

# April 3rd WFH and Easter holiday ideas

Hello everyone,

We hope you are all well and keeping safe. It is the last day of term !! Normally we would give children their attendance awards (or 'survival' awards as we call them because if you 'throw up' then you can't come to school !), Why not do the same at home if your children have attended 'home school' everyday !! You could also have your own 40 reads alongside school (achieve the 40 reads at home or whatever number you decide with the promise of a book when all this is over).

Routine is incredibly important for children but it is your decision the routines that you establish and whether you continue these over the 'holidays' (or it may be difficult to re-establish afterwards). We have heard of lots of people who are 'working' in the morning and then having a range of activities in the afternoon, there is no right or wrong answer, just do what is best for you and your family. Your learning looks amazing.

Thank you again to all the people who have sent photos, updates and information about the brilliant range of learning that is going on.

## **Below are a range of ideas for the holidays:**

**Classroom design** - Reception class is having essential work done in the 'holidays' and has been cleared (on the school website 'Madley TV' page you will find a video Miss Paton did of the room after it has been cleared). If we employed you as a designer what would you put in the classroom for Reception children (try with an unlimited budget then try with a realistic budget !! What would you create ?). You can draw your design and also make a model or use a room design app. The tables and chairs etc will go back but the raised platform will be replaced (what would you design ? A woodland cabin inside ? Something that could be multi purpose and engage learning ?

**Fairground ride design** - can you design a fairground ride for your teddies or a Lego figure ? You can use whatever you are allowed or Lego etc. Send some photos of your work.

**Recreate a famous sporting event** - watch a famous sporting scene (can be any sport) and the recreate it in slow motion or in real time. If you want to go 'the extra mile' then try to dress as the sports people in it !

**Redesign the 'Stay Safe, Stay Home' poster** - attached is the very important poster and message. **Challenge** - can you redesign the poster to display in your window that is simple and gives the clear, and very important, message.

**Develop a new greeting to replace the 'handshake'** - people have been developing foot tapping dances and alternative routines to hand shaking - what can you come up with ?

**Music ideas** - attached is Week 3 from Encore (the music service who teach Ukele in school). This actually for the week after the holidays but you can start early if you want !

Don't forget the create music using 'what you can find' - pots, pans etc with permission. There are some amazing examples on You Tube.

**Children's thinking about what is happening** - this is a worrying and unusual time for all of us, especially children. I am sure you are talking to them about how they are feeling. Attached is a project that Mrs Lee found with lots of ideas and activities to help children think about their feelings and thoughts. It isn't just for the holidays and can be carried on afterwards.

**Rainbow photo challenge** - attached is a photo I took yesterday whilst walking the dog - the challenge is to get as many colours of the rainbow into your photograph as possible (colours are ROYGBIV - what are they ?). How many did I manage to get ?

You can either 'stage' a photograph or try to find one naturally or both ? The choice is yours.....

The attachment will come in another e-mail as I have filled the maximum for this one !!

**Art ideas** (Mrs Delahoy) - Mrs Delahoy has set up a Facebook page with ideas to try - **@ArtClubwithMrsDelahoy** , feel free to share with parents, friends or anyone you think would find it useful. I'm hoping to post a couple of projects if not more each week.

**Art ideas** - '**Take One Picture**' - The National Gallery (their website has a whole range of ideas and resources) run a project each year based around famous pieces of work. I have attached two famous pieces of work that you may use as a stimulus for writing, art ideas, music, drama, Science or you can recreate the painting in your own style.

**Art idea** - Cloud spotting - lie down or look out of the window and see what you can see ! What shapes/images can you spot.

**Madley Master Chef** - it could be one course or three !! Why not cook together in the holidays and create your own masterpieces of culinary delight ! Write your own cook book.....

**Word collecting** - find an unusual word a day ! Make a collection..... Invent some words and meanings.

**Codes** - create a code using letters and numbers (e.g a = 1, b = 2etc or more complicated). You can creat words for people to de-code or you can some maths using your code. You have to make sure it works first before challenging others.

**Story writing** - just for 'fun.' Sometimes we forget that children just like to write stories and we don't always have to be thinking 'fronted adverbials' or other technical aspects. If they want to let them write a story for enjoyment. Create a new story character .....

**Make your own TV show** - use the same format, script it and then rehearse and record. For example - 'Escape To The Kitchen' could be a programme about the benefits of the kitchen and 'sell' it to prospective buyers ! Or 'Bargain Hunt' and find 3 objects in the house and value them to see if you would make money ? Or create something of your own.....

Don't forget Education City, Spelling Shed, Sum Dog, TT Rock Stars etc are still there if you want to continue using them.

Enjoy the 'holidays', stay safe and we will keep you informed of any news we receive as we move forward. Our best wishes to you and your family from all of the staff.

Best wishes

Mr Batstone

## **Attachments**

[Week 3 music lessons.docx](#)

[Stay At Home.jpg](#)

[Well Being Pack for Easter 1.docx](#)

[Take one picture VG.jpg](#)

[Well Being Pack for Easter 2.docx](#)

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