

# 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

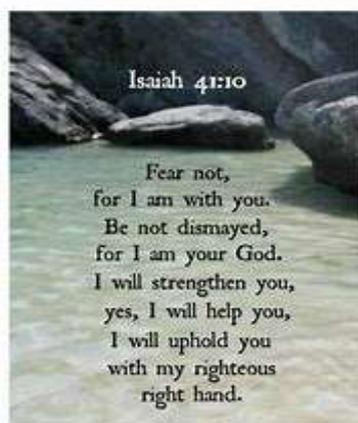
Bonjour Turtles!

Can you guess which language I have been learning? I am still missing you all and it's very quiet at my house. I hope you have been able to enjoy the sunshine recently, either in the garden or on a walk with your family. I have been keeping busy with lots of indoor exercise or outdoor running, although my muscles are now hurting. Thank you for sharing some of your home learning this week. I have loved receiving emails from parents and children telling me what you have been doing and sending me photographs, it's been lovely to see your smiley faces. I thoroughly enjoyed reading your ideas about what you would like to be when you grow up... I was excited to hear that we may have future footballers, pilots and even astronauts in Turtles Class.

Please continue to stay in touch and ask questions if you need to [sam.riley@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:sam.riley@stmarysprimary.net)

Keep safe and keep smiling Turtles! **Miss Sam Riley**

## Thought for the Week



## Useful Weblinks

[www.busythings.co.uk](http://www.busythings.co.uk) – This is an excellent site built around the 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories) - Children can listen to different stories and rhymes.

## The Week Ahead!

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

Next week our home learning will be all about one of our favourite class stories - 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'