

Hello to the amazing Team Topaz!

I hope you are all having a wonderful Home Holiday. We have been working hard to make sure we can all still talk to each other and finding you things that will help keep you busy and active whilst we are apart.

The first place you need to investigate is our school website, which we shared in class last week. Just in case you have forgotten how to do that here are some instructions for you.

- Go to the St Day and Carharrack Primary School home page
- Hover over the 'About Us' drop down.
- Go to 'Classes'
- Go to 'Year 3 2019-2020'

We have put LOADS of things for you to have a look at this week. This week we have mainly added to and provided additional resources to the ones I sent home. Please also see the attached documents to this email e.g. Spellings for this week.

We want you all to know that we know this is a bit of a strange time and we are here for you. Spend this week being active, helping your families at home and reading once a day. When times are different, like they are now, the best thing we can do is focus on being happy, healthy, going to bed on time and listening to the adults around you.

Staying active: Please can you all try to take part in the **Joe Wicks PE at 9:00** every day. It is live! He is great and so much fun. This will be a really good way to start your day, release some energy and stay healthy.

Helping your family: I hope you are all being the amazing listeners that I know you are. Parents are working hard to make sure you are having fun and interesting days so make sure you are listening like I know you can. Here are some home challenges you can do to help your Parents:

- Offer to Hoover or sweep the floor.
- Empty the dishwasher or help with the dishes twice this week.
- Keep your room clean and tidy.
- Be kind and caring with your brothers, sisters and parents - Have you taught your family the golden rules?

Reading

Please read **every day**. Please also share a story with your family every day - read to them, let them read to you. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to do this, go back and read stories you loved when you were younger – also check out Mr Gum audiobooks see the link below:

<http://www.mrgum.co.uk/audiobooks/>

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Shabba me whiskers! The BBC have only gone and turned the whole of the bestselling and award-winning Mr Gum series into audio books! And not only that, but they're all read by the author, Andy Stanton himself!

www.mrgum.co.uk

Reading cont:

If you have just finished learning your phonic sounds or are not a confident reader then check out: growingbookbybook.com for read alouds, story times, sing-alongs and more! For Parents please see the *10 top tips to help a child stuck on a word*. We will add this to our website.

Topic Writing

For this week please see the ideas we included in your pack home. This week we will focus on character description.

Write a character description for a Roman Gladiator use the steps for success below:

Steps 2 Success for writing a character description

- **Use adjectives** to describe the physical details of a character e.g. His scaly, wrinkled nose sniffed the air. His arms were a mass of scars criss-crossed like tattoos.
- **Nouns to fit the personality of the character** - Clothes, particularly need to match the personality of the character e.g. scruffy, torn tunic and rusted armour.
- **Negative description** - Detailing what is not there is an effective way of making a reader aware of what a character may lack e.g. He had no helmet, no sandals and no shield.
- **Movement** - The way a character moves gives much away about their personality or feelings e.g. Shoulders hunched, feet dragging he shuffled towards his enemy.
- **Simile** - Uses comparison to add description e.g. He crouched like a tiger ready to leap on its prey.

Spellings

Your words of the week are still:

- *division*
- *invasion*
- *confusion*
- *decision*
- *collision*
- *television*
- *vision*
- *explosion*
- *erosion*
- *persuasion*

Remember the spelling pattern –sion. Practice writing these out and ask an adult to test you on Tuesday next week.

Those on 100 high frequency words your spellings are:

- house
- old
- too
- by
- day
- made

Maths

Times Tables – please go onto the class page on the school website and scroll down – there are lots of times tables activities to have a go at. Use this time to become an expert on your times tables - this will help your maths when you return to school hugely

Fractions – remember a fraction is an equal part of a whole i.e. $\frac{1}{4}$ is one of four equal parts of a whole. See the attached Skillswise fraction information

Steps to Success

$\frac{1}{4}$ = the top number is called the **numerator** – and tells you how many $\frac{1}{4}$ there are
4 = the bottom number is called the **denominator** – and tells you how many equal parts the whole is made up of i.e. in this case four.

So if I had $\frac{3}{5}$ of a chocolate bar I would have 3 out of 5 equal parts of the chocolate bar.

e.g. $\frac{3}{5}$ =

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Use a pencil and a piece of paper to draw these fraction chocolate bars like the example above:

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| 1. $\frac{2}{3}$ | 6. $\frac{4}{5}$ |
| 2. $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7. $\frac{1}{5}$ |
| 3. $\frac{3}{4}$ | 8. $\frac{1}{3}$ |
| 4. $\frac{3}{3}$ | 9. $\frac{2}{4}$ |
| 5. $\frac{2}{5}$ | 10. $\frac{1}{4}$ |

Challenge - Look for things around your home that you can divide up into equal parts – draw them and explain what fraction (denominator) they are. i.e. five baked bean tins = fifths, so 1 tin = $\frac{1}{5}$

Science

Keep a food diary - use our 'eatwell plate' learning to check your diet is balanced over the course of a week? <https://www.bhf.org.uk/informationsupport/support/healthy-living/healthy-eating/healthy-eating-toolkit/eatwell-plate>



[Eatwell guide - follow a healthy and balanced diet](https://www.bhf.org.uk/informationsupport/support/healthy-living/healthy-eating/healthy-eating-toolkit/eatwell-plate)

The Eatwell guide shows what kind of foods you should eat, and in what proportions, to have a healthy and balanced diet and more sustainable food.

www.bhf.org.uk

We have included a lot of information for you here but at least it is all in one place. We will be sending out an email to you all every Wednesday with activities for you to do. We will also be phoning you to see how you are all getting on.

Good luck we will be thinking of you – *Ms Vallance and Mr Hayes*