

Dear Parents, Carers and Acacia Nursery School Children,

I hope you are all having a restful half term and that those families celebrating Eid managed to have an enjoyable weekend.

This week we have provided information to the parents and carers regarding the intended reopening of Acacia Nursery School following government guidance. Further information will be provided following the government's announcement prior to the intended opening. I want to reassure you that the decision to send your child back to nursery is entirely your own and you will not be fined if your child does not attend. You can also change your decision at any point if you provide us with 48 hours' notice. If you decide to keep your child at home, we will continue to provide home learning and support to you and your child via the school website, Google Classroom and email and phone communication. I want to also confirm that we will continue to be open as usual for key worker and vulnerable children.

Thank you again to you all for all your support and for working so hard with your children whilst also juggling work and family life. It was mental health awareness week last week which focused on the power and potential of kindness. Research shows that kindness is an antidote to isolation; it helps to reduce stress, deepens our relationships and creates a sense of psychological safety through belonging. There are so many ways to help others as part of our everyday lives. Good deeds need not take much time or cost any money. So let's all try to do something for someone else and share kindness throughout our community. It is also important to be kind to ourselves and not be too critical of our own faults and mistakes; try and think of something positive about yourself or something you have achieved. It is very easy to think of negatives, especially during this unusual and isolating time.

NHS Hand Washing Video

The NHS have created a video to help young children wash hands correctly. Please ensure your child is still washing their hands regularly to help reduce the spread of Coronavirus.

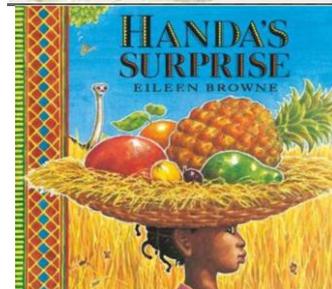
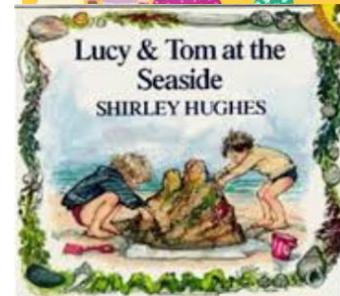
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>



[How to wash your hands](#)
[NHS song | NHS](#)

Topic Books for Next Term

After half term we will be entering the last half term of this academic year. The books that the curriculum focuses on are:



Useful Links and Activity Ideas

<https://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2yf4j/article/s/zk3947h>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblock5>

<https://www.learning4kids.net/list-of-sensory-play-ideas/>

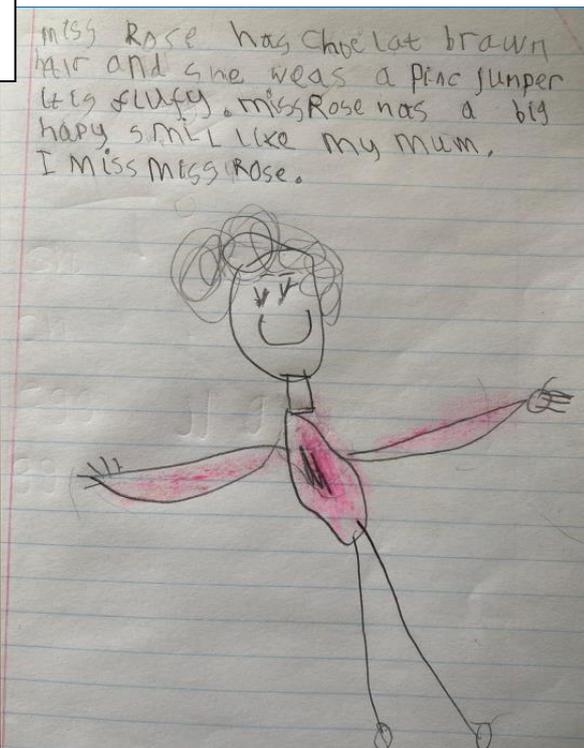
<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/what-we-do/coronavirus-information-advice/keeping-kids-entertained-during-lockdown>

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/outdoor-physical-activities-289698>

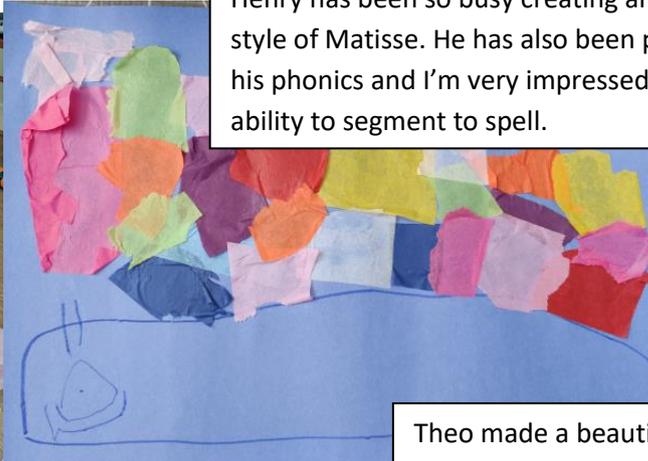
Continue to send your photos of all your amazing work and activities you have been doing. My email address is: hrose21.320@lgflmail.org.



Muhammed-Ibrahim has been busy baking brownies for his family for their Eid celebrations.



Henry has been so busy creating artwork in the style of Matisse. He has also been practising his phonics and I'm very impressed with his ability to segment to spell.



Theo made a beautiful butterfly and familiarised himself with 2D shapes – well done Theo!

