

Dear Parents, Carers and Acacia Nursery School Children,

I hope you are all well and had some semblance of an enjoyable Easter break and have been able to enjoy the lovely weather, either from your window, garden or on your daily walk. During this unusual and sad time, it has been lovely to notice the signs of new life and the promise that spring brings, and I hope this has also brought you and your loved ones some joy.

If you are a key worker and your child has been attending Davies Lane Primary School over the Easter break I would like to inform you that from Monday 20th April Acacia will be reopening for key worker children so please bring your child to Acacia Nursery School rather than Davies Lane.

As we enter the summer term, I would like to introduce the key themes and discussion points that you could start to introduce to your child. These themes can be introduced through engaging and talking to your child on walks or when reading books.

Understanding the World – People and Communities		
Farming	Holidays	Family
Culture	Different countries	Cultural traditions
Occupations	Markets	Food
Ethnicity	British values	Farming
Sustainability	Celebrations	

Understanding the World – The World		
Minibeasts	Seasons	Environment
Life cycles	Growth	Weather
Climate	Transport and travel	Towns
Cities	Holidays	Staying healthy
Food chains	Maps	Animals

When cooking or eating you could talk to your child about where the food may have come from and introduce the topic of farming and sustainability and what it means to eat a healthy diet. Having these conversations with your child not only exposes them to a rich vocabulary and increases their knowledge of the world it also encourages them to be inquisitive and to ask questions and develop interests and passions. If your child shows particular interest in one of the themes, then allow them to research it and find out more – I'd love to hear about what you discover and learn!

I will continue to keep you up-to-date with any news regarding COVID-19 and hopefully it won't be long until some normality returns. Please continue to stay safe and continue to follow the government guidelines regarding hand washing and social distancing.

Send me your work

I would love to see some of the work that your children have been doing, whether it's writing, mathematics, art or a project or experiment they have been doing. Please email work to me at hrose21.320@lgflmail.org. This can also be an opportunity for me to give you some feedback and some ways to support your child in their next steps and identify gaps in their understanding. If you have painted or drawn rainbows with your child to show your support of the NHS then please also send to me and I will include some in the next newsletter.



Celebrities here to help

9.00am - PE with Joe Wicks <https://youtu.be/6v-a dpwhro>

12.00pm – Lunch (cooking with Jamie Oliver) <https://www.jamieoliver.com/feat.../category/get-kids-cooking/>

1.00pm - Music with Myleene Klass <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQh2wgJ5tOrixYBn6jFXsXQ>

1.30pm - Dance with Darcey Bussell <https://twitter.com/diversedance.../status/1241098264373592065>

Science with Professor Brian Cox, Robin Ince & Guests <https://cosmicshambles.com/stayathome/upcoming-schedule>

Writing challenge

Can you choose your favourite minibeast and research about it? Can you write facts about it using phonics knowledge to spell? Can you draw a picture of the minibeast and label the features?



On your Daily Walk

Collect leaves or other natural objects of interest (be careful not to pick wild flowers) and look at them closely with a magnifying glass. What can you see? Can you find out what type of leaf it is? Can you count the leaves?



How many sticks can you collect? Can you put them in length order? How could you check their lengths? Use Unifix or Lego pieces to measure the sticks. Have a look at a ruler and see what you can see on it? What might you use a ruler for? Can you use plasticine and the sticks to make shapes?



Be Creative

Can you create a minibeast using clay? Can you add the correct features and decorate it accordingly?

What you'll need: clay, paint, sticks, googly eyes, pipe cleaners



Can you create a snail with a repeating pattern shell?

What you'll need: paper place, cardboard, tissue paper, glue.



Cooking ideas

Healthy Flapjacks

<https://www.sneakyveg.com/healthy-flapjacks/#wprm-recipe-container-5875>



Bread Rolls

<https://www.cookingwithmykids.co.uk/soft-bread-rolls/>



Vegetable Soup

<https://www.naturallylearning.co.uk/vegetable-soup-recipe-for-kids/>



Planting Ideas

Plant some herbs to use in your cooking. Think about what plants need to grow and talk about what might happen if the plant didn't have water, light or soil.



Encourage your child to use time conjunctives (first, then, next and finally) and phonics knowledge to explain the process of planting a seed and what happens as it starts to grow.