



# Nursery Home Learning

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## TERM 5 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Hi Nursery, parents and caregivers!



I hope you had a good Easter and managed to enjoy that beautiful sun we had – whether it was from your garden, balcony or windowsill! I know I enjoyed the spell of warmer weather. ☺

Now we are back at it with Term 5! This term if we were walking into our classroom today it would be full of greenery (more than normal!) as we dive into the topic ‘Ready, Steady, Grow...!’



This newsletter is full of suggestions and challenges for you to try linking to the experiences we would have explored. The biggest focus would be learning about changes and making observations of the natural world. See below for suggestions to help guide you.

At the beginning of each week I will send links and attachments to help you complete the Weekly Challenge!

### A couple more reminders:

Please do remember to check out the school blog each day as well, for other links and suggestions, or to revisit old ones - <https://www.st-clementdanes.westminster.sch.uk/341/latest-blogs>

There is also the list of links that was sent to all in last term’s Home Learning pack - <https://www.st-clementdanes.westminster.sch.uk/989/home-learning>

And last, but not least, please do continue to send me updates on all the wonderful Home Learning you have been engaged in, to the office email - [office@stcd.co.uk](mailto:office@stcd.co.uk).

I have absolutely loved the photos and videos that have been sent to me. They are the highlight of my day as I miss every single one of you so much!

Miss Paget

### Maths challenge -

- Check out the *White Rose* maths lessons for Early Years: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/>
- Keep exploring these ideas for playful maths activities: <https://stclements-pri.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/Maths-for-EYFS-families.pdf?ts=1587381654>

### Literacy -

- "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss

Following Dr Seuss words, check out the amazing blogs released on the school website with links for finding new stories to explore!

- Reading Books: <https://www.st-clementdanes.westminster.sch.uk/341/latest-blogs/post/422/reading-books>
- Library Love: <https://www.st-clementdanes.westminster.sch.uk/341/latest-blogs/post/309/library-love>
- Storytime: <https://www.st-clementdanes.westminster.sch.uk/341/latest-blogs/post/274/story-time>
- Part of Literacy in Early Years is also the mark-making/writing aspect...continue to encourage your child to draw and practise writing their name. Here is a link to teach them how to correctly hold their pencils for better control! (I say get your crocodiles ready!) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhtdJ4DoOtQ>

### Phonics -

- In Nursery a big focus for Term 5 is **Phase 1 Phonics** to prepare the children for Reception. Accompanying this Newsletter is a Phase 1 Phonics guide for Parents, which you will receive via email. Twinkl offers a fantastic resource to give you ideas on how to practise Phase 1 with your children. Please do check it out: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/search?term=phonics+phase+1>

### Weekly Challenges



**Week 1:** The first week's challenge is to celebrate St Georges Day (23<sup>rd</sup> April) and learn about some English heritage- Can you create a knights shield? What can you use around your house to make it? (Think about raiding the recycling bin!). I can't wait to see your finished products!!

Here is a CBeebies link to find out how St George's Day can be celebrated - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nr8b6jvC5l8>

**Week 2:** This week is the introduction of a classic story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. I will send you a Story Map and I challenge you to learn it off by heart!

**Week 3:** Try your hand at growing – if you have the resources available to sow some seeds, document it and we can begin our own growing diary!

If not, I would love to see your observations of any plants you may see from your window. How have they changed in the last month? Can you draw the changes in the growing diary?

**Week 4:** You have a baking/cooking challenge this week! Get in the kitchen with your parents/siblings and choose something to bake. Can you count out the spoonfuls of ingredients? Send a picture of your completed dish!

**Week 5:** This week you have a dance challenge! Learn a dance and perform it for your family! The children particularly love the following dances at school:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izMJDiHQBHo>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IxFoiayJR-s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBqJkSowpdA>

### **Other useful web links:**

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/families> - Games and activities that cover the 7 areas of learning. For families they have a special offer of one month for €1!

<https://www.instagram.com/imaginationtree/?hl=en> – A fantastic page to inspire at home activities

### **Online Safety:**

Please always ensure that you check the websites before letting your child use them. Please read these important reminders: <https://stclements-pri.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/Home-Learning-Keeping-Children-Safe-Online-1.pdf?ts=1587544742>