



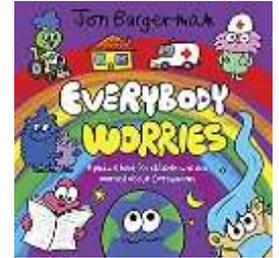
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Dear Parents/Carers and Reception Class,

You have probably heard on the news and in the media last week that from Monday 1st June school will be open for Reception pupils. You probably have mixed feelings about this as do we, but your teachers have all been busy preparing for your return and trying to make the school as safe as possible for you. We can't wait to see you again soon! As its only natural in these circumstances to feel a little worried, we have found a lovely little ebook for you called 'Everybody Worries' written by Jon Burgerman. The ebook is about our global pandemic and was written for families to share with their children who are worried about the Coronavirus. It is free to access and download and we have included the link here for you and also on our home learning page.



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Well done again to Harper who has won her **SECOND National Stoke Virtual Competition** for our age group! Harper has now also won the **Target Throw Challenge**. What a superstar you are! Another medal and certificate will be coming your way when we are back at school.

We also have some more May birthday shout outs this week. A big Happy Birthday to Billie-Mae and Bella who turn 5 this week! We hope you have a fantastic day! Don't forget if you are celebrating your special day, we would love to see photos!



We have updated the **Home Learning Page** again with some more fun and exciting activities for you. <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca> We have included direct links below for you. This week please can you try the following activities:

Phonics- <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/reception-phonics>

This week can you continue with the free **Letters & Sounds** Phonics lessons again. Every day Monday-Friday a new lesson is uploaded on YouTube at 10am. Once the lesson is live, the link will be activated so you click straight through it. Don't worry if you miss the lesson at 10am, you can still go back to access it at another time. This weeks lessons are review lessons of the sounds we have learnt before. Each day will review 3 sounds. If you didn't do last weeks sounds, you can also have a go at those as well if you wish. Remember to select the 'Reception' button. Can you also have a go at the **Phase 4 Polysyllabic words PowerPoint**? Polysyllabic words are words that have more than one syllable. Download the PowerPoint, practise reading the words, then afterwards write some of your own. <https://wandleenglishhub.org.uk/lettersandsounds/reception>

Reading- <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/literacy-reading-story-time>

Remember to keep reading daily and practising your sounds and tricky words regularly. This week can you read the twinkl ebook 'Dr. Dog explains Coronavirus' and listen to the audible copy of 'Pirates Go To School' on the home learning page? Why not also try the Stoke Speaks Out **Stoke 100 Reads Challenge**? Read the first 25 books on the list and receive a copy of Barry the Fish with Fingers to keep! If you don't have all the books, start it now with the books you do have and then finish it when everything starts to get back to normal again. We have included the link here for you and also on the home learning page. https://aa59102a-888c-4e07-8c12-aa2fb811a2c2.filesusr.com/ugd/43af96_2b2ca1d5adf24aef841297020c9842e8.pdf



Literacy- <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/literacy-reading-story-time>

This week we thought it might be nice for you to complete a **'2020 Covid 19 Time Capsule'** to show the children in years to come the challenge that we have faced this year. We have included the link to a template here and on the home learning page but you could also create your own. Ask a grown up to help you to fill it in. https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/32470/covid-19_time_capsule

Maths- <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/reception-maths>

Ask a grown up to create a pirate treasure hunt for you. Ask them to write some clues using **positional language** (on, in, under, behind, next to, etc) to describe the position of the treasure then see if you can find it. We have included a template on the home learning page, alternatively you could create your own. Afterwards, you could try playing the Under the Sea Prepositions hotspots game on twinkl to describe where the animals are. Can you also interact with the 'Numbers within 20' lessons on the Oak National Academy website. We have included the link here for you and also on the home learning page.

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/reception/maths#subjects>

Understanding the World- <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/eyfs-the-world-around-us>

This week can you have a go at the **thinkuknow** online safety activity packs. Each pack contains two 15 minute age-appropriate videos with follow up activities to support you with keeping safe online. We have included the link here and on the home learning page. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/early-years/> Can you also download and read the **'What is Social Distancing PowerPoint?'** to prepare for your return to school?

Creative- <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/creative>

Well done to all the children that have sent in pictures of their pirate crafts, we think they look fantastic! We've seen some super pirate ship models! This week, why not create your own pirate flag or make the pirate lantern craft on the home learning page? We would love to see some more photos of your amazing creations.

RE- <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/eyfs-re>

Remember to keep saying your daily prayers and our prayer of the month, **'Hail Mary'**. This week can you watch the video 'You'll Never Walk Alone' on the home learning page? On Thursday, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension when Jesus returned to Heaven to be with God the Father. Have a look at the online story of the Ascension: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oH-N6Erg5Xw>. Imagine how the disciples might have felt losing Jesus again and talk to your adult about the story. Try to make this craft: draw or print out a picture of Jesus and a cloud. Decorate a paper cup to look like the sky and poke a hole in the bottom. Thread the string through the cup and attach the string to both the cloud and Jesus, as in this picture. Pull the cloud upwards and watch Jesus 'ascend' into the sky!



PE- <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/eyfs-pe-and-music-movement>

This week can you practise aiming/throwing at a target. If you have a bucket see how many times you can get the ball in the bucket. Remember, if its too easy, move further away to make it more challenging. Don't forget to also keep an eye out for the **School Games** competitions that Mrs Grange posts on the school facebook/twitter pages. They have age-appropriate activities and if you win you get a medal and a certificate just like our Harper! Let's see if more of you can get involved and get our school on the leaderboard.



Here is a useful link to a list of DfE approved education resources for home education:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

We will be calling you again this week. Again, if Miss Mogford phoned you last time, Mrs Wilson will phone you this time and if Mrs Wilson spoke to you last time, you will speak to Miss Mogford this time. We are looking forward to hearing about some of the things you have been up to since we last spoke and can't wait to (hopefully) see some of you again soon.

We continue to keep you in our prayers and thoughts. Have an amazing week!

Miss Mogford, Mrs Wilson & Mrs Bradley ☺

