

St Day and Carharrack Newsletter

Self-belief, Determination and Courage

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Dear Families

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well and surviving the home learning – another week completed! The children in school are equally amazing and achieving so much in a small learning environment. A special mention to our wonderful Reception children who are yet to complete a full year with us – they have all been so busy with their learning at home. Thank you to all the children who are uploading their learning to Google Classroom – it may well be printed for the wall of fame to celebrate high quality home and school learning.



WE NEED TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!



This week staff have started gathering ideas about re-designing our school curriculum offer to make sure all our children leave St Day and Carharrack School as happy, ambitious and confident young people with the knowledge, skills and values to be able to embrace the ever-changing world before them. We want our children to be kind, respectful global citizens aware of their rights and able to use their 'voice' to bring about positive change. We need your ideas to shape our School for the future – please get involved over the next few weeks on Google Classrooms or emailing your ideas.

Home Learning: Speaking and Listening Topic to Discuss with your child – **What TOP 10 experiences should every child in our School leave with?**

Young people like Amanda are proof that 'there is always light, if only we are brave enough to see it'. Inspired by Amanda Gorman's spoken word, we want to hear from you, as together we will shape the future of our School. As teachers, we talked about the importance of every child feeling confident to communicate respectfully and honestly through having opportunities to speak out. What do you want to see on offer? Please share your ideas.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: 'UNITY'

Inspired by Amanda, let us continue to work together during these challenging times. We need each other to be kind and see the light ahead. To have your voice in shaping our School dreams, please discuss your ideas and email me your TOP 10 ideas. We can make it happen!



IMPORTANT CHANGES to Home Learning Packs:

Please make sure you are wearing a face covering and keep your distance when coming to School. Many thanks.

The preference is to try and get all children using Google Classrooms. If this is not possible, please continue to **collect learning packs between 12-3pm every Monday by going to the hall side entrance (not the school office)**. This is to support teachers to have all learning packs ready due to the additional photocopying and only two rather slow photocopiers!

Learning for Monday mornings will be based on reviewing the previous weeks learning and activities not requiring a 'worksheet' or learning pack. This could include a PE session, Bitesize TV, reading, handwriting, reviewing spellings and fluency in number recordings such as times tables or number bonds – all of which can be completed practically or in an exercise book. Please see the weekly class email for further details. We are aiming for computer free Mondays and a more active day to break away from too much screen time.

FREE EXERCISE BOOK

On Monday 25th, if requested, we can provide your child with an exercise book to record learning in one place and to help cut down with the amount of photocopying. This exercise book needs to be sent back the week before half-term on Monday February 8th (when you collect your new learning pack for the week). Learning will be checked for completion by the class teacher.

If you would like your child to have an immediate response to their learning then please take a photo and upload to Google Classrooms on the day completed. If we are still in the same lockdown situation, exercise books can be collected again on Monday 22nd with the new learning pack for the week.

LAPTOPS - We have just received a very small allocation from the government - less than a dozen eggs! Once they are formatted, I will be able to allocate them to families in the greatest need - starting with families that have no access at all to a computer. If you would like to be considered for the loan of a laptop, please email me directly to let me know your home situation. I will try my best to distribute what we have fairly and discreetly. We have had some very kind offers of additional funding from community organisations so please do get in touch with me directly if you feel your family would benefit.

WEBSITES OF THE WEEK For Learning – Get Outdoors, Be Healthy, Be Active

It's the Big Garden Bird Watch this week (29th – 31st January)



Can you find a mistle thrush guarding berries?



Sign up to the Big Garden Birdwatch. It is free to join. Follow the instructions below.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

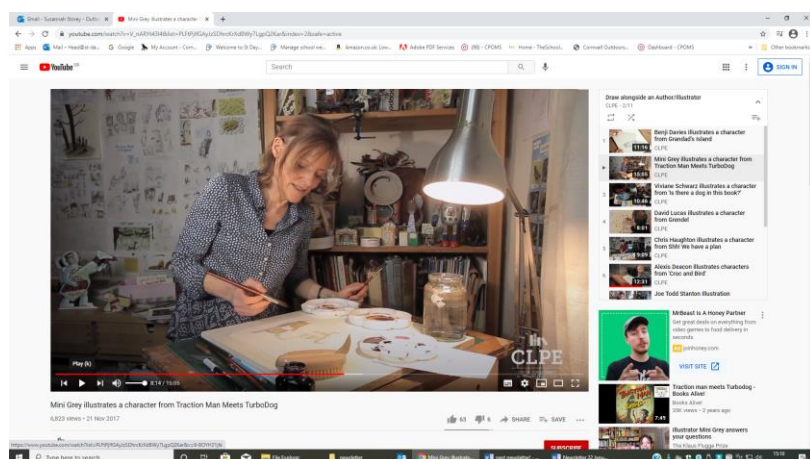
GETTING TO TOKYO!

Our school is now registered as one team - any physical activity will contribute to km to reach Tokyo. Smaller goals can be achieved and I believe the children in School have already made it to Paris! Send a log of your physical activity to your class teacher for it to be logged and I will hopefully see you all in Tokyo! How many km? When do you think we will get there?



HEAR AUTHORS READING THEIR OWN BOOKS!

Please see the following **video resources for 11 author/illustrators**, freely available on this **YouTube channel**. All great books and authors!



Listen to the picture books read aloud:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFtPjIfGAYjXkRik7kNvW4Jc5rnad2nx7r&utm_campaign=12099926_Home+Learning+Help+2+-+Power+of+Pictures&utm_medium=email&utm_source=CLPE

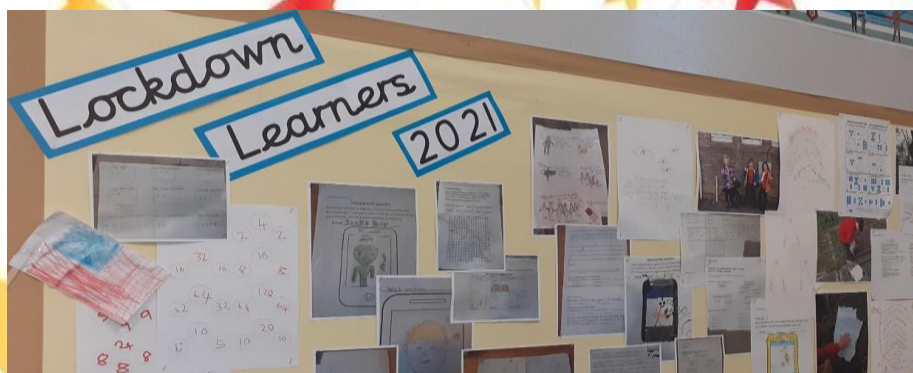
Draw alongside the Authors and Illustrators:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFtPjIfGAYjZSDhrcKrXdBWY7LgpQ2Kar&utm_campaign=12099926_Home+Learning+Help+2+-+Power+of+Pictures&utm_medium=email&utm_source=CLPE

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN – HOME LEARNING

Please keep the photos rolling in if you would like to see them published – it is great to see what you are all getting up to and it cheers us all up! Please send in your TOP 10 EXPERIENCES – this is YOUR School and in UNITY we can make it happen!

A special mention to Kianna for your research and presentation on global warming.



Please keep well and safe. With best wishes to all our families and children.

Susannah Storey and the St Day and Carharrack Team

