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**Term 6 Week 4**

**Friday 26th June**

Well what a scorcher it has been!

Well done to everybody – children, parents, carers and school staff – for another great week of learning. It has been a pleasure to see all the positivity from those in school and those continuing with home learning.

It has been fantastic to see the enjoyment on the faces of the children as they have reconnected with their peers and this has shone through in our virtual assemblies at the end of the week. A focus for Pioneer is to ensure that the wellbeing of the school communities is at the forefront of everything that we do and having time to reflect and share experiences time with each other is vital at this time.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to the new week ahead.

Pioneer Federation Senior Leadership Team.

**Reading**

Whether for fun or to expand knowledge, reading is the way forward. Let us know what you are reading; write a synopsis to tell us



what it was about and what you thought of it. Keep in touch!



**Top Tips for the Week:**

- Remember sun screen on before school, to always wear a sun hat and bring fresh water.
- If you are at home, don't forget that today is our 'Virtual Sports Day' - we need your results by **12pm on Monday 29th June** (and photos for the Newsletter!)
- Check your emails for Version 4 of our re-opening plans.

**Yoga Lions**

At St Mary's, we usually have a lovely lady called Sophie come in from Yoga Lions each week. At the moment this is not possible but she has let us know that she is still teaching both children and adults in online sessions, mainly via Zoom. Lots of the children who usually attend Yoga Lions at school have been attending the online sessions which has been great; not only to continue their yoga practice and talk about our feelings during this time of uncertainty but also to keep that connection between their friends. Seeing familiar faces is such a positive experience! Sophie is also now able to teach outside with up to 5 others as long as social distance is maintained. If you would like to join Sophie, please email: [yogawithsoph90@gmail.com](mailto:yogawithsoph90@gmail.com)



## Reception - St Mary's



The children have been reading 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch'. They have talked about the story, the setting, the characters and what happened to poor Mr Grinling's lunch. They had a great time roleplaying the story with seagulls, baskets, play food and a pulley. What great imaginative and inventive play!



Last week it poured with rain, so the children went outside with their wellies and made some fantastic 'bubble puddles' water in the downpour.

They also had the water trays filled and did lots of experimenting of what would float and sink. Then the children had a go at designing, building and testing what would make a good boat to float different objects.



We are learning about special places, so we all went to St Mary's church yard to talk about why it is a special place to the Christian community. All of the children asked lots of questions and noticed some brilliant details of the church. They all drew some wonderful drawings of the Church. What a busy week!



## Reception - East Hoathly



This week was a busy week in Reception. They became engrossed in the story of Jonah and the Whale, they acted it out, made their own whales, made storms from play dough and even wrote a super story board!



They also became gardeners this week, helping to empty and clear the raised beds. It was a tough job but they worked together and made lots of progress.

Check out our before, during and after photos!

## Key Workers - St Mary's

This week we have welcomed even more children and have enjoyed our preparations for Sports Day! We have been getting creative in our art and design morning making knights, helmets and chariots and the class have also been presenting their work achievements and own creations to each other.



## Key Workers - East Hoathly



The Key worker class have had another busy time.

We learnt about how the stomach breaks down food using crackers and cola. Samuel and Joseph are pictured with their science experiments!



The children learnt also learnt about reptiles then made their own snakes using paper chains for the bodies.

Deliah, India, Sophie, Catherine, Orlaith, William and Charlie are pictured with the giant snake they created as a group.



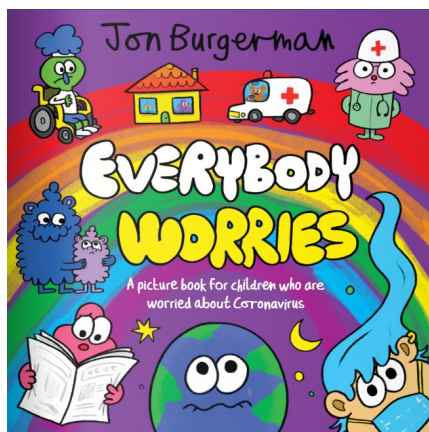
## Year 1 - East Hoathly



### We have had a recommended read

Mrs Smith has found a lovely picture e-book about children's worries during the pandemic. Go to:

<https://en.calameo.com/read/000777721945cfe5bb9cc?authid=Xu9pcOzU3TQx>



### And we have a thank you

East Hoathly would like to thank the printing company, Grays, for creating a new sports kit for the school and the FPTA for generously donating the kits to the school.

They look fabulous and the children are very excited to wear them for future sporting events!

Thank you!



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**Fabulous photos sent in showing the wonderful things you are doing at home:**

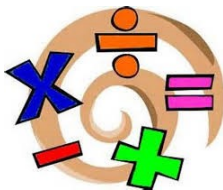


Hector picked these lovely strawberries at my friends fruit farm then used them to make this Victoria Sponge cake.



