekera. For these lessons you will need an exercise book or a piece of paper and a pencil.

Today's lesson is: To write an ending that satisfies

In this lesson we will finish writing our news report with a conclusion that recaps the story, explains what might happen next and ends on a call to actions to the viewers. We will then practice performing our news reports, focusing on our tone of voice, facial expressions and body language.

Follow the link to this lesson:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-write-an-ending-that-satisfies-c4r32r>

**Lesson 3** - Maths - This week we are carrying on with our measuring unit that we started last week. The teacher for these lessons is Miss Mitchell. For these lessons you will need a pencil, exercise book, a ruler and if possible the printable sheet that I have uploaded onto Purple Mash.

Today's lesson is: Estimating and comparing length in centimetres

In this lesson you will be estimating and measuring the length of an object. You will then compare the objects using the greater than and less than symbols

Follow the link to the lesson: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/estimating-measuring-and-comparing-length-in-centimetres-cmup6e>

**Lesson 4** - Science - In Science we are looking at The Animal Kingdom. Your teacher for this lesson is Miss Harris. For this lesson you will need your exercise book and a pencil and if possible, the sheets I have uploaded onto Purple Mash.

Today's lesson is: What is the difference between an invertebrate and a vertebrate?

In this lesson, we will be learning about the differences between invertebrates and vertebrates. All animals can be classified as either invertebrates which do not have a backbone or vertebrates which have a backbone. We will be identifying different animals from these classifications.

Follow the link to the lesson: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/what-is-the-difference-between-an-invertebrate-and-a-vertebrate-71gker>

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## **Wednesday**

**Lesson 1 - Phonics - There are two groups. Complete the work assigned to you on Purple Mash.**

**Group 1** - Adding the suffix -ly  
Complete the mini test.

**Group 2** - o-e and u-e

Have a go at the different sheets - phoneme spotter, real and nonsense words, spot the images, juggling with Mr Whoops.

**Lesson 2 - English - As we only have two Literacy lessons left before we come back to school (as Friday is World Book Day) we are going to have a go at a couple of BBC Literacy Live Lessons. You will need a pencil, exercise book and if possible the sheets that I have uploaded onto Purple Mash.**

Today's lesson is all about Poetry (BBC Live Literacy lesson 2). The lesson is brought you by CBBC's Rhys Stephenson and Mr Smith from Bitesize Daily.

In this lesson you will:

Apply knowledge of phonics to identify rhyming words, create a character in the style of Michael Rosen's Bendy Man, use noun phrases to label and describe their creation, write a poem using the same rhyming structure as Michael Rosen's 'Oh Dear!'

Follow this link to the lesson: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/literacy-ks1-lesson-2/z4xkg7h>

**Lesson 3 - On a Wednesday we are continuing with the topic of money (Mrs Stanley normally teaches maths on a Wednesday). Your teacher for this lesson is Mrs Dobrowolski.**

Today's lesson is: Adding money in different ways.

In this lesson we will learn how to make the same amount using different coins and notes.

Follow the link to the lesson: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/adding-money-in-different-ways-60w3jt>

**Lesson 4 - RE - We are carrying on looking at Routines and Rituals. This week we are looking at the ritual**

In this lesson will learn about why the Five Pillars of Islam are important to Muslims and you will able to explain why.

Watch the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9U8T8x1AhQ>

Have a look at the presentation I have uploaded onto Purple Mash. Remember to click on slideshow and then click on from the beginning. Then click each page as you go along.

Then have a go at completing the Five Pillars of Islam worksheets. The sheets are starred. One star is the easiest, three stars is the hardest. Choose the sheet you feel is the best for you.

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## **Thursday**

**Lesson 1 - English - As we only have one Literacy lesson left before we come back to school (as Friday is World Book Day) we are going to have a go at a couple of BBC Literacy Live Lessons. You will need a pencil, exercise book and if possible the sheets that I have uploaded onto Purple Mash.**

Today's lesson is all about animals and is taught by Rebecca Keatley and Mrs Smith.

In this lesson you will use adjectives to create noun phrases when describing invented animals, explore, decide and explain what their dream job would be using 'because' to join ideas, investigate how to make a word plural by adding 's' or 'es'.

