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Dear Year 2 Parents

Week 9 - home learning



A big thank you to all who have sent me work this week and to those who are trying their best to help their child complete the Education City and Purple Mash activities. I have had some lovely poems, presentations on Mary Anning and some wonderful photos of fossil hunting (with great success!).

The activities on the home learning timetable for week 9 are:

PE

I hope you enjoyed the variety of exercise routines last week. We had a mixture of weather so outdoor walks/ runs/ scooting and bike riding has not always been possible. Hopefully, the activities online can help with this.

Reading

The reading activities this week are based on author and illustrator Cressida Cowell. She gave an input at the digital hay festival this year. She is Waterstone's Poet Laureate and the creator of How To Train A Dragon. Please help your child to access her video recording on <https://www.hayfestival.com/home> . You then need to go to the schools area and click on Cressida Cowell's name (Event S1). From there please click on "Hay player" and she will talk to your child about her wonderful character creations and how she finds her inspiration for writing these successful books. She shows her very first drawing of Hiccup and how ideas for her recent story started from a sketch made when she was 9. It is a very interesting watch and is the basis of this week's reading tasks.



Spelling

Please continue choosing words that your child cannot spell yet on the high frequency list or the common exception list. These are words that yr 2 children should be able to spell within their writing tasks if they are working at the year 2 standard. Extra words to try would be maths topic based so your child could try: cube, cuboid, sphere, cylinder, pyramid, prism, cone, dimension.

Maths

This week we are focusing on 3D shapes (in addition to ongoing multiplication). On Monday's shape hunt it would be good if your child could talk about the properties of the shapes too, for example how many faces/ edges/ vertices the shape has. If they are confident in shape they could start comparing one shape to another (for example - both these shapes have square faces but this one has rectangular faces too).

RNLI

In Summer 2 the school usually has a special assembly with a representative from RNLI who talk to the children about staying safe by water. I am aware that it has been hot of late (apart from this last rainy spot) and that due to the present Covid situation there are not as many beach lifeguards on duty. Please take some time this week to have a look on their website where there are activities and discussion prompts to help your child stay safe when they are on the beach or by the river/ lake. Thank you.

I would like to reiterate, once again, that although I have timetabled the week please swap days and timings around to suit you and your family. Both the PE and the audio stories can be accessed at any time on the YouTube channels as can Purple Mash, Education City and TT Rock stars.

Keep up the great work you are doing, we all understand that it is not easy and fully appreciate your efforts.

Mrs Bourne and the Year 2 team