

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter what is the last week of home learning, you and the children should feel very proud of yourselves! Well done for all your hard work and thank you for all your support you have shown both to the children and the school. We know it hasn't always been easy but hope you have managed to enjoy the extra time together and have gained a little extra insight of what learning can be like!

Once again, we have enjoyed seeing all the amazing work and other activities the children have been doing on padlet, purple mash and email. Thank you for continuing to share the work in these ways. Please continue to upload work using the new link <https://padlet.com/chonzik/OwlsHomeLearningPage2>

This week we will have our final zoom chat before the children get to see each other in real life when they return to school on the 8th. In order to celebrate world book day this week, our zoom will happen on Thursday 4th March at 2.30. Normally we would invite children to come into school dressed as a character from their favourite book but as we are not in school this year, it would be great if children would like to do this at home instead. We can then have fun guessing who everyone is and explaining why we like the character so much! If you do not want to dress up as a character you could just bring your favourite book to share instead! Please join via the link below. The staff in Year 1 will also be completing our weekly check in phone calls.

<https://zoom.us/j/92815189958?pwd=dHIQcFN2QjBoSXRVMtVqOG5hZWpUdz09>

To celebrate world book day on Thursday, every Literacy lesson this week will be book based. Children will be learning about different types of texts and be able to explain the difference between fiction and non-fiction. They will also be looking at describing and creating characters, designing an alternative book cover for a book they love then ending the week by writing a book review. In Maths, they will again be practising adding and subtracting numbers up to 20 using number lines and other strategies including 'making 10'. A Topic lesson sees them thinking about the types of clothes we wear in different weathers and designing an outfit suitable for each season. Daily phonics, reading, number formation practise and times tables are also encouraged and there are lots of links on website to help with this.

On World Book day – Thursday 4th March, most of you will be at home still due to National Lockdown. Therefore, as stated above, we are inviting you to **dress up as a book character or in your pyjamas**. We are challenging you to make a **cosy home reading space and share a book** with someone you live with, or your favourite soft toys or even a pet. Please share your photos on Padlet – we would love to see you relaxing in your reading corners and reading a favourite book! Key worker children in school will also be able to wear either a book character costume if they wish to or wear their pyjamas and bring their favourite book with them to share with their bubble.

The wellbeing of the children is very important to us. There are lots of other things to help with general wellbeing at the following link as well as a weekly challenge from Miss Fakley for the children to enjoy. <https://www.st-eanswythes.kent.sch.uk/parents/home-learning/year-1/#Wellbeing> Miss Fakley and Mrs A are also only a phone call away if you would like to talk to them.

As usual if there is anything we can help you with, no matter how small please let us know by emailing me chonzik@st-eanswythes.kent.sch.uk, kperkins@st-eanswythes.kent.sch.uk or admin@st-eanswythes.kent.sch.uk

When children return to school on Monday 8th March, I will continue working from home. For the rest of their time in Year 1, the children will be in the very capable hands of Mrs Cadwallader who they already know very well from their weekly R.E. lessons and Mrs Purver. Mrs Cadwallader will be teaching them on Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays Mrs Purver, who they know from the home learning art lessons, will be teaching them.

Thank you once again for your continued support and encouragement to both children and teachers. We hope you enjoy the last week of home learning and very much look forward to seeing you soon!

Stay safe and take care,

Mrs Honzik