



Learning and Growing Together
in Faith and Friendship

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Dear Parents/Carers and Reception Class,

It was lovely to speak to you all last week on the telephone and hear your voices again. We really enjoyed hearing about all the wonderful things you have been doing. We are so glad you are all getting on well with your home learning, keeping busy and behaving for your parents. Keep it up!

Well done to all the children who made 'NHS Thankyou' posters. We have posted some of these on our school Facebook page-we think they look fantastic! What superstars you are!

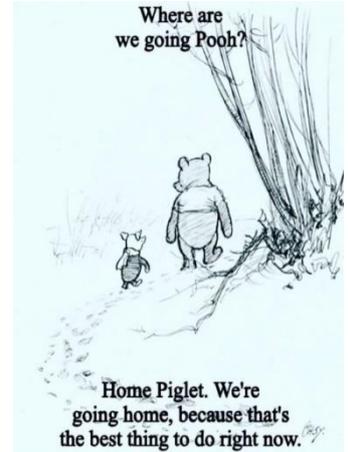
We have updated the **Home Learning Page** again with some more fun and exciting activities for you. <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca> Remember to keep checking and trying some of the activities to allow for progression. It can be helpful to draw up a timetable for each day to ensure you stay in a routine. Don't forget to include things like your daily exercise, lunch, chores, creative time and free time. Remember little and often, often works best! Miss Mogford has found it useful to write a list of a few things I would like to achieve each day. This can be as simple as cooking a new recipe or completing an online course.

This week please can you try the following activities? We have included direct links below for you.

Phonics- Well done to all the children who are continuing to practise your phase 2/3 flashcards and Tricky Trucks on Phonics Play. It was so nice to hear that lots of you have been doing this every day. Keep this up! This week we would like you to have a go at playing the **Buried Treasure** game on phonics play- we know that is one of your favourite games in class! Click on Phase 4-Set 1-7 (CVCC words) and practise sorting the real and fake words. <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/4/buried-treasure> You could also use the link to the coins we have included on the home learning page to play your own game. Ask a grown up to hide the words in some sand or treasure and practise sorting the words by sounding them out. If you get a fake word, put it in your bin. How many fake words can you find? <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/reception-phonics>

Reading- We have spoken to a few of you last week that mentioned you were struggling to find suitable reading books at your child's level. Please don't go out to buy books. Although online, the **Oxford Owl & Collins Big Cat** ebooks are a fabulous resource and they have a range of books with all the different book levels, so all of you can be accommodated. Remember, it is fine to read the levels below and the levels above the one you are currently working on. It is also good to read the same book more than once. I have included both of the websites here for you again.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page> All ebooks are free to access and are tablet/laptop friendly. Simply register and create your free account then browse for books either by your age (4-5 years) or book band colour level (pink, red and yellow).



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Our story this week is '**Pizza for Pirates**'. There is an audible copy on the website. Please can you listen to the story as lots of our activities this week are based around this book.

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

Literacy- This week can you write out your recipe for your healthy pizza (see below)? Write a list of the ingredients that you are going to use then use bossy verbs, such as put, add, cut, mix etc to write what you did. Remember to write in sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

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Maths- This week we are using our 'Pizza for Pirates' story to think about halving and sharing equally. Can you download the 'What is Halving?' Powerpoint on Twinkl then cut out the shapes in half to explore what half looks like? Afterwards, make a paper plate pizza craft and cut it in half. When you've made your healthy pizza can you share it equally amongst your family members? How many equal parts do you need so you all get some? <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/reception-maths>

Understanding the World- This week can you have a go at making a healthy pizza for George from the 'Pizza for Pirates' story? What ingredients are you going to use? Remember to add lots of vegetables to your pizza. The pirates treasure chest is made from wood. Can you go on a materials treasure hunt around your house and garden to find different objects made from wood, metal and plastic. How many wooden objects can you find? <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/eyfs-the-world-around-us>

Creative- Why not have a pirate dress up day? If you don't have any pirate dress up at home have a go at making your own costume. You could make an eye-patch, hat, telescope and a sword using any craft materials that you have at home. We would love to see pictures of you in your costumes! Afterwards, go to 'Pirate School'. Download the Pirate School Powerpoint on the home learning page and practise talking like a pirate. Shiver me timbers! <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/creative>

RE- Last Thursday was St. Georges Day. Some of you are in the St. George house team at school. Watch the story of St. George on YouTube and download the St. George Powerpoint on the home learning page to learn more about him. St. George was very brave, and killed the dragon because he knew that it was the right thing to do even though he felt frightened. We all need to be brave like St. George, and stay strong and happy through these difficult times. After, you could make your own St. George's Day flag to display in your window and design your own coat of arms shield. If you are in the St. Georges Day house, you could also find something red to wear one day.

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

PE- Don't forget to keep getting lots of fresh air and doing some daily exercise. This week ask an adult to set you up an obstacle course in your garden. Can you walk the plank like a pirate? <https://sites.google.com/view/eyfshomelearningstjoca/eyfs-pe-and-music-movement>

Remember, even though we are in unprecedented times, try to think about all the things to be grateful for, such as the lovely, sunny weather. Why not start a gratitude jar and try to write down one thing every day that you are grateful for?



Keep up the fantastic work! We will call you again soon. Miss Mogford, Mrs Wilson & Mrs Bradley 😊

