

To my lovely Aloe Vera class,

I hope you are well; I am missing you all so so much but I have been keeping myself very busy at Simmondley School providing care for keyworker children. I hope you have all been staying at home as much as possible as that is where you are safest.

Whilst you are off, there's lots of things you can do to keep you busy. Please use this time as an opportunity to recharge, learn something new, do the things you love and spend time with your families. As this is such an unusual time that will most certainly go down in history, it would be a good idea to keep a diary. I've been writing a page every night but you don't have to do that much; even just once a week would be great to document what's happening.

Before we closed school, you should have all got the Classroom Secrets booklet. Try to work your way through this as it covers Year 3 work. I sent home your CGP times tables books so get through as much of that as you can. You also have your blue homework books with spellings, maths and your topic project homework in (the one on predators). Use this time to make sure you are up to date with all homework and complete any you haven't done already. I also gave those of you who were in on the last week a folder with some activities and useful resources to keep you going. Please continue to read at home; you should all have a reading book and library book but please feel free to use this time to read anything and everything you can get your hands on. I've got a stack of books to try and get through. Audio books are also great!

Although it should be limited, technology can be great, especially during times like this. If you have a tablet or laptop, you could spend some time on TT Rockstars. This would be a great way to stay in touch with friends too as you can challenge each other. Try other websites and online games such as Hit the Button. I know Mrs. Southworth has set you some work on Purple Mash so you could give that a go too and she will be able to see it!

Here's some new ideas to support your learning at home:

English - Create an informative leaflet about a predator. Think about the presentations we did before we closed; you could choose one of those animals. Include features of a leaflet such as facts, headings and sub-headings and pictures. (See attached).

Maths - Before we closed, we were learning about money. Why not set up a shop in your house? Create your own price tags and pretend money then invite family members to your shop. Add up their bill and give change. You could also write out receipts.

Topic - Learn about parasitic plants. Watch the video on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SwfhYYnmLYM> and read the information sheet. Then, if you have access to the resources, complete the celery experiment. (See attached).

RE - If you feel like it, why not write a prayer for those less fortunate than us?

Please remember to keep your bodies active as well as your brains! You could try Joe Wicks workouts or Cosmic Kids on YouTube. I hope you have been enjoying going outside in this glorious weather. Why not get your bike out and go for a ride around the block, spend 15 minutes a day on your trampoline or practise skipping in your garden?

Don't forget to do fun things too and be creative! Remember to look after your family and give a helping hand to your wonderful grown ups.

Here are some other suggestions of how to keep busy:

- Help to prepare and cook food - you could even write the shopping list
- Learn how to wash the car
- Do some gardening - plant some seeds and watch them grow
- Learn how to tie your shoe laces if you don't already know
- FaceTime friends or family
- Look out of your window - draw what you can see
- Practise telling the time
- Help out with chores like changing your bed or setting the table
- Do peer massage with your family or on your teddies
- Look out for your elderly relatives and neighbours
- Make a rainbow and put it in your window to make people smile 😊

Take care and I hope to see you very soon. I can't wait to hear all about what you have been up to.

Lots of love,

Miss Graham x



Here's the rainbow we created at Simmondley School today. If you live nearby, you could walk past and see it!