**Year 2: Week Commencing 27/04/2020**

Hello Year 2!

I can’t believe that it is Monday again already! We are starting another week apart and I am missing you all so much. I have loved seeing all your photographs and we will hopefully get some of those onto our class page this week. It has also been lovely to read all the messages from you and your grown-ups. I am so proud of all the hard work you are doing – you are super stars! I hope you have been enjoying the sunshine and enjoying this special time with your families. Keep sending us your photographs and messages – it really does make us smile. Take care and keep safe.

Love, Mrs Russell and Mrs Edge ☺

**English and Phonics**

Writing – This week I would like you to continue your work on ‘The Tin Forest’ by Helen Ward. I hope you enjoyed the book. The work I have seen so far has been fantastic – well done! I know I said it last week but we are extremely lucky that Helen Ward has given us her permission to use her book whilst we are learning at home. She has also very kindly said that she would answer any questions you might have. So if you have a question for Helen Ward (who also wrote ‘The Dragon Machine’) please send them to me on the Year 2 email and I will pass them on along with any photographs of your amazing work. There are lots of activities on the topic grid so try to do as many as you can. Next week we are going to think about writing our own story so you could start thinking of some ideas for that too.

Reading – Please continue to read your school reading books and also your own books at home. Remember, the more we read, the better we get! Don’t forget the ‘Teach Your Monster to Read’ app if you want to improve your reading through games and challenges. I also created a login for our class on the Oxford Reading Tree website. If you haven’t already, please follow the steps on the attached reading note so that you can read other books from our reading scheme.

Phonics – Please see separate sheet for this half terms work.

Handwriting – I know that lots of you have been practicing your handwriting over the last few weeks so I have found some handwriting sheets that you can use at home. Remember to hold your pencil carefully – just your thumb and index finger like a crab and your other fingers make a bed. If you are struggling, get your grown up to grab you a tissue, fold it up into quarters and hold that in the palm of your hand with your other three fingers.

**Maths**

This week in maths we are looking at subtraction. I have created another video to show you what we are doing– please see the attached link. When you watch the video you will need a piece of paper or whiteboard so that you can work with me – just like last week. Remember to pause me so that you have time to work out the answers. I have attached a copy of the PPP and some questions that you can complete on your own. There are also some extra subtraction worksheets for you to complete if you would like to do so.

Remember to keep using your Times Tables Rock Stars and NumBots. If you haven’t got a login please send me an email. Our top player on Times Tables Rock Stars at the end of last week had 26,233 coins – amazing! Well done to everybody who has been logging on to play. I can see that you have all made progress over the last few weeks and there are lots of super scores.

**Topic**

See the ‘Tin Forest’ grid for some art, music, geog and well-being ideas linked to our book. The meditation will hopefully give your grown-ups at least 12 minutes peace!

**RE**

If we were in school this week we would have started our new topic called Eastertide. This week our objective is to ‘Know that Jesus rose from the dead and still lives to be with us.’

1. Can you remember saying ‘Good bye’ to someone you loved and what it was like when they had gone? How did you feel? What did you do? Listen to the story of ‘Badger’s Parting Gifts’ by Susan Varley - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRTRABhJTbo>

Jesus prepared his friends to use the gifts they have to remember Him and to carry on his work. What did Jesus ask them to do? Discuss this with your grown-ups.

1. At the moment we are all missing our friends and at times we might feel sad. This is exactly how the disciples felt when they were missing Jesus. How do you feel when you see a video from me or your friends? It makes me feel happy when I see your photographs. Jesus’ disciples were so sad when they said goodbye and he died on the cross. However in the story that I have attached for you to read at home – Jesus appears to them again and they are so happy to see Him. Read the story and discuss it with your grown-ups. You could maybe draw a picture of the disciples and add some thought/speech bubbles to show how they were feeling.
2. Please also remember to pray – children’s prayers are so special. This week you could pray for people who are feeling sad or who have had to say goodbye to someone they love. You could ask God to send them love and happiness. I’m sure that you will all have some wonderful ideas – you always do!

**Take care Year 2. Keep safe and keep smiling. We will see you soon. Xx**

*If you have not yet received your Spring Report or logins for Times Tables Rock Stars and NumBots, please send me an email on* *Year2@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk**. Please also use this email for any updates, photographs or queries.*