

Hi my lovely class,

I hope you have all managed to have a good Easter break even though I'm sure it's been very different to usual school holidays. Hopefully the Easter Bunny made his way to you all and you've eaten lots of choccie - I know I have! The Easter activities were just some ideas for you to have a bit of fun with. I've been spending my free time reading, cleaning, walking and relaxing. I have also been learning to cook (I've never been very good at cooking) and I am improving loads! This is a perfect opportunity to dedicate your time to learning something new.

I will be setting weekly activities for you to have a go at so please check our class page regularly for new updates. Remember to send pictures to Mr. Woodward; I would love to see what you've been up to! Here are some ideas to keep you going:

- Reading - It's great to read but even better to check your understanding of what you've read by answering questions. See differentiated reading comprehensions below all about wildlife. Look for the stars at the bottom of the page; the more stars, the more difficult. The answers are included so you could mark your own.
- Topic - Learn about predatory insects (see below). Have a look in your garden or local area. Can you see any insects? Do you think they're predators?
- Maths - We should be moving on to length and perimeter so get busy measuring objects around your house then order them by size. Estimation (guessing) is another skill you need for this. Guess lengths and then see how close you are. See below for supporting sheets.
- PE - You might be getting a bit fed up of Joe Wicks now so why not challenge yourselves to 'The Daily Mile'? We've been doing it at Simmondley. Run (or walk) a mile a day. You could even time yourself and try to beat your time each day
- Computing - continue to check Purple Mash for updates from Mrs. Southworth.
- Music - Get creative and write a song encouraging people to stay home. Compose some music to go with it. Don't worry if you don't have any instruments at home - improvise with household objects such as pans and spoons. Just be mindful of your neighbours!

Documenting this time is really important; you are living through history. A diary is a good idea but you could also have a look at the "My 2020 Covid-19 Time Capsule" document (below). This is a really lovely way of capturing the moment. Use this as a working document over the next few weeks using it as a way to reflect on current events and how you are feeling. Incorporate writing and drawing - be creative with it! When all this is over, put this away somewhere safe; you will love having this to look back on when you are older and to fully remember this experience.

It is important to keep busy and to keep our brains going but it is also equally important to look after our minds, so continue to follow our number one class rule: "**Be Kind**". Be kind to others but to yourselves too. Use this time to get to know yourself a bit more. What makes you happy? - Walking the dog? Colouring? Playing football in the garden? Going on your trampoline? Quietly reading a book? Then when you are feeling a bit fed up (which is totally normal!) go and do one of those things and notice the difference. These are strategies that will benefit you throughout your life so it's great to establish them now.

Missing you all lots; take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Miss Graham x