Dear Parents,

**Home Activities - 6**

Hello again! I hope you are all continuing to keep well and managing to cope. It was good to talk to you all last week and to hear how everyone is trying hard to make the best of the situation, and lovely to get a quick chat with your children too.

**Keeping in touch:**
I understand that currently the plan is to call every couple of weeks to keep in contact (like last week), but at any point please feel free to email.

**New for this week:**

**Writing challenge:**

I hope that your children were able to complete at least some of the writing challenges I suggested last week.

Here is this week’s writing challenge:

Write at least three questions you would like to ask one of characters from the story “Jack and the Beanstalk” (that you have hopefully watched by now on the BBC website), and ask someone at home to send me a picture / email of your questions.

For example, you could ask Jack why he climbed the beanstalk, or the Giant’s Wife why she helped Jack, or Jack’s Mother how she felt when Jack climbed up the beanstalk, or the Old Man how he knew Jack’s name and shoe size.

**A few reminders:**

- please write as neatly as you can (on lined paper – draw lines if needed)
- remember to use a capital letter at the start and a question mark at the end of each of your questions
- leaves a space between each word
- when spelling, put all the sounds that you can hear in each word, then see if your word looks right
Maddie Moate – “Let’s Go Live”:

You may already be aware of this, but several parents have recommended this series of YouTube videos which have a different science theme each week. So far they have done “Garden Week”, “Brilliant Bodies Week”, “Mission Space”, “Dino Week”, “Project Earth” and “Mini Makers”, and this week is called “Oceans Week” – so there are plenty to choose from. The videos are about 30 minutes and have related follow up activities. If you are interested, you can find them here: https://www.youtube.com/user/maddiemoate

As suggested previously:

Daily online lessons: BBC Bitesize are providing daily online Maths and English lessons, along with regular Science, History, Geography and more. I strongly recommend having a go at using them: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons
(Just pick your child’s year group and choose from the lessons on offer.)

Topic: Growing Plants / “Jack and the Beanstalk”. I hope you have all managed to get hold of some seeds to grow, and that you are keeping a diary to record what has happened so far. (Please get in touch if this is a problem – I’m sure we can find a way to help.)

I also hope you have all enjoyed the online version of “Jack and the Beanstalk” and are continuing to learn the songs. (Please see the previous letter for links to the story and songs, and remember that the lyrics are on the Class 2 page of the school website.)

Maths: Please continue to follow the suggested activities in order at https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/.

Reading:
Please continue to both read to and hear your child read as often as possible and take time to talk about the books. Remember to use “OxfordOwl” for more choice – it is a great online library (see previous letters for details).

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Writing:
Continue the diary of something you are growing – this could include pictures of how your plant looks as it grows.
When you have listened to the story of “Jack and the Beanstalk” have a go at some writing based on it – this could be a description of the castle where the giant lived, writing about what Jack might do with the riches he brought back, or even a retelling of the whole story.

Singing: hopefully you are having fun learning the songs that go with the story of Jack and the Beanstalk (remember, lyrics on the Class 2 page of the school website), but if you are missing some of our Class 2 favourites some of them (including “Alice the Camel” and “Down by the Bay”) can be found at www.singup.org. No registration or login needed - I suggest the “Song of the Week” and the “Silly Stuff” and “Songs To get Moving” sections, but obviously feel free to explore and find some great new tunes!

Lego challenges:
Thanks to Kath (Hannah’s Mum) for letting me know about something they have been enjoying – 30 days of “Lego” challenges – perhaps your child would be interested: https://thatbricklife.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/LEGO30daysofplay.pdf

Suggested websites to support learning using ICT:

Education City – Keep up the good work – and remember, you can explore the Education City site via “Subjects” and “Play Live” to find lots more fun educational activities.

Mathletics – New activities will be set regularly. Remember, when all the assigned activities are complete, your child is also able to access the games area which is great for encouraging swift recall of number facts.

I hope that the above suggestions are helpful to you as you support your children learning at home. Please don’t try to do everything here, but find out what works well for you and your children.

Best wishes to you and your families at this difficult time. Mr Spencer

Keep learning, keep active, keep smiling and keep safe!