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Hainford Newsletter

Today we will be sending work packs home in case your child needs to isolate during term time. These packs contain a range of support resources (word cards etc.) to aid with writing, homework and other resources to support with maths and grammar.

CPG mental maths books have been included. These work books were used last year with much success. One activity should be completed each week and then evidence (in the form of a picture) be uploaded on to SeeSaw / Tapestry / Teams (from next week) in order for teachers to mark. Class teachers will be in touch at the start of next week with further information.

Microsoft 365

In the event that your child is required to self-isolate, but is perfectly healthy, the government expects all schools to ensure that a child's education is not affected, and that they will be able to continue their learning at home.

Letters were sent out regarding Microsoft 365 last week which will be integral to the school's delivery of blended learning. This software will enable both children and teachers to continue to teach and learn if they are required to be at home due to Covid required isolation. This software will be main the technology that we use to teach and assess children's learning remotely. Children have been practising logging in during Computing and other lessons.

Packs from classes 2 and 3 will also contain copies of children's Microsoft 365 passwords. (These have also been sent out using Seesaw.) In order that we can successfully use this software we are asking children in classes 2 and 3 to access some of next week's homework via Microsoft Teams / One Note. Below is a link to a video prepared by the ICT lead at White Women Lane Junior School (*a partner school in our Nebula Federation*) to help you:

<https://youtu.be/kzZ8Xzw8Dew>

The link below is a tutorial of how to use Teams on an Ipad that has been recommended.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLNp2cwjuck&feature=emb_title&safe=active

Class 3 have been experimenting with Teams this week and it is proving successful so far. One piece of advice is that if your child is logging in on a tablet / phone both Teams and OneNote apps will be needed. Another important tip is that children log off after they have finished so that other siblings cannot accidentally access. Please do not worry if your child has problems completing the homework in these first few weeks. It will take a few lessons for us all to familiarise ourselves with this new system.

Online Safety

Given the on-going Covid situation, children are spending greater amounts of time on-line – whether for social or educational reasons. It is therefore vital that we continue to protect children from the dangers that are there. We continue to teach children about online safety and thought that we would share a very useful link below

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

School Website

Our school website <http://www.harnserfed.co.uk/> contains a huge amount of advice, documents and information for parents such as our curriculum, transition documents and staying safe-online. I would urge all parents/carers to regularly visit our website.

Within the transition tab there is updated information from some local High Schools for our year 6 pupils.

Weather / clothing (reminder)

Even though the weather has become colder of late, as part of our Covid risk assessments we are required to maintain good ventilation in all classrooms. Therefore more windows and doors will be open throughout the day and classrooms will not be as warm. As per previous correspondences regarding our safety measures, please ensure that your child has suitable clothes (vests / jumpers / fleeces) for the coming autumn.

If your child also needs to wear wellies to and from school, then these are now also permitted.

Individual Photographs

Unfortunately, these were unable to take place due to the never-ending rain. We are in the process of organising another date before half-term.

Harvest

Given the current Covid situation, we are unable to hold our usual Harvest festival in church. However, Rev. Englesen will be leading a virtual celebration next Thursday for pupils only.

Before school from 8:30am and after school 2:50pm, Rev Englesen will open up the front of the **church** (opposite the school) to collect any donations of long-life food such as tinned goods, pasta and rice.

Please can donations be taken to the church as we are unable to accept any items in school this year.

Working together we will be supporting the charity, St Martins Housing Trust previously known as Norwich Night Shelter. Any donations will be gratefully received.

The 'Value for Life' this half-term is: Responsibility

A Christian Perspective on Responsibility:

The Bible teaches that life is a gift from God and it is our responsibility to use our talents and abilities in the best way we can. (Values for Life).

As a school, we will be looking at how children can be responsible in class. We will be looking at the importance of individual responsibility to keep everybody safe during this pandemic and the impact of our actions on others.

If any members of the wider school community can offer any ideas, or wish to celebrate an example of your child demonstrating this value at home then please contact Mr Cross.

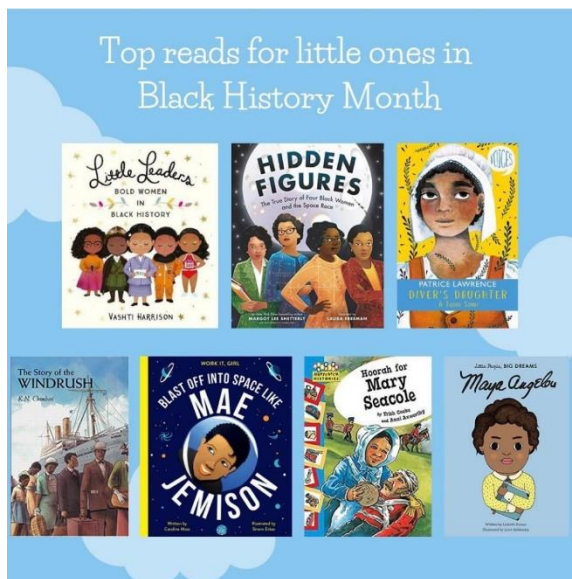


October is Black History Month. Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month (October in the UK) to celebrating black history.

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

Here are some book recommendations for books which you might like to share with your children (as posted on @littleboxofbooks on Instagram). Other good follows include @diverse_kids_books and @booksfortopics.



Education about black history needs to happen all of the time, but we can ALL take this month to educate ourselves and celebrate the amazing contributions made by black people in the UK today and throughout history, but most importantly educate and celebrate with our little ones.

Here are our top reads! 🙌 Be sure to share this with a friend, so we can celebrate and educate, together.



Let's Celebrate!

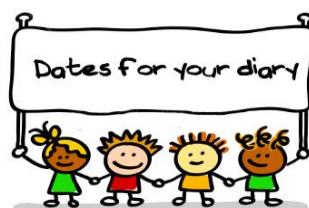
2nd October	Star Award Winners	Values Award Responsibility
Class 1	Mackenzie	Phoebe
Class 2	Leo	Rupert
Class 3	Willow	Grace

Attendance figures for this half-term so far excluding Covid-related absences are:

CLASS 1- **98.53%**

CLASS 2- **96.23%**

CLASS 3- **98.31%**



Autumn Term

October

8th Harvest Festival (school only) and donations at the church

21st (Wed) Final day before half-term

Half-Term: Thursday 22nd to Friday 30th October

November

WB 2nd Assertive Mentoring meetings via Teams (using your child's login)

Thank you for all your support