

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your families are safe and well and coping with this huge change in our lives.

I am writing to give some ideas on what to do at home to support your children and hopefully make your lives easier.

Keep things as stress free and fun as possible. The Early Years Curriculum is play based and experience led with a strong emphasis on speaking. Please don't worry about recreating school at home just fill the day with play-based activities here are some listed below.

'The topic this term is 'Growing and Spring'. You could base ideas on the book 'What the Ladybird Heard' (available on You Tube).

Start the day with

- Joe Wicks "the body coach workout" every morning at 9 o'clock
- Read or listen to what the Ladybird Heard (You Tube)
- Try drawing the animals in the story/writing a list of the animals/ counting their legs
- Remember some physical activities eg play dough, cooking, water play,
- Remember to play board games eg lotto, snakes and ladders, connect 4
- Make sandwiches together for lunch
- Listen to **Home Time** <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>
- Colouring and arts and crafts activities
- Take a walk and use your garden if you have one.

Please continue to practise the sounds in the RWI books and learn the words from the word book both of which are in your child's book bag.

Here are some websites you may find useful

- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk> Has some great printable resources including for 'What the Ladybird Heard 'and other books

- <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/>

(Its ideas are based on the book 'What the Ladybird Heard')

- <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books>

- <https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning>

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=38>. Has some good literacy resources. Go to whiteboard resources, literacy scroll to foundation and check out the resources

We hope you find this useful. Please remember to keep in touch via the class Dojo site and the school webpage <https://www.stanthonycatholic.com/>.

It just leaves us to say keep safe and well and we hope to see you as soon as possible.

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