

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Puffins Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 22nd January 2021

A Message from Ms Comfort

The main message I want to give to everyone this week is thank you and well done. As well as juggling childcare, home schooling and working from home, we have families facing all sorts of other challenges.

I hope you are all feeling supported by the school in all that you are managing at the moment; we are trying hard to give a personalised approach to each of our families in recognition of the many different circumstances you find yourselves in. I hope that weekly telephone calls and daily email contact with the teaching staff are proving helpful to you, if you find the time do please let me know.

If you need any resources – exercise books, paper, pens, pencils etc – do please contact the school office to arrange collection. Similarly, do please let the school know if you are not able to access the home learning; we are only too happy to help.

I wish you all a safe weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

A Message from Miss Roberts

Dear Puffins,

I hope you and your families are well, it has been lovely to be able to speak with many of you on the phone this week and to be able to hear about some of the brilliant things that you have been getting up too. This week we have been reading the BFG, I hope you are enjoying the story so far! Next week we will be looking in more detail at the start of the story and having a go at writing our own story openings. This week my favourite lesson has been learning more about rocks and how different types of rocks are formed. I wonder what your favourite lesson has been this week.

I have been really enjoying seeing photos of your learning each day so please do keep sending them in! I have really enjoyed seeing drawings of rocks and fossils from our art PowerPoint!

I am so proud of the hard work that has continued into this week, it is wonderful to see you trying your best with your learning.

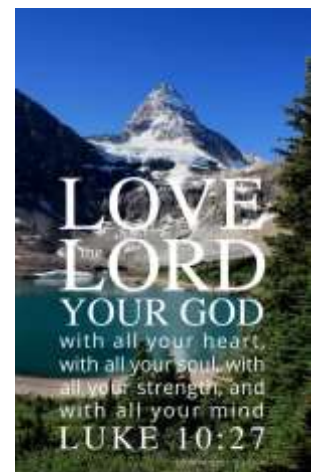
Best Wishes, Miss Roberts

Useful Weblinks

Edinburgh have a range of live cameras showing what the animals are getting up too during lockdown! You can check in on the Penguins, Pandas, Tigers, and Koala's! Click the following link to take you to the website:

<https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/penguin-cam/#penguincam>

Thought for the Week



Collective Worship

Collective worship this week has been centered around the story of The Good Samaritan. Luke 10 verses 25-37. We discussed what our neighbours look like in our school, town and around the world. Completing small acts of kindness is a fantastic way to make a difference to someone's life.

Prayer

My heart was made for love



My words speak with compassion



My eyes see a chance for me to make a difference to someone



So everyone knows they belong and no one feels alone



Free Online Courses for Families

Kent Adult Education is pleased to announce an expansion to their catalogue of free, online courses aimed at families. Follow the link to details of the courses, which are intended to be fun, boost learning and help to provide a bit of variety. Adults can book themselves on at any time.

<https://www.kentadulteducation.co.uk/course-areas/family-courses/>

The Week Ahead

Week Commencing Monday 25th January 2021

In literacy we will be continuing to explore The BFG and we will be having a go at writing our own opening scene for the story. In science we will be learning more about fossils and how they are formed. Mrs Russell has a collection of fossils at home and she will be sharing some photos of them with us next week!

Coronavirus - Keeping School Informed

Thank you to those parents who have continued to contact us to let us know if their child has symptoms of Covid and are awaiting a test and then advising the result of the test, either negative or positive.

Please could all parents and carers continue to do so, even if the child is not attending school, as we are required to report information daily to the DfE on the number of suspected and confirmed cases (just the number, no names).

Also could parents let us know each day, using the usual office@stmarysprimary.net email, if a pupil is ill and unable to do the set work just as you would if we were open as normal so we can make the teachers aware they will not receive any completed work that day from your child/ren. Thank you for your help with these important matters.

As always, please don't hesitate to make contact via email or telephone with any queries, comments or concerns you may have.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher
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Follow this link to our website

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>

Coronavirus Symptoms

Children or staff with any of the three symptoms of Covid:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

are to **stay at home** and isolate, as must the rest of their household. They should get a Covid test.

Children and staff must also stay at home and isolate if a member of their household has any of these symptoms until the outcome of a Covid test is known, and follow advice accordingly.

If your child has attended school for childcare and tests positive for Covid you must immediately inform the school – by telephone on 01304 206887 during the school day. If you get a positive result at the weekend, during the evening or in a school holiday please email office@stmarysprimary.net

To get a test go online to:

nhs.uk/coronavirus

OR

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

OR

Telephone 111