

Dear Parents, Carers and Acacia Nursery School Children,

I hope you are all well and are continuing to manage through this tricky time. Thank you for all you are doing and the home learning that you have been doing with your children. I spoke to some parents and children this week on the phone and it was lovely to hear about the progress everyone is making. Please continue to send me information about what you have been up to and photos of work and activities you have taken part in.

Please continue to read with your children on a daily-basis and do some form of number and counting activity, so that your child continues to make excellent progress.

On Monday 11th May 2020, we will be sending you a letter that will detail our launch of Google classroom. This online platform helps teachers and pupils to communicate and can be utilised to organise and manage work. The programme also allows teachers to teach from a distance, which in the current climate can provide much needed assistance. We will continue to upload home learning activities the school website whilst we launch Google Classroom.

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.

I hope you all have an enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

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.

Activities and Websites to Support Writing

Using Playdough to Build Muscles for Writing

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

Acacia Playdough Recipe:

To make playdough mix 4 parts flour to 2 parts salt to 4 parts water and add 2tbsp of cream of tartar and a tbsp or oil and add food colouring accordingly.
You could use clay or plasticine instead.

Letter formation video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYYSBProJH4>

Using Tweezers to Improve Fine Motor Skills



Threading to Improve Fine Motor Skills



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>



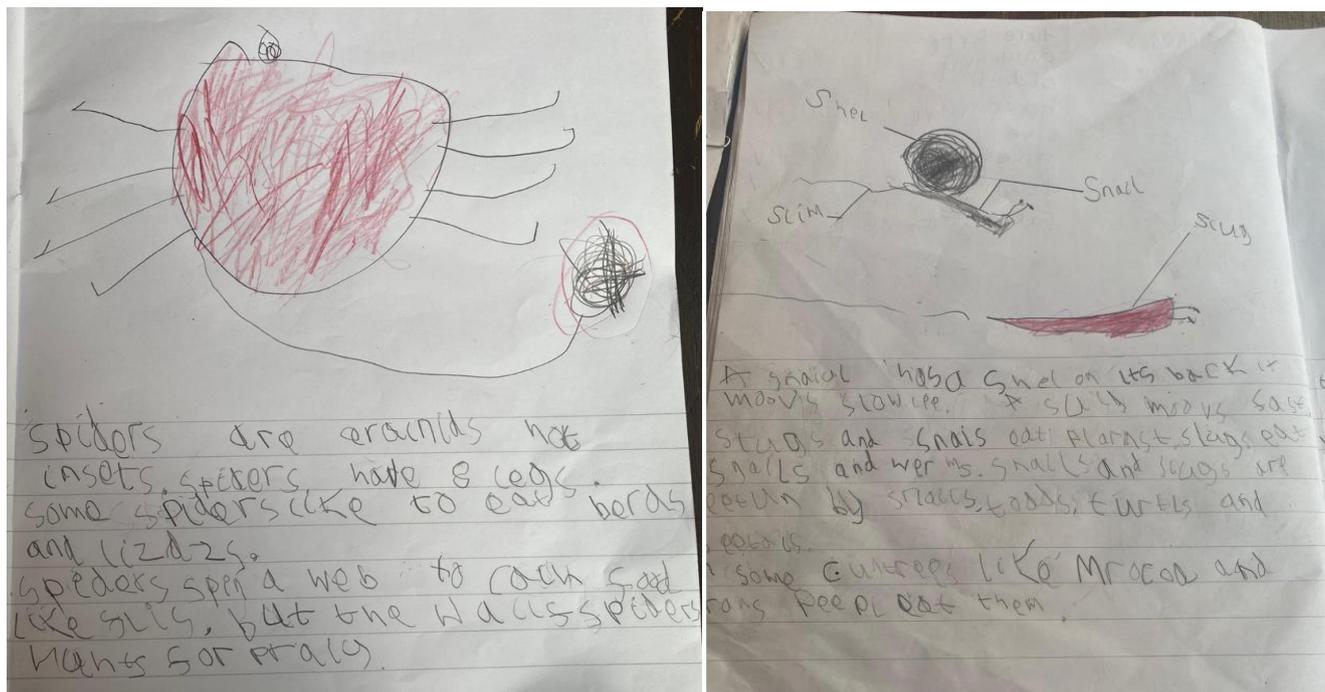
Talking to your Child about Coronavirus

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. It is located in the 'Coronavirus Updates' section.

<http://acacianursery.co.uk/corona-virus-updates.html>

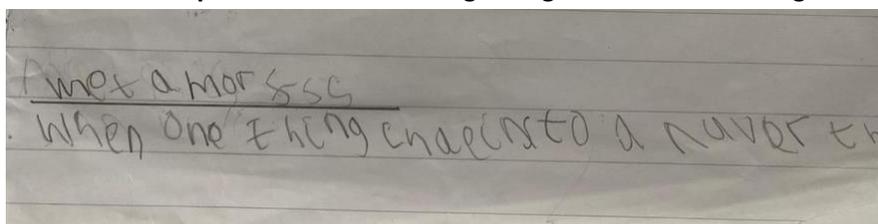
Writing and Mark Making

I am very impressed with all the work that you have all been doing at home and the knowledge you are gaining about arachnids and metamorphosis and all the new vocabulary you are picking up.



Muhabmmmed Ibrahim has written the definition of Metamorphosis.

Metamorphosis: when one thing changes into another thing.



Imaginative Writing Challenge: If you could change into something different, what would you morph into? Can you write a story about it and send it to me? hrose21.320@igflmail.org



Eleni has been busy and has made some beautiful minibeasts – Well Done Eleni!

Poem by Henry M

(When asked how he feels when he thinks of Nursery)

When I think of Tracy I feel happy
because I love her.

When I think of Bushra I cry because
you're not here and you like me. I love
her.

When I think if Jack I feel happy
because he sings move it move it
move it.

When I think of Miss Rose I feel happy
because I love her so much.