Dear Parents,

**Home Activities - 5**

Hello again! Many thanks to everyone who has sent emails and pictures of what you have been up to – from what I have seen you are all keeping busy and active. I hope you are all continuing to keep well and managing to cope.

**Phoning:**
As Mrs Hemingway explained in her email last Friday, I will be trying to contact each of you by phone during this week. This will be an opportunity to check how everything is going regarding learning at home, and hopefully a chance to have a quick word with your child too to ask them a little about how things are going. (Please note: the number is likely to come up on your mobile or home phone as number withheld – I’m sure you will understand why.)

**New for this week:**

**Writing challenges:**

Thank you to everyone who sent sentences about what they had been up to last week – there was some lovely writing done which is great to see.

Some of you have asked for more ideas, so this week there are several short writing challenges that you might like to do to support and encourage writing:

- copy 1 or 2 verses from your favourite “Jack and the Beanstalk” song (focus on neat handwriting)
- make a model and write a couple of sentences about it
- help to make a shopping list
- write (and perhaps draw) a postcard to send to a relative you are not able to visit at the moment

**A few pointers (general writing reminders for the children):**

- 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 full stop at the end of each sentence
- 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
• in general, Year 2s should be trying to add some detail in each sentence (perhaps by using adverbs, adjectives and conjunctions)

**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:


**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).
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!

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.

(See the previous letters – all on the Class 2 page of the website – for links to some other great online resources.)

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!