

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary

Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 24th April 2020



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers and Children,

Thank you to all those of you who have made contact with staff during this week. I would like to thank, in particular, those of you who have raised queries and shared comments about the home learning published on the school website. As time progresses and more resources become available to us I hope you feel we are making this more accessible to you all. The BBC Bitesize lessons can be accessed on a television via the red button; these will help to alleviate issues you may have regarding hardware and internet availability. As I hope you all now know we do not expect you to print work set.

If you are starting to run out of space in your child's workbook you can use a book/paper you already have at home or you are able to buy. If you need a book from school please email on [office@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net) and we will make arrangements for you to collect or have it delivered.

That being said, please don't let home learning cause stress or disharmony in your family – protecting everyone's wellbeing is more important than anything else at the moment. Be realistic about how much time you or your child can spend on this at the moment – make the most of the lovely weather and, if you have one, get out into the garden!

I expect you are aware of speculation in the media about schools fully re-opening, to date there is no confirmation about when this will be.

I wish you all well as this week ends and look forward to continuing to hear about how you are all managing in these difficult times.

**Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

## Message from the Class Teacher

Hello Sharks Class,

First of all I hope you enjoyed your Easter break, although on this occasion it came under unusual circumstances it is important for all of us to take some time off. Despite the restrictions I hope you were all able to use the time to take part in some exciting activities whilst still remaining safe.

Now we are back in term time I hope you have found the learning opportunities I have set for you this past week interesting and enjoyable. I have found more and more websites are working hard to provide resources to support home learning and I have enjoyed researching these and finding suitable learning opportunities for you.

When I haven't been working I've enjoyed spending more time with my family as I'm sure you have as well. My little boy, Oscar is learning more each day and has recently started making noises to sing along to his favourite songs, he loves to baa like a sheep and cock-a-doodle-doo like a cockerel when we're singing Old MacDonald Had a Farm.

Next week you will find I have set you some different websites to explore with new learning opportunities. I would really love to hear what you think about these or any other feedback you have, you can write to me by email at [andrew.matheson-venning@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:andrew.matheson-venning@stmarysprimary.net). I look forward to hearing from you, have a great weekend. **Warm regards, Mr Venning.**

## Thought for the Week



## Useful Weblinks

Classroom Secrets have a useful home learning timetable, it's useful to follow or just dip in and use the activities you like <https://kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk/home-learning-timetable/>

Parents as Teachers is an American website so some of its content doesn't apply to the UK but it offers really useful support and resources <https://parentsasteachers.org/>

## The Week Ahead

**Week Commencing 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

There's lots of new resources and learning for you to explore next week. The BBC are providing some fantastic lessons; I've made the most of this so you will be using BBC Bitesize for a lot of your learning. There are also new resources from NCEM to support your Maths learning and I'm giving you more specific activities for writing including some learning linked to our new book that we will be using for the next few weeks.