



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you are well, and that you and your families are healthy and safe. As you will be aware, the school received communication from the Government and the Department for Education on Sunday 10th May that at the very earliest Primary Schools in England will open from June 1st for Reception and Year 1 pupils (aswell as Year 6). There is further ambition that the remaining pupils across the school return to the school for a month before the end of the summer term if the Science allows us so.

On Monday, I will be sending you a detailed overview of the school's plans, procedures and processes that will be put in place under the new regulations for a phased return to the school. This is a very detailed and comprehensive document, and I ask that you read it carefully so that you fully understand the operation of Twickenham Primary Academy going forward. Furthermore, I do hope that you find it a supportive tool but please do email the school office with any questions that you may have, and we will answer them based on the guidance that we have given from the Department For Education.

To compliment this document, a health and safety video will be sent to you on Thursday 21st May via the school office. This will demonstrate all the new processes practically within and around the school. It is important you share this video with your children over the half term holiday so that they can begin to understand how the school will operate differently on their return.

Website:

Just a reminder, that the school is continually updating the 'Home learning' area on the school website. Here, we will archive the learning packs so that if you haven't managed to complete them yet and you wish to do so in the future you can do this by going onto the website and locating them under your child's year group. You will also find all of the assemblies to date under the Home Learning tab with supplementary resources and wider curriculum / personal development available to compliment the curriculum.

Also, you will notice, we have added all of the challenges and the challenge responses as well as any home learning pictures that have been sent to us. We do hope that you find this a helpful and supportive tool.

Assembly:

This week's assembly will be replaced by video messages from teachers. On Friday 15th May, the teachers will send a prerecorded video over to you for you and your children to watch. They will give you an update on what they have been doing during the lockdown period. I know our children will be very excited to see their classroom teacher, and I hope that you enjoy the video clips.

Whole School Challenge

This weeks challenge is to build a boat that floats. You can use whatever materials you like from toilet rolls to Lego but you need to make sure your boat can float! To test if it can float (and prove to me it can) you can fill up a sink and take a picture of it in it! If you really want to see how good it is a floating, try placing a 1p or 2p coin in your boat to see if it still floats. You can get as creative as you like with this. I look forward to seeing what amazing ideas you have.

Bed Time Stories:

To help children who might be missing their grandparents during the lockdown, the Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Councillor Nancy Baldwin, and volunteers from Richmond Talking Newspaper (RTN) will be reading a series of virtual bedtime stories to bring the borough's older generations and younger generations back together.

Starting from the evening (11 May 2020), a different story will be read every evening at 6.30 on Richmond Council's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/LBRichmonduponThames

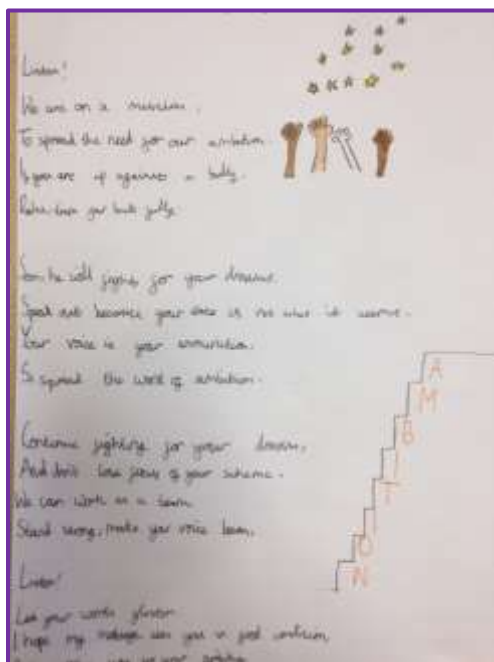
Books featured include:

- Bedtime for Alfie by Sophie Ambrose
- Captain Green and the Plastics Scene by Evelyn Bookless
- Counting Sheep by Pippa Chorley
- The Lonely Giant by Sophie Ambrose
- The New LiBEARean by Alison Donald
- The Spacesuit by Alison Donald
- Odd Socks by Michelle Robinson

Thank you:

Thank you to our children who have sent me personal letters, poems and pictures. They are all wonderful and I shall treasure them all; all very different, but all as equally important.

Below is a poem they ilyas from Year 4 sent me to school this week. It is called 'Listen'



School Office News

Hana, Joy and Karen are still busy working, so please feel free to reach out should you need their support with anything.

PTA

'If any parent needs any help, support or a friendly chat over the coming weeks, the team and I will do all we can to be there. I don't want anyone to feel alone.'

Emma Love – Mobile Number: **0781 00 00 354**

Thank you, and have a lovely weekend.



Mr. John Smith

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