

Topics so far:

- 1) 'Elmer' (New friends)
- 2) Celebrations (Festivals)
- 3) 'Lost & Found' (Penguins & Polar Bears)
- 4) 'The Way Back Home' (Space)
- 5) 'Harry & his Bucket full of'... (Dinosaurs)
- 6)

Artists so far:

- 1) KANDINSKY
- 2) KLEE
- 3) WARHOL
- 4) VAN GOGH
- 5) SEURAT
- 6)

Dear Parents,

Here is an update for you all.

We are missing being at school with your children and hope that you are all keeping well and safe. This week in 'normal' times would be the start of a new half term and a new topic and artist. So that is what we are to try and do, but online instead! Our new topic is DINOSAURS (our favourite!) and our new Artist is GEORGE SEURAT.

So, here is our plan for this next half term for your children. When these troubling times are over, you will all have plenty of your children's work to add to your children's Learning Journey folder. This will make a complete year of work and memories for them. Please hold onto work, pictures and **photos** of things they have been doing. We are sure there is lots!

In addition to ideas and resources, we will upload a **daily** 'topical' or favourite story to YouTube, read by Mrs Mason. Hopefully, your children will enjoy the story and daily 'contact', which might help to make things more 'normal' for them. You will be able to access them by searching YouTube for: **'Story Time With Mrs Mason'** (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo23KCyDlx19xN4L7V1MSA>).

Our continued plan is to upload a **weekly** schedule of 'work' for your children and see how everything works out and the response we get from you. If it proves to be more difficult than we first thought, we will resort to fortnightly. **It will be available every Monday on: Hedgehog Class page on our website** (<http://www.meadowcroftinfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Hedgehogs&pid=37>).

We can only upload resources that are generic to the whole class, not to individual abilities or needs. But, thanks to our recent Parent Evenings, you have the most up to date targets for your children and should just adapt any resources as necessary. These are difficult and trying times for us all, but especially for your children who probably don't understand why they can't come to school for such a long time. Therefore, please don't make anything too hard for them, so they don't want to do it, just make it fun and part of good memories of this extended family time together. If your child finds some of the resources too easy, then make the next one slightly harder. They are capable of much more than you probably realise! But will pretend otherwise!! They certainly know that they should write their name and short date (20-4-20) on EVERYTHING they do!! (So, make sure they do!).

Before we broke up, we told them they could all write a letter to us care of the school address (you will find on website). Please (really, really!) let them FRED TALK & FRED SPELL their words in their letters to us and **do not help them at all!!** We don't want to see perfectly spelt words, we would much rather see that they have had a go themselves. Beware....we will know if you have helped them!! Believe us, when we tell you we can decipher ANYTHING!! We are very practised at the art of reading 4 & 5 year old's writing! We will endeavour to answer all letters sent to us, so don't forget to include your address for us.

If you have any queries (not too many please!) that you can't answer between yourselves on your parent's WhatsApp group, please email it FAO (For the Attention Of) 'Mrs Mason & Mrs Henderson' at: [info@meadowcroft.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@meadowcroft.surrey.sch.uk) and the office will forward them to us for a reply.

Please take care of yourselves and your families and keep safe.

Mrs Mason and Mrs Henderson