**Year 2: Week Commencing 18/05/2020**

Hello Year 2!

I hope you are all ok and keeping safe. You have definitely been working hard! I have loved seeing all the wonderful photos of your work and hearing how proud your grown-ups are. Lots of you completed your secret mission too – well done! There is something on its way to you so keep checking your emails. If you haven’t completed yours yet, have a go this week.

We are starting a new book this week and have lots of fun activities to do. Please keep working hard and sharing your work with us and each other.

Mrs Edge has been very busy over the last few weeks. She has been using some of your wonderful self-portraits and work to create some fantastic displays in our classroom and cloakroom. It is going to look amazing when we all get back into school together. Mrs Edge has also taken home the trays of pebbles that we painted and she has been very busy varnishing them all. So fingers crossed we will have a wonderful pathway of rainbow fish leading into our school soon.

We hope you are still enjoying the sunshine. It is lovely to see so many of you going on lots of walks and keeping up with your exercises. Have any of you managed to do a daily mile in your garden? Don’t forget on Fridays, you can also do the ‘Gummy Bear Dance’ at home to start your day, just like we do in class together.

Keep safe and keep smiling. We are missing you so much and we hope to see you soon!

Love, Mrs Russell and Mrs Edge ☺

**English and Phonics**

**Writing** – This week we are reading a new book called ‘Meerkat Mail’ by Emily Gravett. I have been given permission by Macmillan Children’s Books to do a live reading of the book. I hope you enjoy the story and the two activities. There are two video links for the story and an activity on each. All the resources are attached. If you have your own book, make sure you grab it and read along with me.

**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! **Oliver and Caoimhe have been very busy reading lots of books which is fantastic.** Don’t forget the ‘Teach Your Monster to Read’ app if you want to improve your reading through games and challenges. **A special well done to Thomas who has completed all the levels!** 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. **Please keep recording any books that you read from Oxford Owl in your reading record. Thank you!**

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

**Handwriting** – Please continue to use the handwriting sheets. 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.

**Spelling –** I have attached a copy of the Year 2 common exception words and some guidance for using them at home.

**Maths**

This week in maths we are looking at 3d shapes. There isn’t a maths video this week as there are two English videos. All the resources for maths this week are attached and I have done some guidance notes to support you and your grown-ups with the different tasks. I hope you enjoy the work, especially the shape hunt.

**Topic**

Art: As our new book is Meerkat Mail, I have attached a set of instructions for drawing your own meerkat this week You will need a pencil and a piece of plain paper. Remember, we don’t press on hard with our pencil when we are drawing. Good luck Year 2!

PSHE/Well-Being: Please look at the separate grid for lots of fun and practical ideas. There are also two lovely books on our school website about feelings and worries during this time.

**RE**

This week our objective is to ‘Know what happened after the Resurrection. Think about why the Resurrection is important for us.’

1. Read the next part of our Eastertide work – Jesus Goes Back to Heaven (see attached resource). This story is all about the Ascension. This is a special feast day for our church that falls on Thursday this week. This is the day when Jesus ascended (rose) up to Heaven.
2. Can you answer the questions? Discuss them with a grown-up – you don’t need to write your answers down.
3. If we were at school, we usually walk, as a whole school, up to Cheetham’s Park and release balloons with our prayer intentions attached. We obviously can’t do that this year so I have attached a balloon for you to complete at home. Read ‘Jesus Goes Back to Heaven’ and then complete your balloon. Please send me any pictures of your balloons and keep them safe. If we get back to school soon, we will put these on our display.
4. Please also remember to pray – children’s prayers are so special. This week you could pray for people who have had to say goodbye to someone that they love or for someone special to you who is in Heaven. It is very hard when people we love go to Heaven. It can hurt our hearts and we can miss them a lot. Maybe you could ask God to look after our special friends in Heaven and ask him to help us to remember the happy times together so that we can keep smiling.

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

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