**For ideas of things to do at home:**

- ◆ Check out the school websites for activities listed under your class.
- ◆ Have a look at the Stem ideas on the next page!
- ◆ Go to BBC Bite Size.
- ◆ Oak National Academy have lots of different ideas - below is one for English:  
<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-identify-the-key-features-of-an-action-scene-886777>
- ◆ Dig1t Games Limited have a number of resources available for maths:  
Find all our free resources at: <https://dig1t.com/game-resources/>
- ◆ Mr D continues his exercise videos on YouTube



Whatever you do, make sure you have fun and send in your photos to share with others.

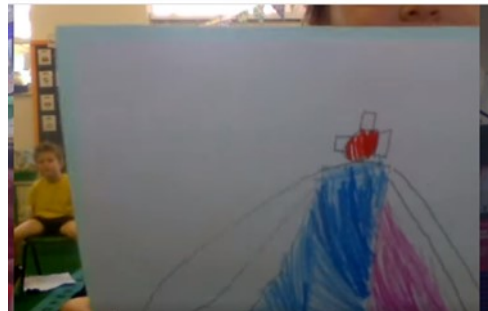
## Assembly - St Mary's

We enjoyed another fantastic celebration assembly on Friday - it was so lovely to see everybody and especially the growing number of children that we have in school!

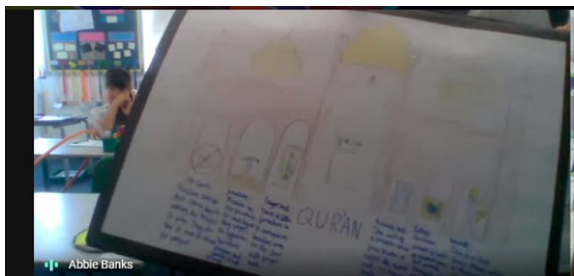
The children were all dressed ready for Sports Day and Mr Cline got especially dressed up for the occasion...of course! Look out in the newsletter next week for some photos of the children completing the challenges set by Mr D.

During the assembly, Maple Class wowed us with a performance of their Pirate song they had been learning and got all the groups joining in with the actions. Children from

Maple, Year 1, Mr Cline's group and Year 6 all shared a piece of work they were proud of - from Viking Life leaflets, diary entries of a Roman slave, crown designs and instructions on making Eton Mess, it's fantastic to hear about the variety of hard work and determination the children are showing.



Thank you to the wonderful children for sharing their work and also to all the children at home who continue to share their home



learning with us - we are so proud of you all.



See you next Friday when we will be an even bigger assembly with Miss Roberts joining us with her group of Year 2 and 3 Key Worker children!

## Assembly - Chiddingly

East Hoathly had lots to celebrate in their assembly this week! We loved hearing about the learning Nursery have been doing about Pirates! Leo enjoyed showing us his fantastic painting and all the children did a great pirate impression... 'Arrgggghhhh!' They even managed to build a pirate ship outside in the Nursery garden this week too!



Reception class showed us photographs of their hard work in the growing area this week. They have cleared their allotment of debris and made the bed ready for new plants. It looked like really hard work but lots of fun! We can't wait to see what they decide to grow in their plot!



Year 1 have been really busy too – they have been learning about Castles and have done some brilliant writing all about dragons! They were really proud to show us their work and Alex told us about some of the brilliant words he chose to use – 'flabbergasted' and 'despondent'! Brilliant use of a thesaurus and great understanding of language!

Mrs Healy's group were keen to show us their Viking Shields – they are so colourful and it looked like they had a lot of fun making them! We also heard about the newspaper report that Abigail wrote – great use of ICT while also learning about history and English!

Mr Lulham's group had a variety of learning to share with us – although their favourite was their science investigation about the digestive system! Catherine explained what they had done to find out about how acid breaks down food in the stomach!



We finished off with a hearty rendition of 'Million Dreams' – one of our absolute favourites to sing! Well done for a great week of learning, East Hoathly!



## Ideas for Activities for Home:

# Starters for STEM



Starters for STEM are 10 activities that parents can use at home to help children develop their science, technology, engineering and maths skills. These activities are easy to resource and provide children with the stimulus to talk about the world around them. If you see a link you can explore how to extend these activities, you will need to sign up, for free, to access these materials. Don't forget to share your work on social media

### #ScienceFromHome

#### Flower focus

Observe a flower carefully in your garden or in your local area. Can you see the pollen? Does it look the same as the pollen on a different plant? Watch carefully. Are the flowers visited by any pollinators? [www.stem.org.uk/rx32vx](http://www.stem.org.uk/rx32vx)

#### Plastic from milk?

Heat up some milk, don't boil it, and then add 5 teaspoons of vinegar. Stir it around and then carefully pour the mixture through a strainer. Wash the lumps in water and then mould into any shape you like. <https://sciencebob.com/make-plastic-milk/>

#### Floating garden challenge

Lots of places in the world struggle with flooding and are unable to grow crops. This challenge asks you to create your own garden that can float. Using what you have in your home or garden, can you create a garden that is able to float? <https://www.stem.org.uk/rxzc3>

#### Can you see in the dark?

Use a pencil to put a hole in the end of an old shoe box and one on the top of the box at the opposite end to your first hole. Place an object inside the box, under the hole on the top. Cover that hole with your finger. Now look through the hole at the end of the box. Can you see the object? How about if you uncover the hole on the top? Try other objects. Does the same thing happen?

