

Week 3 Mon 4th of May to Fri 8th of May 2020

Theme – Growing

Question – What is compost?

Exploring the world



How are your compost bin's going?

'As well as being a great way to recycle plant pruning's and kitchen waste to make a compost that will really help your plants to grow, a compost bin allows us to think about chemical and biological agents at work changing structures through decay, and how an ecosystem works.'

Ref - pg. 107 The Garden Classroom by Cathy James

This week in school we would have completed an activity called 'A snapshot of the garden'. Instead, you might like to do this activity with you child in the garden/ back yard or alternatively on your daily exercise. You can choose to support your child to draw, write or paint their thoughts or simply talk about each bullet point... here we go!

A snap shot of the garden/ back yard or during your daily exercise

- What's ready to pick?
- What's the weather like?
- What's growing well?
- What animals did you see?
- What was your favourite thing?
- What did I hear?
- What did I notice today?

Writing

Supporting your child, you may like to write, draw or paint 'A snapshot in the garden/ backyard or on your daily exercise' in your teddy's diary.

or

You may like to write, draw or paint a picture for Mrs Kirkwood whose is in school everyday caring for keyworker children supported by Miss O'Neil, Miss Hall and Mrs Wray. I'm sure that the ladies would be thrilled to bits to receive your work, finding out what you are busy with at home with your families.

or

You may like to design and make your own seed packets.

In school this week we would have been setting up a garden centre in the classroom role play area.

You might like to set up your own mini garden centre role play at home. If you are lucky enough to have some gardening equipment at home such as a watering can, gloves, a kneeling pad, trowel etc you might want to make and write labels for your items.

Then you may like to make price labels ranging from 1p to 20p. Ask you parents if can 'borrow' some coins to play with in your shop (if you don't already have pretend money). Or you could draw and cut out your own.

You then may like to make your own seed packets to sell in your pretend shop. Envelopes make great pretend seed packets. You may like to draw pictures on the front such as tomatoes, lettuce, carrots or sunflowers then write the names of the plants/ flowers or vegetables underneath your picture. Your seed packets are now ready to sell in your Garden Centre Shop. Ask a family member if they would like to come and play. You need a customer and a shopkeeper. Have fun!

Reading

You may like to visit -

- www.getepic.com
- Students
- Select your class
- Click on bla4080 (Ms Lilley's class)

- Click go
- Click on your child's name
- Type into the search bar at the top of the screen 'garden'

You will be presented with lots of books based on the theme or gardens. Click on any of the above books. Adults will need to support their child when sharing some stories.

Scrolling down the page you will come to 'Videos'.

You may want to select some videos to view with your child including-

- 'The vegetables we eat'
- 'The fruits we eat'

Phonics

Week 3 at school we would have continued to look at 'consonant blends at the end of words' in line with our reading scheme. This week we would have looked at-

-st as in best

-ld as in held

-lk as in milk

-lf as in golf

These sounds do not make one sound. They are consecutive separate sounds.

On the web you may like to access work to complete from [Twinkl.com](https://www.twinkl.com) linked to the above blends.

or

You Tube – there's lots to view linked to consonant blends at the ends of words such as for -st, -ld, -lk, and -lf here's a few to get you started...

- Two Consonant Blends: ST -1.16mins
- Ending Blend LD Song—bald, mold, weld, held, cold... -1.35mins
- Two Consonant Blends: LK – 1.16mins

- [Phonics - Learn to Read | More Advanced Skills | Letter Blends | Alphablocks](#) - 12.49mins (This is a lovely animation with a mixture of blends at the end of words included)

High frequency tricky words

Week 3 - In line with our schools reading scheme we would have taught the HFTW

- like
- they
- to

You may like to write these words down and make flash cards. Or your child may want to write them down and make their own set of flashcards.

Some words we just have to know because they are 'tricky' to build.

Flash cards are a simple way to periodically show to your child the word, repetition is key. Keep them up on the fridge or somewhere prominent so that your child will see them every day. Reading them little and often - to remember them is key 😊

Mathematics 'Mastery Maths'

As a whole school we follow the 'White Rose Mastery Maths' approach starting from Reception.

The White Rose Maths Team have been very busy putting together 'Home learning' programs for every year group including reception. Parents and carers can engage with these lovely activities at home. Starting with Summer Term – Week 3.

So, here's how you access all their '**FREE**' fabulous maths activities...

- Google – Type in...
- White Rose Home Learning
- Click on White Rose Home Learning
- The screen will come up with ...
- 'Hello there parents and carers'
- Click on the pink rectangle that says 'Early Years'

- Click on the pink **Summer Term – Week 3**

You will be presented with Week 3 - 5 days of math activities. Have fun!

Physical Development (PE)

Don't forget Joe Wicks 'The Body Coach' is live on You Tube at 9.00am every morning Monday to Friday. My boy James and I have been joining in with his fitness routine and having a giggle along the way. I highly recommended his short 25min sessions to start off your day the right way. Full of fun, energy and great positivity...

Joe also has also got on his You Tube channel '5-minute moves'.

- 5 Minute Move | Kids Workout 1 | The Body Coach TV (5.49mins)

These are lovely, quick little bursts of movement aimed at children that Joe has put together that you might want to assess throughout the day 😊

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In week 3 at school we would have continued our Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning program (S.E.A.L.) based on 'Relationships and feelings'.

There are some wonderful stories linked to how we might be feeling by an author called Todd Parr. Via You tube you may choose to engage with his lovely, feel good stories aimed at children. Each week I'll suggest a new story for you to view with your child to then talk about afterwards. The third one is –

- The Thankful Book By Todd Parr (2.19mins)

At the end of the story Todd writes What are you thankful for today?

You might want to take a moment with your child to talk about all the things that you may be thankful for especially during these unusual times 😊

VE Day – Celebrations on Friday 8th of May

'This week at school we would have been celebrating the 75th

anniversary of VE Day. VE Day is sometime called Victory in Europe Day and it is a day to remember the end of the Second World War. It is a day to remember the bravery and suffering of those who lived during the war and a day to remember the courage of the soldiers who fought during the war.

On May the 7th 1945, Germany surrendered the war. The first VE Day took place on May the 8th 1945. At 3pm on May the 8th 1945, the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, made a speech to announce the end of the war.'

You might like to have a VE day picnic at your house at lunchtime on Friday 8th May. You could put a blanket down on the floor of your lounge or in the garden/ yard. You could wear red, white and/or blue and your lunch and/or drinks could possibly be themed around these colours.

Maths Activities

- Weigh ingredients to make scones or cakes for your VE day picnic. Yum!

If you would like to...via [You Tube](#), Jamie Oliver shows you how to make simple scones. Enjoy 😊

- [How To Make Scones | Jamie Oliver | AD-](#) (3.39mins)

Expressive Arts

- You could make some union jack flags and bunting to decorate for your VE Day picnic.



Music

You could listen to some music from the 1940s and the wartime. Have a good old boogie and maybe learn some songs to sing... 'The D Day Darlings' have many wartime tunes to listen to on via [You Tube](#).

Here's one to get you started -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhL4kMvi4o4>



Ms Lilley will have more activities for you to choose from the week beginning Monday the 11th of May via Easington C of E Primary Schools Website. In the meantime,

Stay Safe Everyone

Ms Lilley 😊