

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary

Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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

Hi Parents/Carers and Year 6,

Welcome to Term 5, the sun is shining, and I am sure that you have all eaten too much chocolate.

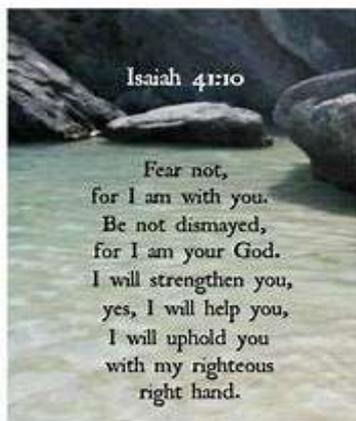
My days, like yours I'm sure, have been very similar – some exercise at home, work in the mornings and then some jobs around the house or garden, followed by a walk, and supper, I try to vary it as much as possible. The walks are the best bit of my day, sometimes we collect fir cones and sticks and string them together to make pieces of art to hang in the garden. And on other days we just walk and enjoy the scenery and being out in the sunshine. The lambs I mentioned before are growing rapidly. I can't believe that we have been at home for more than four weeks.

Over Easter I built a Lego tractor – this was a real achievement for me and one I didn't think I would manage – it just shows when you persevere you can amaze yourself – I felt very proud of it. My Grandson – who had taken it apart previously – was incredibly pleased. We have also built a marble run with the inside of toilet rolls; it was not as easy as I thought to make it work efficiently. Both activities made me think of all of you, I know that you would have been better at them than me.

Remember to help at home and learn new skills there too, like cleaning the bathroom or making a salad for supper.

Thank you to everyone who has sent me copies of your work, I have loved receiving them. **Mrs Berbiers** [debra.berbiers@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:debra.berbiers@stmarysprimary.net)

## Thought for the Week



## Useful Weblinks

Have a good sing song

[https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Important%2520Update%2520From%2520Out%2520Of%2520The%2520Ark%2520Music%2520-%2520subscribers&utm\\_content=Important%2520Update%2520From%2520Out%2520Of%2520The%2520Ark%2520Music%2520-%2520subscribers+CID\\_5f64b6949fd21f7a82f4362a34e86228&utm\\_source=Email%2520newsletter&utm\\_term=FIN%2520OUT%2520MORE](https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Important%2520Update%2520From%2520Out%2520Of%2520The%2520Ark%2520Music%2520-%2520subscribers&utm_content=Important%2520Update%2520From%2520Out%2520Of%2520The%2520Ark%2520Music%2520-%2520subscribers+CID_5f64b6949fd21f7a82f4362a34e86228&utm_source=Email%2520newsletter&utm_term=FIN%2520OUT%2520MORE)

Book early to take part in this live lesson using link below – going out on Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> April - Find out what lives in your garden or park.

[https://encounteredu.com/live-lessons/ks2-habitat-exploration-300420?ref=email&dm\\_i=65YE,10T3,K4GEZ,3LIZ,1](https://encounteredu.com/live-lessons/ks2-habitat-exploration-300420?ref=email&dm_i=65YE,10T3,K4GEZ,3LIZ,1)

## The Week Ahead! - Week Commencing 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

I hope you are liking the maths on the *Iseemaths* website. It is different to how we do maths at school, but it uses all the same skills and you can switch him on and off and work at your own pace – which you can't do with me!

I am going to be learning Spanish with you next week, and I will be producing a piece of texture art too – I will take a photo of it and share with you.

Please keep sending me some of your work and let me know how you are getting on, take care – be safe.