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The Power of Kindness

As the UK faces a global coronavirus pandemic, things can feel a little uncertain and even overwhelming. But, during these difficult times, one thing is clear: small acts of kindness make a big difference.

With this in mind, the Red Cross have once again developed their 'Power of Kindness Calendar' which can be downloaded at <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/kindness-calendar##>

Across the country, there has been an outpouring of kindness and children and young people can play their role too. By understanding what we can all do to help tackle this virus, they'll gain a sense of stability and resilience. The power of kindness calendar helps children and young people learn about and carry out kind acts and record these to see their achievements. For example, they could be more helpful at home, write to a relative or think about how they can safely help someone in the community. Each day they can record their act of kindness on the calendar, then look back to see how powerful they've been in delivering that kindness and how kind they have been to themselves!

The link provides lots of ideas for parents to fuel discussions and to think about the types of things that they might include on the calendar.



Snacks for children currently attending school

Please note that for the small number of children who are currently attending school (due to their eligibility), they may bring a snack with them. Please ensure that this snack consists of either fresh or dried fruit. We may have already spoken directly with you about this, so this is just a quick reminder.

Get to Know Cambridgeshire with The Daily Mile

Witchford Village College have been liaising with the Daily Mile co-ordinators who have come up with a programme linked to areas in Cambridgeshire. Even if you can't get out and about as much as you'd like to, you can still find out about our wonderful surroundings.



GET TO KNOW CAMBRIDGESHIRE WITH THE DAILY MILE

How it Works/What to Do:

- Visit each of the landmarks as you do TDM to get to know Cambridgeshire. *Find out what you didn't know!*
- Start where you like on the map and then follow the yellow arrows. Jog, run or walk the miles between each landmark, crossing off your miles as you complete them.
- There are 120 miles in total, so for each Daily Mile you complete, cross off one box on the map (4 map miles). Count how many days it takes you in total to 'Get to Know Cambridgeshire'.
- Find out at least 2 facts about each landmark whilst you are completing that leg of your journey, write them in the boxes provided.

Contact Us

- For further info about the #DailyMileAtHome visit www.thedailymile.co.uk and follow @The_DailyMile on twitter.
- For further information and to register your school to The Daily Mile, contact The Daily Mile Coordinators on anna.oleary@livingsport.co.uk or Tel: 01487 841559 or Mob: 07921 831878

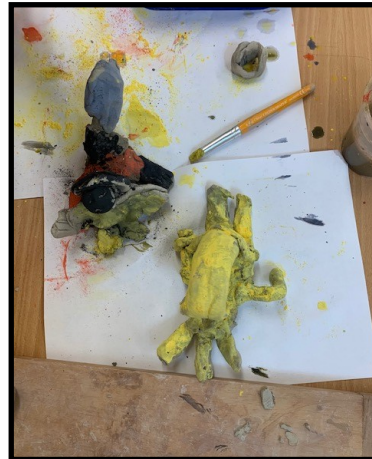
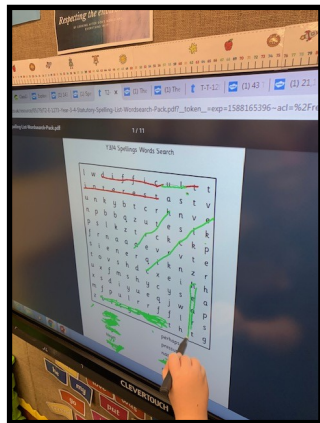
LANDMARK	DESCRIPTION	FIND OUT - FACT 1	FIND OUT - FACT 2
Imperial War Museum Duxford	Europe's largest air museum		
American Cemetery & Memorial	World War II American Military War Grave Cemetery		
Mathematical Bridge	Wooden footbridge connecting two parts of Queen's College		
Ely Cathedral	Anglican cathedral with origins in AD 672		
Fenland Light Railway	A narrow gauge railway operating steam, electric and petrol locomotives		
St Ives Bridge	A 15th Century bridge, only one of four bridges to incorporate a chapel		
Raptor Foundation	A charity run rescue centre for injured birds of prey		
Grafham Water	England's third largest reservoir set in 1500 acres of beautiful countryside		
Sacred Stones Willow Row Barrow	A unique alternative final resting place for cremation ashes		
Wimpole Hall & Farm	Built in 1640-50 in 3,000 acres of parkland owned by the National Trust		

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In school learning

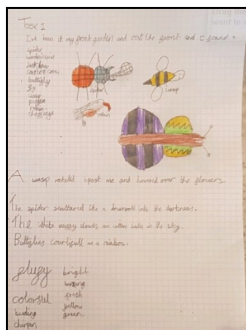
Children attending school this week have immersed themselves in Magical Worlds! They have been writing mythical stories, painting mythical creatures and even creating clay models. Not only this, but they've also been getting the basics into their day by carrying out spelling activities through word games such as traditional 'hangman' and word searches.



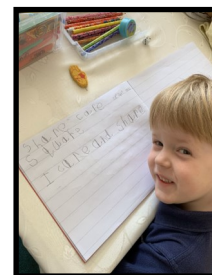
Headteacher roll of honour

The children below have been particularly recognised for their efforts for learning this week. All of the teachers have been telling me how hard the children are working and how tricky it is to narrow down the field for this special mention, but we would like to congratulate the children below. Please do know that we all appreciate that home learning is not easy!

Theo in Sapphire Class & Sofia in Ruby Class—Theo has begun writing sentences using the special friend “are” that we have been learning. Sofia made a lion, with definite attention to detail. Great work.



Leo in Carnelian Class—Leo has made some lovely observations from his investigation in the garden then he has used a metaphor in his poems and presented it beautifully.



Eloise in Amber Class —Eloise has been putting her phonics practice to excellent use. She has been busy bird-watching, leaf hunting and researching, as shown by this excellent writing.



Gabriel in Tanzanite Class - What amazing work about mythological creatures. Gabriel is really enthusiastic about this topic and it is clear to see! Well done!



If home isn't safe, support is available

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, you can get help:

Cambridge Women's Aid (City, East, South Cambridgeshire): 01223 361214

Refuge (Fenland, Huntingdonshire and Peterborough): 07787 255821

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327

LGBT Helpline: 0800 999 5428

In an emergency call 999

For more information visit www.cambsdasv.org.uk



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