

Monthly Magpies

Welcome to our second special edition of the monthly magpies. We are so impressed with the amazing way all of you have adapted to using our online learning environment, but during what would have been the Easter Holiday we want you to be able to enjoy a bit of a rest from Maths and English so we have made this “Bumper” version of the magpies to give you some fun ideas if things you could do instead. Don't forget to look at last time's magpies on our class page, as well you theme activities for further ideas.



Visit a virtual zoo

Many zoos around the country are showing live webcams of their animals creating an online virtual zoo for us to enjoy. You can see which zoos are taking part at https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/zoos-watch-animals-live-cameras-17975007?_ga=2.218733914.2139912819.1585643687-197220096.1585643685 though do please be aware that the website also contains adverts from external links so a grown up should help you select which zoo you'd like to visit. Why not design your own zoo? Which animals would you keep there? Would you include any that are now extinct?



History Heroes

This month we are celebrating people from History who have been heroic in any form. 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If you come across someone you don't know, why not find out more by researching them. You could make a top trumps game of your favourite Historical heroes and heroines to play with your family.



Easter Hat Parade

This week, EYFS and KS1 should have been doing an Easter Hat Parade. In this strange time, we are missing out on so many things, but this doesn't have to be one of them! Why not make a paper hat (templates can be found at the link below) and upload a photo to your online classroom when the Easter holiday is over? For this special time everyone can join in no matter what year group they are in. Show us your creativity and artistic flair.

Templates can be found at <https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/paper-hats.html>



Genius Geography

Do you fancy challenging your grown ups to a Geography Quiz? Check out <https://world-geography-games.com/> for some fun and challenging quizzes and games based on continents, countries and flags.



Songs of hope

We know that this is a strange time, and it's OK to feel a little bit scared. It's really good to remember that we are not alone and that there is always hope. We asked teachers to suggest songs that make them feel hopeful or that have brought hope in the past. You'll find the list below. How do these songs make you feel? Could you write your own song of hope? Send us recordings of your songs, and we'll try to share some in the first magpie assembly when we go back to school.

Songs of Hope List:

We'll Meet Again by Vera Lynn

Proud by Heather Small

Fight Song by Rachel Platten

I believe by Honey

Here comes the sun by The Beatles

What a Wonderful World by Nat King Cole

Imagine by John Lennon

Get back up again by Anna Kenrick

Three Little Birds by Bob Marley

Mr Pearce and Mr Buckingham have also suggested songs that make them feel like part of a team. Mr Buckingham suggested “You’ll never walk alone” and Mr Pearce added “I’m forever blowing bubbles.”



Character Crafts

There are so many brilliant crafts online using every day objects to recreate your favourite fictional characters. Why not use what you have to recreate a favourite character of your own? Here are some pictures for inspiration:



Amazing Author

This month we want to celebrate all the fantastic authors who have released their books for free on places like Audible. In particular we are thinking about the books of David Walliams who has been releasing audio books on his website: <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/> . We know lots of you love David’s books, but we would recommend that grown up checks them out with you as some of the books are aimed at older children and have come language in it that may not be appropriate for your age group.



Keeping Active

Try to keep as active as you can during the easter holidays. You can log on to YouTube.com and enjoy exercise, yoga and dance actives for children and adults of all ages.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0Vlhde7N5uGDIFXXWWEbFQ>

As well as these why complete an 'active challenge' in your home or garden. Former Team GB javalin thrower James Campbell is running a marathon in his 6 metre long back garden; what challenges could you set for yourself? How about a garden daily mile or home skipping competition with a sibling or family member?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-gloucestershire-52109270>