



Introduction

I am sure that you are watching for the daily updates from the government as I am. I don't know any more than you do at this stage and will be looking out for the announcements on Sunday evening when the Prime Minister addresses the nation. Rest assured that I am working with the rest of the school leadership team and staff as well as other schools in Pathfinder MAT and across the City of York to make a plan following any changes to the current situation. As soon as practically possible, I will communicate again with you – next week you may see an increase in emails because of this.

Lee Haynes

Support for families

I'd like to remind you that we are here should you need any support. There is no shame in asking for help and all discussions will be confidential. It may only be a small gesture but sometimes a friendly voice can be enough and financial support could make a difference to your wellbeing. We want to help and are ready to do so. Please, if you want to talk to someone get in touch – you can either email school using office@acomb.pmat.academy or call on 01904 798453 and leave a message.

Online Resources for Adults

Please see below for more resources that may support you whilst you are at home.

The NHS Trust are promoting a range of online classes and resources geared towards a range of mental health problems from mild (e.g. anxiety, stress, sleep problems) to more severe and enduring mental illness (e.g. psychosis) and across a range of ages. The recovery college has developed some resources specifically for coping with the pandemic and it has divided this into categories for children (under 7), young people (8-18) and adults. It's accessible to the public, not just those working in the NHS or accessing mental health services.

The website address is <https://www.recoverycollegeonline.co.uk/your-mental-health/coronavirus/>. This takes you to the coronavirus specific pages and you can then use the link to navigate to all other resources on the website which you may want to have a look at so you know a bit more about what's on there.

Familiesonline.co.uk have produced a magazine specifically for parents during the lockdown period. Please click on the link below to read this.

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/lockdown-ny-final?fr=sZGNiMDEyMzIxMzQ>

Win £5000 worth of books for Acomb Primary School!

National Book Tokens are offering children the chance to win £5000 worth of tokens for their school to put towards its school library. Not only are they offering this but they're also offering the lucky winning nominee £100 to spend on books themselves.

The great thing about the competition is that all you have to do is nominate Acomb Primary School via the link below to give us a chance of winning. Fingers crossed that we do!

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm_source=nbt&utm_medium=email&utm_content=win-5000&utm_campaign=schools-campaign-2020

Training Days 2020/2021

The following days will be training days (when the school is closed to all children).

Monday 7th September 2020, Friday 23rd October 2020 and .Monday 26th July 2021

Two more days will be added at a later date.

Uniform Orders

Please order online with APC clothing by following the link <http://www.apc-clothing.co.uk/>. For free delivery to school before 17th July, please order before midnight on Thursday 4th June. Once we receive the order we will organise collection from school. Thank you.

Fundraising Challenge

Toby from Y1 has been inspired to do a fundraising challenge at home. For the last 10 days he has run 26 times around his garden as part of the 2.6 Challenge (running this month in place of the London marathon). Toby is raising money for Martin House Hospice and York Foodbank. To date he has raised over £100! Well done Toby- this is a great achievement!



<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/BridgetWalters>

Regular Reminders

How to book a school place

If you have no alternative and are a critical worker, please email office@acomb.pmat.academy with details of what you need. You may only use sessions that match your shifts. You may not book sessions when you are not at work **or if one parent is working from home**. *Please email by 4pm on the Thursday of the week before.*

Keeping in touch

We are currently using email, texts and the school website to keep in touch. You may also call the school office and leave a message. The office email and answerphone will be checked daily (Monday to Friday).

Uniform

Children can wear their own clothes when coming to school.

Packed Lunches

All children who come to school must bring a packed lunch (and any snacks as needed).

Updates from Reception

We have seen so many observations on Tapestry this week, with lots of the Reception children viewing our home learning videos and completing the different tasks. We have also had lots of imaginative learning happening so once again a big thank you to all parents and carers for taking the time to add these moments to Tapestry too!

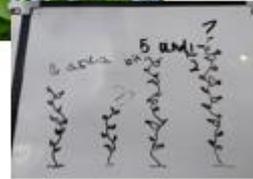
Ella joined in with our Double Machine song. Beautiful singing and great recall of those doubles facts too!



Lucas J has been building a city using different numbers of bricks.



Elliot has been on a mission to the Moon and has started a nature journal with his family. The first entry is a frog spotted in the garden by Elliot!



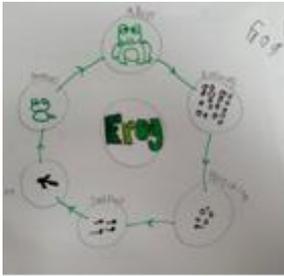
Daniel H has been measuring beanstalks and has taken photos of his favourite plants and flowers.

Next week we will be starting a new topic, finding out about farm animals and life on a farm. In Literacy we will name and label common farm animals and find out some things that happen on a farm. Our Maths focus will be finding half of numbers by sharing objects between two groups. We will upload a daily Phonics video too, continuing our work on the different digraphs.

We understand how difficult it can be sometimes to juggle the pressures and worries of working from home and life in lockdown as well as keeping up with the children's tasks and activities so please remember that there is no expectation to complete everything but we hope our daily videos help to keep some kind of routine. Stay safe and well, Mrs Bradley, Miss Peggs, Mrs Macey and Mrs Nuttall

Updates from Year One

This week in Year 1 the children have been thinking about life cycles. They have created some superb pieces of work and have thought really carefully about each stage of the life cycles.



Isla enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a frog. She went to West Bank Park and saw some frogs and tadpoles in the pond on her daily walk.



