

The Blue Letter: 22nd May 2020



Dear Parents/Carers ,

We have been working hard this week on risk assessments and plans for any wider reopening of school if the government indicates that it is safe for us to do so. Our staffing, and the limitations of the building mean that we will only be able to take back a maximum of 45 children in three groups of 15. The priority for places will be given to vulnerable children, those with Education, Health and Care Plans and the children of key workers, across all year groups. This means that we will not be able to open the school more fully to all of the year groups that the government has asked us to. I will be sending a letter containing full details of what we are safely able to offer in the next few days. This letter will also include how we plan to keep the children and staff who are on site safe.

School will be closed next week for half term and therefore there will be no home learning set. If you wish to continue working with your child during the week, there may be some tasks from this half term's topic that you have been unable to finish or you might like to look at lessons on The National Oak Academy Website or BBC bitesize.

Monday 1st June will be an INSET day. New home learning and any potential wider reopening will be from Tuesday 2nd June.

Worship@home

When we return after half term our theme will be 'Making a difference' and our bible verse will be Matthew 5 verse 16 "Let your light Shine."

The Parable of the Starfish: One day, an old man was walking along a beach that was littered with thousands of starfish that had been washed ashore by the high tide. As he walked he came upon a young boy who was eagerly throwing the starfish back into the ocean, one by one. Puzzled, the man looked at the boy and asked what he was doing. Without looking up from his task,



the boy simply replied, "I'm saving these starfish, Sir". The old man chuckled aloud, "Son, there are thousands of starfish and only one of you. What difference can you make?" The boy picked up a starfish, gently tossed it into the water and turning to the man, said, "I made a difference to that one!"

The Parable of the Starfish is a very famous story about the difference that can be made through simple acts of kindness. Although he couldn't throw back every one, he could say proudly, "I made a difference to that one!". Many Christians remember Jesus' words in the Bible about 'Let your light shine', bringing kindness and love to others. I wonder how you can 'shine' this week? How might you 'make a difference' to others?

Look at the website whole school section of the home learning pages for ideas linked to this week's verse and theme. Can you complete any of them?

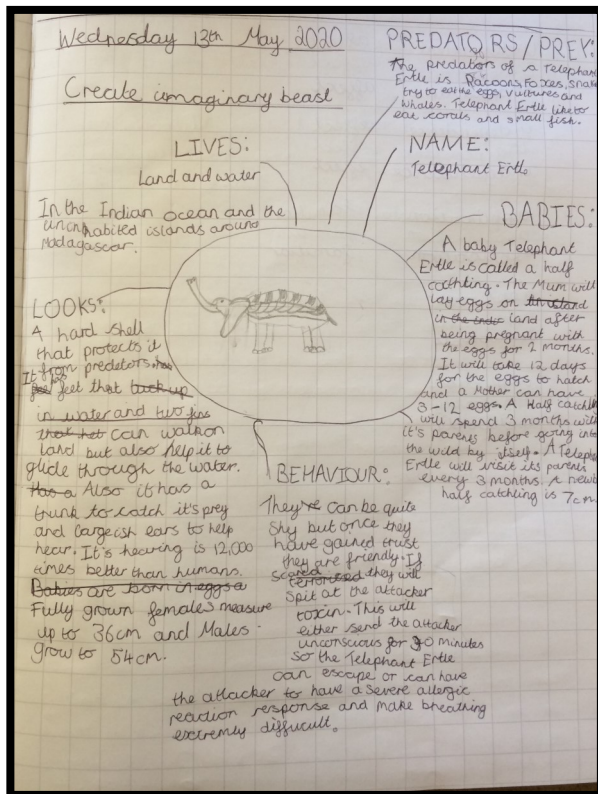
We'd love to see how you get on.....

<https://www.activesussex.org/virtual/>

We have slipped down the leaderboard this week coming 21st in the West Sussex West area for our football tasks. We are currently 219th across all of Sussex which is a commendable place to be given how many schools are taking part. Do consider taking part if you haven't do so already.

Home Learning

Mathilda's imaginary beast planning.



As part of Libby's innovate she made dolphin biscuits.



Bella has created a castle from a kit she was given for her birthday.

Barney and Oscar worked together to complete their conversion of measures jigsaw.