

William Martin CofE Schools and Nursery

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Select PSYCHOLOGY

5 fun ways
to increase your child's activity levels
(without them even noticing)

- 1 Dance like no-one is watching**
Turn on the music and have a disco in the kitchen. A good dance can raise the heart rate in no time and before you know it you are all having fun.
- 2 Balloon fun**
Blow up some balloons and give a competition to see who can keep it off the floor the longest.
- 3 Hop-a-long**
Set up a stopwatch and see how long they can hop on one foot.
- 4 Water bomb race**
Set up an egg and spoon race but instead of an egg put a water bomb on the spoon. The winner gets to water bomb all the other participants!
- 5 Frog jump challenge**
Set up a daily challenge of who can do the most frog jumps. Gribbett!

Parent Update

Dear Parents,

I hope this Parent Update finds you all well and surviving the ongoing challenges of remote learning! The teachers are working hard at providing a range of video led learning, the website is looking bright and vibrant, with an increasing wealth of resources and lessons for children and parents to access. All the classes are now receiving weekly zoom sessions, which give the children the chance to talk directly with their teacher and see their classmates. We have had a couple of issues with these, particularly when children are not muted during the session, please can you read the code of conduct for zoom calls listed below, to ensure we keep all our children safe.

Zoom Call Code of Conduct

Rules for taking part in live sessions:

- Please ensure your child is muted when accessing the zoom session, and only unmutes when asked - this prevents background noise/talking from interrupting the session
- Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the session (no pyjamas)
- Please ensure they are in an appropriate room for the session (not in their bedroom or bathroom) Please ensure you put the child's name on the zoom call - this ensures the teacher only allows children from their class to access the live session. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow access to users who do not use their child's name.
- Please do not share the log on details with anyone else, this will ensure we keep our children safe.



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- Please remind your child that the expectations for behaviour remain the same on zoom sessions as they are in school based lessons

Class Pages

Please check your child's class page at the beginning of the week, their timetable of lessons, with all the links you need are on there. We also ask that your child watches the learning videos posted on each weeks learning, it really helps the children to understand what they need to do, as their teacher will explain their work on the pre-recorded video of the lesson.

Key Worker & Vulnerable Children Bubbles

Please can you ensure that children are collected promptly at 15.15 at the end of the day. There have been several instances of children being collected late.

Website

The school continues to develop the school website, which is the main way that remote learning is being delivered to our families. We have developed several subject based pages which are well worth a look at!

Children's wellbeing page:

<https://williammartinschools.org.uk/curriculum-and-classes/childrens-well-being/>

This contains ideas and videos for activities, breathing exercises, cosmic yoga, growth mindset, advice and fun videos to watch to help your child to maintain their well-being.

PE in Lockdown:

<https://williammartinschools.org.uk/curriculum-and-classes/pe-in-lockdown/>

This contains links to live PE events, exercise and skills videos, Harlow gymnastics training videos, Vine PE lessons, Joe Wicks, Just Dance lessons and even Dinosaur PE!!

Science:

<https://williammartinschools.org.uk/science/>

Mrs Steven's (Year R) has recorded Science lessons videos, which are appropriate for all children to watch, there are also videos of experiments that children can try at home, with adult permission and support. There are also links to BBC bitesize Science if your child wishes to learn more about this subject.

We are also developing the RE and Reading Corner pages, which should be going live next week!

Half Term Holiday

School will be closed for half term the week beginning the 15th February 2021.

Re-opening of School to all Children

As stated by the Government, the earliest date for the re-opening of school will be the 8th March 2021, we will keep you updated on this as soon as the DFE updates us on this.



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Mental Health Week 1st - 5th February 2021

Next week is Mental Health Week, to celebrate this we are asking children to Dress to Express- by dressing up however they like for the class zoom next week.

E-safety week 8th - 12th February 2021

Details of this will be sent out early next week.

Parent Consultations week 8th - 12th February 2021

Parent teacher consultations week beginning 8th February. More details to follow on how to arrange a telephone conversation at a convenient time will be sent out early next week.

Have a fantastic weekend and please stay safe!

Very best wishes,

Gina Bailey

Executive Headteacher