Anna also saw some frogs and did some research while she was on her daily exercise walk.



Lily made her life cycle of a butterfly on a paper plate.

Lucas thought of a very creative way to display his life cycle of a butterfly!



More Little Chefs

It seems that many of you were inspired by the cooking skills shown by Year 1 children in the newsletter last week. This week it has been all about the sweet treats! Check out these delicious desserts!



Rocky Road made by Frankie- This looks amazing!

Eli chose a pudding he wanted to make from a recipe book. He read out the instructions to his Mum and they made it together. Great job Eli!



Updates from Year Two

Another brilliant week of learning for Year 2! Well done everyone. This week we have been busy learning more about animal habitats, finding out about the four countries of the UK and what their capital cities are, making posters and fact files about animals and doing lots of super fraction work. Year 2 have been very busy but we have loved seeing all of your fantastic work! Really well done for another great week.

Jesse K recorded which animals he thought might live in these habitats, a great list in each.

Habitat	Animals
	Arctic hare, reindeer, walrus, polar bear
	Sharks, whales, crabs, fish, squid
	Camel, kangaroo, meerkat, lion
	Wolf, rabbit, fox, squirrel, bear
	Salmon, trout, catfish, frog, toad



Lexie completed some amazing fraction work in which she used real objects to help her to understand fraction of amounts.

George created this poster about the capital cities in each of the UK's four countries. We liked the facts about each one!

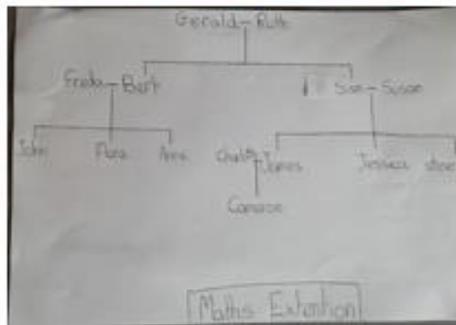
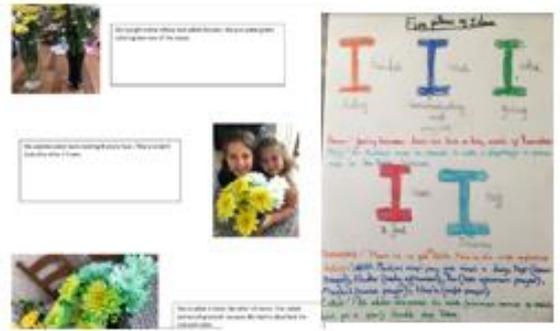


Updates from Year Three, Four & Five

We've had another successful home schooling week with some great interaction from pupils across Years 3, 4 and 5. We're really pleased to see that the children aren't just accessing Google Classroom for work purposes though, and are in fact using this to speak to their friends which is really important. Please keep encouraging them to do this as often as possible as this will really help their emotional and social wellbeing.

We would also like your child to keep communicating with us via Google Classroom in order to let us know how they're getting on at home. We really encourage you to send in photos of them doing their work too – we would love to see more of these so we can include them in newsletters like we have done below.

As of next week, all teacher across Year 3, 4 and 5 will also be posting daily videos to share the excellent work that they have been seeing during the day. Check this out after 3pm every weekday.



Updates from Year Six

It has been lovely to see Y6's writing on the assignments we have set and to be able to see how well they are doing and to give feedback. The work continues to be set on google classroom and you can also use Times Table Rock Stars, Bug club, spelling and Mathsframe as well as Spelling Shed.

To access the assignments, go to the classroom, click on Classwork at the top of the screen and then click on the assignment. To access your emails, go onto classroom or drive and click on the 9 dots (google apps) in the right hand corner of the screen then click Gmail.

We would like all Yr6 pupils to post a comment on google classroom at least once a week so that we can check that you are all ok. The comments do not have to be work related you could tell us what you are doing at home or share a picture of your achievements.

Thank you all for your support. Stay safe.

Miss Johnson

Miss Bevins and I met some new running friends on our solo runs this week and Mrs Batey has grown a lockdown lettuce.



William B's non-chronological report.



Maisie's E William Morris inspired artwork



Penguins

The Emperor Penguin (*Bibliotheca scriptorum imperatoris*) is a carnivore bird that is native to the ice caps in Antarctica. They can't fly but they can swim down to 1755 feet which is deeper than any other bird. These penguins breed in the winter having to survive up to -76° F. The mother lays the egg and leaves it for the father to guard it while they go off in search of food. Emperor Penguins live an average lifespan of 15-20 years unless eaten or killed. Adult emperor penguins are usually about 122 cm tall and often weigh between 23-45 kg.

Penguins spend most of their lives at sea. After the chick has hatched, the male and the female will take turns to travel to the open ocean. While one goes to sea the other keeps the chick safe and warm with the rest of the colony. At sea penguins will sometimes dive in and out of the water while they are swimming to rest their wings. When they have finished hunting they leap out of the water onto the ice. When the penguins catch some food they have to store it in their stomach until they arrive back at the colony.

When the female gets back they use their call to find the male. They then walk up to the chick and put their beak around its beak so it can eat the fish that the adult has obtained. Adult emperor penguins can go for 120 days without food!

Not all penguins live in Antarctica. Some penguins live on islands in South America and some on beaches in Africa and Australia. The blue penguin is the smallest type of penguin measuring 25-30cm tall while the emperor penguin is the largest type measuring about 122cm tall. Baby penguins are born with fluffy

