



## St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 3 Week 5

Friday 5th February

Hi St Mary's families.

As we come to the end of another amazing week, it is incredible to think that we have nearly completed a whole term of online learning, where the children have continued to inspire us with their energy and enthusiasm to adapt.

As always, the children have had an extremely busy week. Maple Class have been learning about space and the solar system this week, where they had a go at making their own rockets! Cherry Class have been finding out about the role of fire fighters and exploring wind using hair driers. Willow Class have been learning all about rhythm and rhyme in poetry, producing some wonderful limericks of their own. Lilac Class have been publishing their report on pandas and completing a range of activities focused on their mental health.

We miss you all very much and look forward to being back together very soon.

Katherine Roberts

**Willow Class Teacher**



### Stained Glass Window

A huge thank you to the wonderful Mrs Rowberry who organised for Cathedral Studios (aligned with Canterbury Cathedral) to repair our beautiful stained glass window which we have on display in the hall. It now has a clear protective screen over the front to protect from any bumps and is a stunning focal point in our hall. We are so looking forward to being able to be back at school and have collective worships in the hall, sitting in the light of this gorgeous window.

### Top Tips

- **Letters:** International Day, Safer Schools App
- **Church Services:** These are all [online](#).
- **Technology:** If you need a laptop, please let us know.
- **Safeguarding:** If you have any safeguarding concerns for our children, please contact Miss Hare at [dsl\\_smv@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:dsl_smv@pioneerfederation.co.uk) or, if out of school hours, the NSPCC on 0800 8005000.
- **Online Safety:** Parent webinars 8th and 9th February. Please sign up [here](#). Miss Hare will be there along with Miss Lewis (Head of School at East Hoathly).



If you need the newsletter, or any other school letter, to be in a different format, please speak with Mrs Funnell in the school office.

If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Funnell.



1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select *My Games and Apps*
3. Scroll down to *Apps*
4. Go to *Microsoft Edge* application
5. Type in a search for *Google Classroom*
6. Select *Go to Classroom*
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.

### Learning from Home

If you have access to an X-box or PS4, we have established alternate ways to access google classroom.

Please remember if you have any difficulties with your work to contact your lovely teachers:

[smv-maple@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:smv-maple@pioneerfederation.co.uk)

[smv-cherry@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:smv-cherry@pioneerfederation.co.uk)

[smv-willow@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:smv-willow@pioneerfederation.co.uk)

[smv-lilac@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:smv-lilac@pioneerfederation.co.uk)

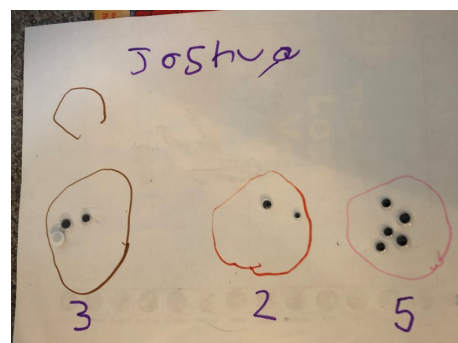
# PS4

1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to *Library*
3. Select *Library* application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in *Internet*
5. Select the *Internet Browser* app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box *Google Classroom* and select the first link that comes up:  
Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below'  
<https://edu.google.com/product/s/classroom>
8. Select *Go to Classroom*. Then log in using student email and password.

### Miss Hare's Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Verity (Lilac), Thomas M-L (Lilac), Joshua (Cherry), and Emily (Cherry) for completing the challenges!

Here is my maths challenge for last week where I can only use a digit once. 97, 85, 12, 60, 43



#### Week 5 Maths Challenge – KS1

*Emily*

There are three baskets: a brown one, a red one and a pink one holding a total of ten eggs.



The brown basket has one more egg in it than the red basket.

The red basket has three fewer eggs than the pink basket.

How many eggs are in each basket?

*Red 2 Brown 3 Pink 5*



### Blue Peter

CBBC have launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](#) for entertainment outside of home-schooling hours!



Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and are uploading videos that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about their incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

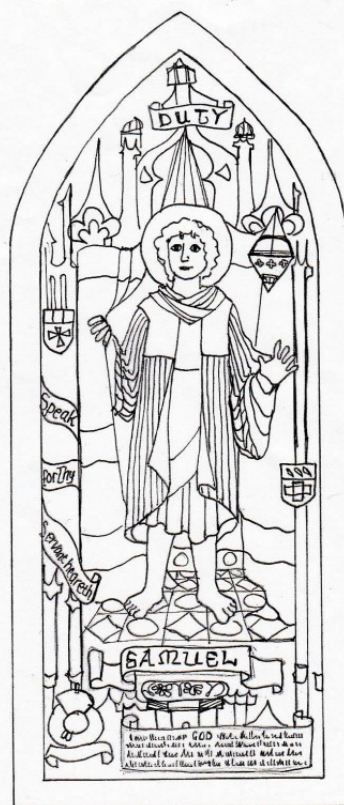
If you are interested, subscribe free at

<https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter>

Don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

### Stained Glass Window

Following the fantastic repair of our lovely stained glass window we have added an outline for you to colour and send in ready for the next Newsletter.



### Opportunity

Encourage your pupils aged 5-14 to create a Team GB-inspired recipe and help get the nation eating fresh with our [Taste Kitchen Challenge](#).

The winner for each of our 3 age categories will receive an exclusive **Team GB goodie bag**, their own **£50 Aldi Voucher** and a **£200 Aldi voucher and fresh produce** for their school!

One overall winner chosen by our Aldi Athlete Ambassadors will also receive their own money-can't-buy **Team GB Tokyo 2020 signed merchandise**. They'll also see their recipe **become one of Aldi's Taste Kitchen recipes**, printed in leaflets across Aldi stores and featured on the Aldi and Get Set to Eat Fresh websites.

Find everything you need to get involved from home or at school in our [free Taste Kitchen pack](#) and enter before **Friday 12 February** for your chance to win!



### Miss Hare's English Challenge

From Verity (Lilac), Albie (Cherry), Thomas M-L (Lilac)

Treehouse is a very happy character until Jimmy has to move away, this makes Treehouse very sad and determined to find Jimmy so he goes on a journey. When he reaches Jimmy's location and finds out he is not there he becomes very sad and plants himself down then Jimmy finds him and Treehouse becomes very happy and lets Jimmy's friends in.!

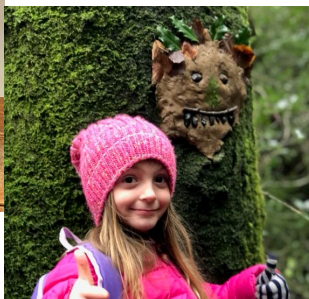
#### A description of Jimmy's Treehouse

This isn't any old Treehouse, this is Jimmy's Treehouse. Jimmy's Treehouse is very loving. You can see this because when Jimmy moved he did everything to find him. This loving treehouse was made by Jimmy when he was younger and since then they have made a strong bond. The Treehouse has two windows as eyes, he also has a secret mouth that is hidden in the wood. He has tree branches as hands and 2 legs, one a tree trunk the other a plank of wood crafted by Jimmy.



### Photos from Home

Emily's Mindful Monday. She baked some Fire of London biscuits, made a book cover for her favourite book, headed out with her dad to the Ashdown forest for a bit of forest school time where she collected all the bits she needs to make a garden in a tub and made a fabulous mud face on a tree.



Bethan and Eva spent their Mindful Monday making a den, feeding the

birds, making Dragon puppets and baking.





## International Day - Friday 12th February

Dear St Mary's Families,  
We had planned that next Friday (12th February) would be our 'International Day' in school and, even though we are not all able to be in school, we are still looking forward to doing this virtually! You may remember that last year we focused on Australia and the children spent the day going round each class, completing different activities to learn all about its culture, history, food and geography.



### Chinese

New Year is next Friday so this is a great opportunity to have our focus on China for the day. The teachers will set work and activities that are all based on Chinese New Year, Chinese food and exploring the culture and geography of China. Teachers will post more information on their class stream on Google Classroom next week and there will still be the usual live sessions on the day.

We look forward to seeing your photos of the day and hearing all about what the children have learnt!

Please do contact your child's class teacher if you have any

resources or interesting stories, experiences or information about China that you would be willing to share.



