

Year 1 - Home-schooling Newsletter

Hello, Year 1! I hope that you have had another exciting week at home. This week is your final week of home learning. You have all worked so hard and I am so proud of all of you for what you have achieved this year - both in school and at home. I hope you enjoy your final week of home learning!

Oak Academy

There are no lessons for Oak Academy this week. Instead, there are some exciting activities available. You can find them [here](#). Feel free to explore and select your own activities but here are some of my recommendations:

Art Club - The World Around Us (Bug Hotel); bird feeders; rainmakers; Rangoli Elephants.

Bite Back 2030 - Practise your cooking skills!

Earth School - Understand why it is important we protect our world.

Scouts - Lolly stick catapults; Sing like a camel; seeing stars; slimy states; catch your breath.

Some of these activities look fantastic and I am sure you will learn something exciting! I would love to see any pictures of anything you do/make.

White Rose Maths

The lessons for Maths this week are all about time. We had covered this before the school closed so it was only a brief introduction. It may be beneficial for your child to have a go at these lessons as time is a tricky concept! I have included the lesson links below:

[Lesson 1](#)

[Lesson 2](#)

[Lesson 3](#)

[Lesson 4](#)

Video Links

Here are some links to some white rose lessons that we did not have chance to cover/did not have chance to consolidate in Year 1. Please do not feel like you have to do this as it will be revisited when your child is in Year 2 but I have attached the lessons so that you have the opportunity to do so.

Here are some worksheets for place value within 50:

[Numbers to 50](#)

[Tens and Ones](#)

[Represent numbers to 50](#)

[One more one less](#)

[Compare objects within 50](#)

[Compare numbers within 50](#)

[Order numbers within 50](#)

[Count in 2s](#)

[Count in 5s](#)

Here are some worksheets for position and direction:

[Describe turns](#)

[Describe position](#)

[Describe position 2](#)

As a side note, I do not expect you to do all this work in a week! It is just there as an option in case we have a rainy day during the summer holidays, and you want a 5 minute activity to keep busy!

[Purple Mash](#)

For the final time, I have updated Purple Mash with reading, writing, maths and other activities. This week, I have uploaded the entire book 'Class 1 and the Winter Walk' and the activities. Of course, I do not expect you to complete the entire book in a week - I have just uploaded all of the chapters in case you would like to dip into Purple Mash during the summer holidays. I have uploaded some maths games, spellings and phonics quizzes, and activities related to the theme 'Transitions'. Although this is the last time I will be uploading Purple Mash, remember that you are free to use your login and play some games/do some reading on Serial Mash during the holidays if you wish.

[Themed Work](#)

Last week, we looked at Celebrations and some of you sent pictures of your fantastic work! This week, we are looking at 'Transitions'. Your child has faced many changes during this time and they will face changes when they return to school in September, as they will be in a different classroom with a different teacher. This week, I thought the children could have some time to reflect on their time in Class 1 and have tried to make the activities fun and interesting. I hope you enjoy!

Monday

- Memories - Over the last year, your child will have created many school memories that they will cherish forever. Capture these memories in a fun way by asking your child to create a 'Memory Jar'. Using coloured paper ask your child to draw or write down their favourite memories. They can use different colours to show different categories of memory e.g. blue for friendship, yellow for teachers, red for favourite lessons, green for school trips. Use a jam jar or a plastic bottle to collect their memories; they could even personalise their jar with decoration.

Tuesday

Achievements - Your child has achieved so much over the course of the year and now it is time to reflect on what makes them proud. Ask your child to think about their proudest academic achievements and their proudest achievements outside of the classroom too. After discussing your child's accomplishments, ask them to choose one. Work together to design and create an achievement medal. Do this by cutting a piece of cardboard into a circle or star shape, painting it gold or sticking shiny paper to it. Write the number one on the medal and add string or ribbon. Why not have a ceremony and present the medal to your child?

Wednesday

Saying farewell - Ending the academic year is a time for your child to say farewell to current teachers and sometimes to classmates too. Talk to your child about the friendships they have made this year. Who is important to them and why? What are they going to miss most about their teacher/teachers? Support your child to draw around their hand on paper and then carefully cut it out. On the template, ask your child to draw or write a goodbye message to a friend or teacher. On each finger, they could write the qualities that this special person has displayed over the year e.g. kindness, being helpful, etc.

