



# Cringleford Home Learning

## Headteacher's daily blog

Date: Monday 20th April 2020

Dear all,

Welcome back to the summer term! Although I have been posting a daily blog for all the days the school has actually been open, I know many of you might just be going back online to see what the class teachers have posted in their year group blogs for suggested activities for the children. If that is the case, I hope you have had least had some fun days during the 'holiday', despite the national and international crisis going on.

I have been very proud of the staff who have been coming into school over the holiday and equally proud of the children who have come along due to parents doing critical work at this time. We are really pleased to be able to help as many families as possible.

Some of the children who were in last week were able to create some laminated (and disinfected!) rainbows, as requested by a friend of Mrs Palmer's who is working in the James Paget hospital to cheer up the wards. You might have missed another request over the Easter holidays for some cards or letters to be shared with the residents of Cavell Court. If any of the children would like to do this, it would be best to attach, scan or photograph the work and send it to the school (email to - [office@cringleford.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@cringleford.norfolk.sch.uk) with title of 'Cavell Court'). Some children might also like to send something similar to the lovely volunteers who put on our Open the Book assemblies or for the elderly members of the Luncheon Club who regularly meet in Cringleford. Again, the children could just put Open the Book or Luncheon Club in the title of the email.

The teachers have been working hard to come up with a similar structure of lesson ideas for each year group. We will continue the same format as before Easter at least for this first week back. What you might find for the following weeks is that there are more links to some of the topics which your child would have been covering in the summer term. For this reason, we will be attaching the summer term curriculum plans to Friday's year group blogs, partly for your interest and partly so you can see how some of the activities link in to what we would have been doing in school. You will no doubt have also read that the BBC is putting out lessons linked to a number of subject areas and our staff will be providing links to some of these as they become familiar with what is on offer. The content of the BBC programmes has only just been released. Another organisation, called the Oak National Academy, will also be producing daily lessons to support parents and teachers. The Academy is made up of a group of teachers who have been asked by the

Department of Education to come up with online lessons for all ages and support some of the planning process for teachers, many of whom do not have access to all the technology needed to create videos etc. Links to both the BBC and the Oak National Academy resources will be made by our staff in due course. If you are interested, I have added some links to their sites:

The Oak National Academy

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bitesize-daily-schedules-teach/zdtwjhv>

BBC Teach

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach>

Please do not forget the key messages we mentioned at the start of the home learning process:

- You can only do what you can do and comparing yourself to others (often in totally different situations) is usually not helpful.
- We understand that there are a lot of stressful situations in homes at the moment and juggling everything in a busy household presents huge challenges.
- Some of you will be able to do more of the suggested activities than others. You will be the best judge of that.

Some of you might have read that the UEA is providing day care activities for children on critical workers. The link below provides details:

<https://www.sportspark.co.uk/day-care/>

Finally, there have been various headlines about when schools might be re-opened. I personally do not think it is helpful for newspapers to speculate or suggest dates as there are so many unknowns at present. All we can do is to take one day at a time!

Wishing you all the best,

Mr Henery