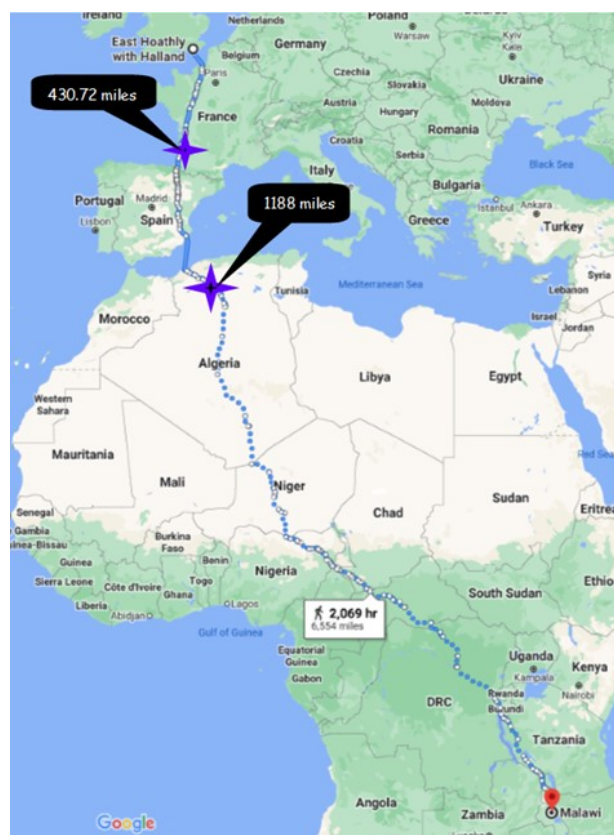
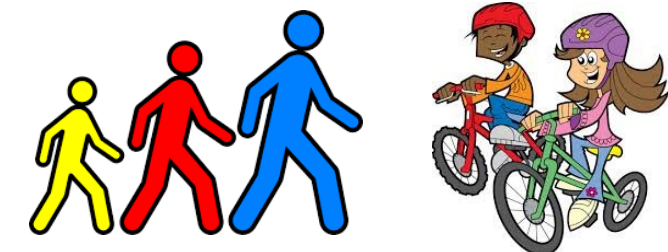
## East Hoathly to Malawi Challenge

The Goal: for the Pioneer Federation community to travel from East Hoathly to Malawi, 6555 miles. So far, our families and staff have completed an amazing 1188

miles.

Keep going and don't forget to collate details of how far you as a family have walked, cycled, hopped, skipped, each week and send to:

[traveltomalawi@pionerfederation.co.uk](mailto:traveltomalawi@pionerfederation.co.uk)



## Wellbeing:

This week we have a poster about How to talk with your child about Mental Health:



- 1 Make conversations about mental health a normal part of life:** Anywhere is a good place to talk; in the car, walking the dog or cooking together. Model everyday talk about feelings such as by talking about a TV character's feelings. 
- 2 Give your full attention:** We all know it's horrible to be half listened to. Keep eye contact, focus on the child and ignore distractions.
- 3 Check your body language:** Try to keep it open and relaxed and make sure you come down to the child's level. 
- 4 Take it seriously:** Don't downplay what the child is saying or tell them they're "just being silly". Resist the urge to reassure them that everything is fine.
- 5 Ask open questions:** Such as "How did your day go today?" This will help to extend the conversation.
- 6 Calmly stay with the feelings that arise:** It can be our automatic reaction to steer away from difficult emotions.
- 7 Offer empathy rather than solutions:** Show that you accept what they are telling you but don't try to solve the problem. 
- 8 Remember we are all different:** Respect and value the child's feelings, even though they may be different to yours.
- 9 Look for clues about feelings:** Listen to the child's words, tone of voice and body language.
- 10 Some ways to start a conversation about feelings might be:**
  - "How are you feeling at the moment?"
  - "You don't seem your usual self. Do you want to talk about it?"
  - "Do you fancy a chat?"
  - "I'm happy to listen if you need a chat."



"Let's make waves" - Science fun for children at the Brighton Science Festival at Half term



'Hello,

I am presenting "Let's make Waves - a guide to the science of waves and vibrations" - as part of the Brighton Science Festival's "At Home With Science" week at half term. It's a busy week!

All the best

Dr. Gareth Francis'

In this free hands-on science session for children and their parents, we will be investigating what waves or vibrations are. We will look at how they are formed and the properties of different types of waves. I will guide you to make a wave demonstration machine, from simple materials.

Tuesday and Wednesday, 16-17th February, at 2.00pm and 4.00pm, with Dr. Gareth Francis. Book your place at the Brighton Science website at [www.brightonscience.com](http://www.brightonscience.com)