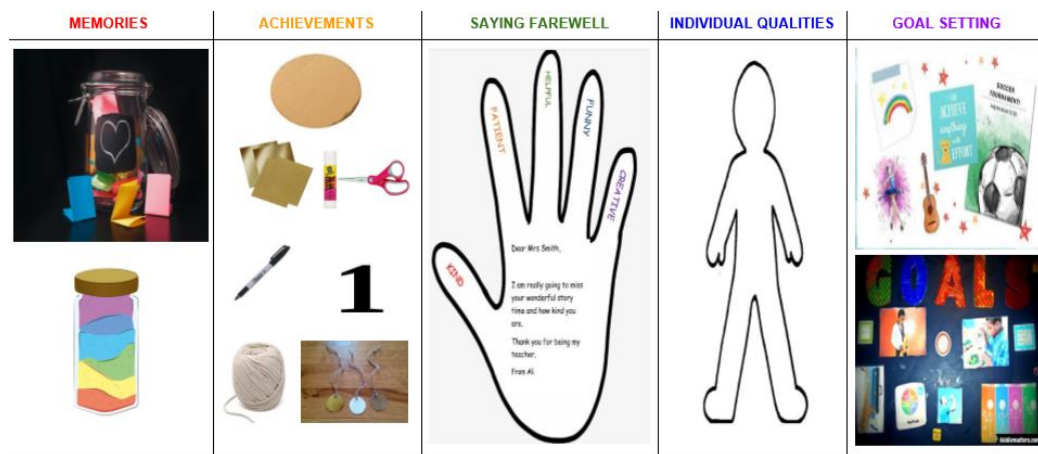
Thursday

Individual qualities - Ask your child to think about what makes them special. What makes them different to other people? You could ask other family members to contribute to this too and record a list of your child's individual qualities together. Following this, ask your child to record their individual qualities on a person template. They may wish to do this by creating a collage using cut out pictures from magazines that represent their individual qualities. Alternatively, they could draw pictures to represent their qualities onto the template. Talk about the importance of being unique together.

Friday

Goal setting - Read or listen to the story 'Giraffes Can't Dance' [here](#). Talk about how Gerald the giraffe showed determination when trying to achieve his goals. Ask your child what they would like to achieve next year, e.g. 'to improve my handwriting', 'count in tens' or 'show more kindness to others'. After this, ask your child to choose 5 things from the list which they would like to achieve during their next school year. Work together to create a vision board. This can be done by cutting out pictures that represent the goals, pasting onto card and decorating. They could add personal qualities to their vision board too.

Here are some ideas of how your work may look:



Other Resources

- This week, there is a virtual tour of the science museum! Check it out [here](#).
- If you're looking for a new exciting book to read, the Literacy Shed are hosting a book of the week. Find some amazing new books to read [here](#).
- There are some great activities of BBC Bitesize this week. The maths work relates to white rose, where lessons are centred around time. In English, there is some fun work all about what a story is and how to write one. In Science, there is a fair test and an investigation. There are also some fun Art and Design and Music activities. Find these activities [here](#).

I hope you all have an amazing week. It has been an incredibly difficult time for all of us, but I am so pleased with how well you have all done. It has been a privilege to be your teacher, you were the most amazing first class I could have asked for and I will always remember you as my Rainbow heroes during Lockdown! I hope you have an amazing time with Mrs Astley and she is incredibly lucky to have you for her new class. I'm sorry we didn't get the chance to say goodbye, but I am thinking of you all and I hope you have an amazing summer holiday - you all deserve it!

To the parents/carers, thank you so much for your support. It has certainly been an interesting start to my teaching career but I am thankful for how kind and

understanding you have all been. It was lovely to speak to so many of you on the phone and you should all be proud of how well you have all done during this time. Everyone is in completely different situations, but it was lovely to hear every single parent I spoke to say that their children are happy and healthy because that is the most important thing during all this madness! I hope you all have a fantastic Summer Holiday and get a well-deserved break too!

If there is any work you would like to send this week, I would absolutely love to receive it. Feel free to email me at: k.carter@croft.staffs.sch.uk.

Again, thank you for an amazing year! I will always remember my time at The Croft.

Best wishes,

Miss Carter