#### Jelly race

Time how long it takes to transfer cubes of jelly from one plate to another using chopsticks or the ends of two spoons. Add some orange juice, now try again. Which was easier? Why do you think this?

#### Static Magic

Can you pick things up without touching them? Blow up a balloon and tear up some paper shapes. Create some static electricity by rubbing the balloon on your top or hair. Hold the balloon over the paper shapes, can you collect them all? What is the largest shape you can pick up? How far away can you hold your balloon and it still collects the paper?

#### Heart beaters

Can you tickle yourself? How many litres of blood do you have in your body? How many times does your heart beat in a day? Test your family with a body trivia quiz. Create your own cards or download some from here: <https://bit.ly/2RFJVRN>

The complete resource can be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/3a9V1TU>

#### Bouncing egg

Put an uncooked egg, shell and all, into a bowl or old jam jar. Pour vinegar into the jar, until it has covered the egg. Leave it for 24 hours and have a look at what is happening. What do you see? After 24 hours carefully take out the egg. What do you notice about it? Drop the egg from 10cm above a surface and see what it does. <https://bit.ly/2zRW7sX>

#### Finding perimeters

Use a ruler, or tape measure if you have one, to find the perimeter of different rectangles and squares in your home. Remember to measure the length of each side and add these together.

#### Celery science

Look carefully at the end of a piece of celery. What do you see? What part of a plant is the celery stick? Get an empty yogurt pot or paper cup and fill it a third full with water. Add a few drops of food colouring. Carefully put the celery into the water the widest end down. Leave it a few hours and then overnight. Do you notice anything? Why has that happened? [www.stem.org.uk/rxytm](http://www.stem.org.uk/rxytm)

Week beginning 22nd June 2020

## Ideas for Activities for Home:

Sport	Cricket & Stoolball
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From Specsavers Virtual Sussex School Games 2020 Sport Challenges

<b>Challenge 1 Title</b>	Clap & Catch
<b>Challenge Description</b>	Throw a ball in the air, and clap your hands, before catching the ball again.  <b>How many times</b> can you clap your hands whilst the ball is in the air?
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>How many times</b> can you clap your hands whilst the ball is in the air? You must catch the ball again for it to count.
<b>Video Example</b>	<a href="#">Click here for video example</a>
<b>Suggested Adaptations for Space/Equipment</b>	If you don't have a ball, get creative and use a satsuma, rolled up socks, or any other similar object you can find.
<b>Adaptation for Inclusivity</b>	This challenge can be done sitting down or standing up.
<b>Coaching Points for Improvement</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make sure that you are in the ready position, on the balls of your feet with knees bent. This will help you to move quickly if you need to.</li> <li>2. Watch the ball all the way back into your hands.</li> <li>3. Keep your hands together when performing the catch and make them as big/wide as possible (like an open book).</li> </ol>





**And finally:**

**It's BNF Healthy Eating Week @ Home**

**Get involved in the 7 challenges and cook-a-long this week with BNF!**

We are encouraging everyone to get themselves and their students involved!

The aim of the Week is to encourage people of all ages to take part in a range of key health challenges at home (or in nurseries, schools, universities or workplaces, where social distancing measures allow).

There are seven health challenges (based on those identified for the main Week) which will be supported by a range of evidence-based, easy to access resources.

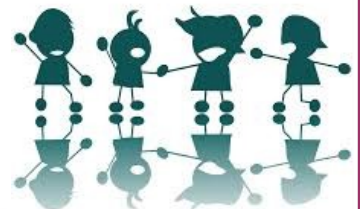
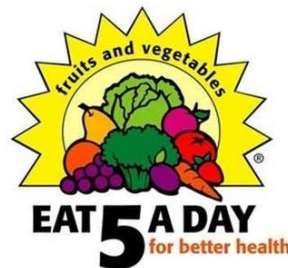
The challenges are:

1. Eat well
2. Eat more wholegrains
3. Have 5 A DAY
4. Drink plenty
5. Get active
6. Be mind kind - help a friend or neighbour

Make a change!

For further details, including the challenges and resources, go to:

<https://www.nutrition.org.uk/healthyliving/hewathome.html>



BNF Healthy Eating Week is developed by the British Nutrition Foundation.