

Dear Parents, Carers and Acacia Nursery School Children,

Thank you all for supporting your children so much with their home learning. I understand that some of you may also be working from home and it may be quite a challenge to juggle both jobs and home learning. Please don't feel like you have to get through all of the work that is provided each week. There are lots of opportunities for learning just by talking to your child, going on a walk, cooking, and through playing together. Try and read to your child every day and do some form of maths and phonics activity but the other activities and work are optional.

I have received some lovely photos and work from some children this week and have shared some of them on the second page of this newsletter. Please continue to send to me at hrose21.20@lgflmail.org or to your child's keyworker. I have also included some links to websites with activities for under 5s as I am aware that keeping young children occupied for long lengths of time can be challenging.

Please continue to follow the government guidelines and stay at home and I will continue to keep you updated with regards to the COVID-19 situation.



Talking to your Child about Coronavirus

It is natural that your child is probably asking questions about Coronavirus and they may be struggling to understand why they cannot see their friends or why things may be different. This can be upsetting for both the children and you. I have uploaded a social story to the website which might help to explain things to your child. You may also find the website below helpful.

<https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/bps-highlights-importance-talking-children-about-coronavirus>

Child Friendly Exercise

9am every weekday and then available on YouTube, join the Body Coach Joe Wicks for a 30 minute PE lesson:

<https://www.youtube.com/thebodycoachtv>

<https://app.sworkit.com/collections/kids-workouts>

Movement and mindfulness videos created by child development experts:

<https://www.gonoodle.com/>

School Allocation for Reception Intake

You should have all received a text message asking you to email Beverley in the office at Acacia Nursery with the name of the school that your child has been allocated for September. If you haven't already done so please email Beverley at beverley.jones@acacia.waltham.sch.uk with the name of your child and the name of the school that they have been allocated. This will help us with the transition.

Some Useful Websites

Here is the link to the Department for Education's activities to support under 5s playing and learning at home. You can search by age:

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Indoor Activity Websites

https://busytoddler.com/2020/03/indoor-activities/?fbclid=IwAR3tYXAqw7tJRAzLExpPcJo4rApLsKtgL0AwghzxgnhwOajc4auX6o12_xw

<https://www.childsplayinaction.com/tools-and-videos/>

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/list-of-online-resources-for-anyone-who-is-isolated-at-home?fbclid=IwAR3giO1X9at4hxjmcpxXzdolRL26j2Aken5rGhGkL72yDexn3ipW4NWdPUU>

Art and Craft Websites

<https://artfulparent.com/kids-arts-crafts-activities-500-fun-artful-things-kids/>

<https://www.redtedart.com/>

<https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/>

<https://www.highlightskids.com/>

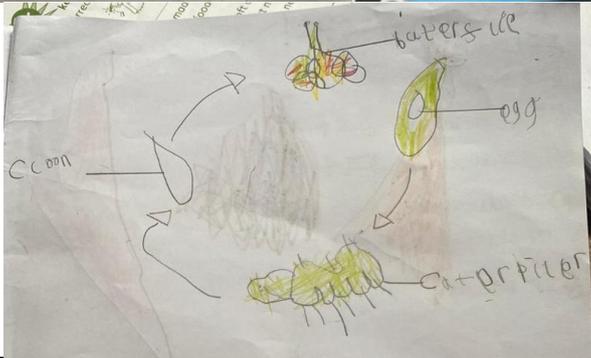
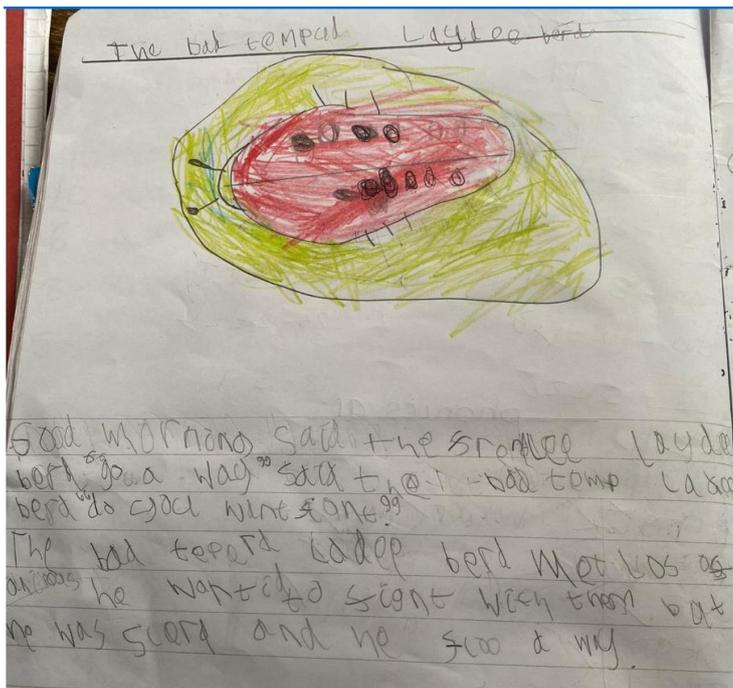
A YouTube channel teaching children how to draw:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmzjCPQv3y8&feature=youtu.be>

Virtual Museums

www.houstonchronicle.com/entertainment/families/article/25-virtual-destinations

<https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>

Writing and Mark Making



Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design

