

Foundation

It really has not been the start to 2021 that we wanted, however it was so nice to see the children again, both those in school and those at home. We really value the chance to see the home learners on the screen and know they are OK!

Next week, we will begin our new topic 'Ideas to Change the World' by thinking about what is special about us and what we are good at. We will also start weekly Spanish lessons with Señora O'Reilly and Phonic Book 2 which should be coming to your child in the post. This contains digraphs and trigraphs, which are two and three letter groups making one sound. When writing digraphs and trigraphs, we will encourage the children to join the letters to emphasise that they make one sound, similar to how we joined the friendly letters ff, ss, ll and zz.

With regards to reading, we are currently not able to send books home but we would encourage YOU to read as much as possible to your child(ren) as well as joining us for our daily story time. When sharing books, why not pick out words they could read, or look for our sound of the day, or spot tricky words? You might also like to use puppets to act out stories you have read or make up alternative versions of stories. You could also learn some nursery rhymes or poems together. Making reading part of your lock down routine may be tricky with juggling home-schooling and work. You might like to plan a Drop Everything And Read session for the whole family or have a weekly reading lunch or make a reading den! There are also some great resources on-line. Oxford Owl (<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>) - link can also be found on the Foundation Literacy page on the VLE) have a number of free reading books to download. Also Reading Eggs (<https://readingeggs.co.uk/>) offer a free 30 day trial to parents who sign up and Phonics Play (<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>) are offering free subscription period during lock down. There are also lots of reading games on Busythings.

Here is a helpful reminder of where to find everything you need for Home Learning:

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| VLE | <p>This should be your first port of call! The Foundation home learning page (https://stfaiths.fireflycloud.net/foundation-1/foundation-home-learning-1) has our weekly plan, sheets to be downloaded, videoed lessons and assemblies and class timetables indicating whole class live teaching sessions. Please check it at least weekly, but be aware we may add useful information (such as the number formation rhymes) as we come across it.</p> <p>The other Foundation pages have some games and activities on, as well as the Busythings log on. https://stfaiths.fireflycloud.net/foundation-1</p> |
| Teams | <p>Used for live teaching. Please help your child practise muting and unmuting themselves. Teachers can mute children but not unmute and it so nice to be able to talk to them.</p> |

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| myschoolportal | Stores all the emails you have received, as well as useful parental information (see especially the parent guide section) |
| Tapestry | Used for submitting work. Teachers should make a comment on work submitted in this way which we hope you will find useful. |

You will also see from the timetables, we have had to make a change to the afternoon sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday. We have swapped PE to be on a Wednesday and will have live teaching session on the Tuesday instead. Sorry for any inconvenience.

If you have further questions or feedback please let us know.

The Foundation Team