Follow the link to the lesson: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/literacy-ks1-lesson-5/z9jxqfr>

**Lesson 2 - Maths - This week we are carrying on with our measuring unit that we started last week. The teacher for these lessons is Miss Mitchell. For these lessons you will need a pencil, exercise book, a ruler and if possible the printable sheet that I have uploaded onto Purple Mash.**

Today's lesson is: Drawing lines with specified lengths.

In this lesson, you will be working out the length of a mystery line and then drawing it.

Follow the link to the lesson: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/drawing-lines-with-specified-lengths-6hgkac>

**Lesson 3** - In History we are continuing to look at *How people's lives have changed in living memory*. Your teacher for this lesson is Miss Emms. You will need your exercise book and a pencil.

Today's lesson is: How has improved transport made the world more connected (Part 2).

In this lesson, we will continue to learn about how improved transport has made the world more connected. We will learn about the development of aeroplanes before moving on to learning about space travel.

Follow the link to this lesson: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/how-has-improved-transport-made-the-world-more-connected-part-2-cmv34t>

**Lesson 4** - PSHE - It's ok not to be ok? - In this lesson you can make a worry doll. To do this you will need a black felt tip, glue, tape, a plastic spoon, ice lolly sticks, coloured wool, pipe cleaners and scissors. If you don't have the materials in the video you make you can make your worry doll out of any materials that you might have at home.

Today's lesson is: Don't worry about a thing.

In this lesson we will be talking about worries and how to deal with them. We'll be reading a story about an anxious little boy called Billy and how he learns to deal with his worries.

Remember, it is always a good idea to share your worries just like Billy does. He shares them with his parents and his worry doll. You'll be making some worry dolls of your own. So, let's get started!

Follow the link to the lesson: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/dont-worry-about-a-thing-68u32d>

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**Friday - World Book Day**

**Activity 1** - watch the video of me reading the story on Purple Mash and there is also the option of watching a video of the story which may show the pages in more detail.

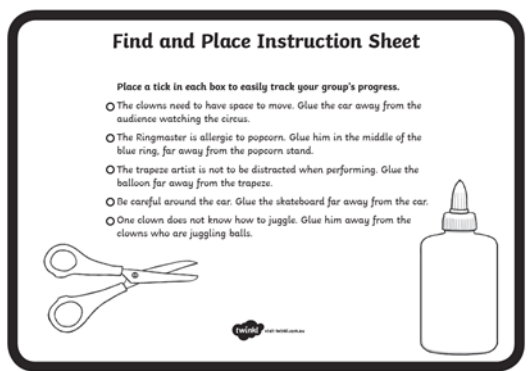
Follow the link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpjAtvxA3xE>

**Activity 2** - Using the template sheet on Purple Mash make tickets for the show. Be imaginative and include a bit of magic.

**Activity 3** - Using the instruction sheet I have uploaded onto Purple Mash make your own magic wand. You will need a stick from the garden or your local park for this. You can then use any other materials you have to decorate it. It would be great to see a photograph of you

with your wand. You could either upload ask your parents to upload it onto Purple Mash or email it to me at [staff31@croft.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:staff31@croft.staffs.sch.uk)

**Activity 4** - Follow the Find and Place Instruction Sheet and stick the pictures onto the circus scene.



**Activity 5** - Read through the magic tricks and choose one that you think you could have a go at. Practise the trick until you can do it really well. If you have a mirror that is a great place to practise your trick. When you can do it really well ask a grown up to record you performing your magic trick. It would be great to see some of your tricks so ask a grown up to upload the video onto Purple Mash or email it to me at [staff31@croft.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:staff31@croft.staffs.sch.uk)

Then on the sheet I have uploaded onto Purple Mash have a go at drawing pictures and writing instructions for your magic trick so that somebody else can follow them and perform the trick.

There are also some circus colouring sheets, facts sheets about the circus and comprehension sheets on purple mash if you would like something extra.

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PE - Have a go at the Run Bounce Challenge that I have uploaded onto Purple Mash.

There is also Joe Wicks, Cosmic Yoga and Just Dance if you fancy something different.

*Do not forget that if you have any concerns or questions about remote learning you can contact me via my email at **Staff31@croft.staffs.sch.uk***

*I am teaching full time so please bear with me, I will get back to you as soon as I can.*

*In addition, if you wish me to give you a call to check in with you just drop me an email & I will endeavour to give you a call at some point during the week when I am not teaching.*

I hope you enjoy the activities.

Take care.

Mrs Astley