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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Apologies for the lack of a newsletter last Friday – we were all a bit busy! Enormous thanks for your patience, understanding and messages of goodwill.

To be honest, we all felt a bit emotional seeing you go. Many staff were genuinely heartbroken. We care about your children. We will miss them over the next few weeks and mourn the loss of all the great things that we would have done together. We are especially sad for our year 6s, who were already ticking off their list of 'lasts'. Fortunately, we did manage to organise a water fight for them on Friday afternoon. The weather was freezing but they seemed to enjoy themselves! With luck, we will be back before the end of July, and if not, we will arrange a leavers' assembly and treat as soon as we possibly can.



Durweston @home

So we think we've negotiated the IT/internet teething problems and you should all be receiving a daily email with things to do with your children. These are not new tasks; there is nothing you need to actually 'teach'. Everything the children are being asked to do is similar to tasks they will have encountered already in school. Don't let them tell you any different! We're just trying to keep all those skills going so that we'll be ready to go again as soon as we're back at school.

That is not to say that your children won't need your help! Some will need help just getting organised; others might need you to explain and perhaps help them get started; a few will need you to work alongside them. Sometimes, the easiest thing to do is to do the task yourself, talking all the time about what you're doing. This may seem odd at first! But if you can verbalise all of your thought processes, it will help your child know what to do. Remember to offer lots and lots of praise, before you choose one or two things to correct.

We think a routine is a good thing and certainly, I would suggest that you try to do some work every morning. But be flexible. If things are going well, try something else and come back to it later.

And please keep reading. I may say this every week! Not just your child reading to you, but also you reading to your child. We read to your children a lot at school: fiction, non-fiction, newspapers, poetry etc. If you can keep that up, we're already half way there!





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If you need any help, advice or feedback, your teachers would love to hear from you. These are their email addresses and they are happy for you to contact them (honest, I have asked).

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I've also set up a fb page for parents to share photos and videos of what you've been getting up to. No obligation to join – but if want to, send me your email (nbrooke@durweston.dorset.sch.uk) and I can send you an invite. The group is private, so only members can post and see photos.

Pie on the radio

Pie Corbett is the current guru of writing in primary schools. You can listen to him on this free radio broadcast for children <https://radioblogging.net/>

Dave the Dog is worried
about coronavirus



This book has been written by a nurse who works in the Southampton paediatric ICU. Might be of help.
<https://nursedottybooks.com/dave-the-dog-is-worried-about-coronavirus-2/>

A Daily Song?

Out of the Ark, who write loads of great songs for children, are releasing a daily song for you to try at home. Have a look here <https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/?fbclid=IwAR3DiN9u1gLy7ELuZ0kwfCShupsnWqZb-7zndQzGuONumRiQ8Tm9bIVJCQI>. The bonkers song is great!





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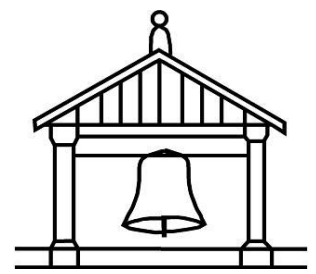
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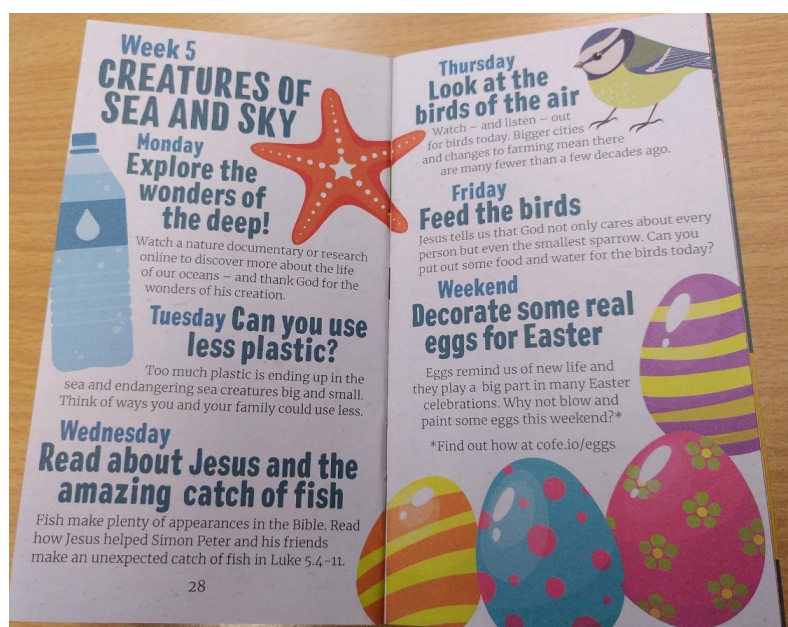
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Assemblies?

I had planned to base assemblies around this book this term. It gives ideas for things to think about and do every day in the run up to Lent. We missed Week 4 but I've included it here as there are some nice ideas and you've now got week 5 for next week.





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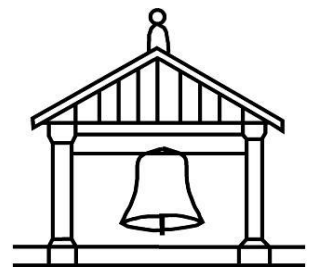
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An alternative to Jo?

I know lots of you are loving Joe Wicks daily PE work out. From Monday, our very own PE coaches, BRS, are uploading activities here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE4IBAkPyOp3FMbxdxkkF-Q>.

Attendance

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	5%	3% 😊	Who cares!
Dolphins	3%		
Seahorses	2%		
Sharks	2%		
Porpoises	0% 😊		

Attendance at school has been pretty bleak this week; I'm expecting attendance at home to be 100%!

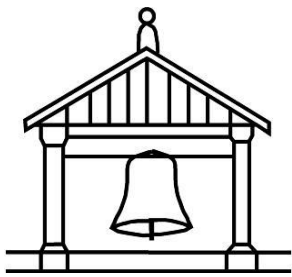
Next week

Who knows what next week will bring? The weather looks to stay fair so if you're out in your garden or out taking your one piece of daily exercise, see how many signs of spring you can see or perhaps hear. On my run yesterday, I heard a [woodpecker](#), a [robin](#), a [chiff chaff](#) and a [stonechat](#). Maybe you could find catkins or primroses or even some frog spawn?

Above all, please take very good care of yourselves.

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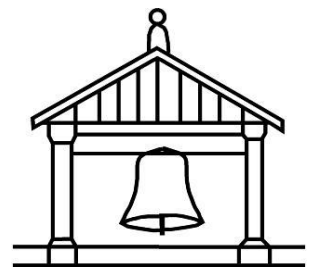
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