

1<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Dear families of Caterpillars and Tadpoles,

We hope you all continue to be safe and well. Please know that we are thinking of you all and wish you well.

Whilst some families continue to manage home learning we are aware that the novelty of this is starting to wear off with some families and that the amount of learning we set may be overwhelming when you open up the EYFS learning on the website. It has been suggested that we let you know how we would like you to prioritise this.

The most important thing you can do for your children is read with them. Please continue to use the Oxford Owl website for books. Reading recipes, instruction books and magazines are also good opportunities for reading. Listening to stories is also incredibly valuable.

The second most important aspect for Caterpillars and Tadpoles to complete is the weekly challenge set by us. This was a reading den a few weeks ago and then a number line. We have a new one for the coming week (outlined below). These challenges encompass many different aspects of the Early Years curriculum but focus on the prime areas. Whilst completing the challenges the children will need to think critically, problem solve, communicate, persevere and think of their own ideas. These are all incredibly important skills to develop.

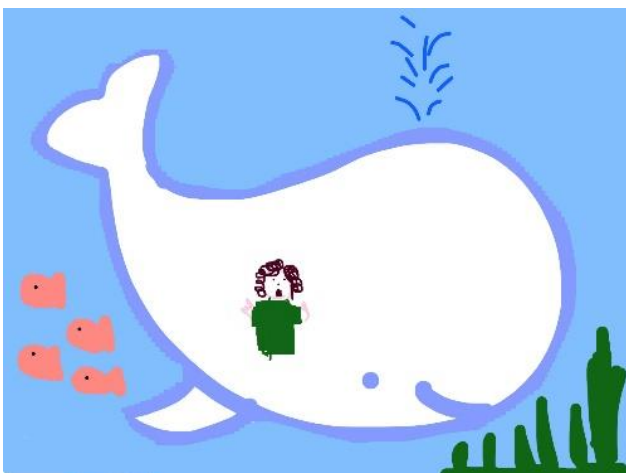
If the children have managed to complete these elements and you feel able to do more then we would really like them to complete some of the Education City tasks. These will reinforce the phonics we have taught so far this year and supplement many of the English and Maths activities. Well done to those children who have already had a go at these.

The Hamilton English and Maths activities are great. For some families it will be too much to complete all of these each week but if you could select 1 of each that would be great.

If you find you are able to do all of the above work then we recommend you have a look at the additional learning set. I hope that makes sense, please let us know if you are unsure.

Thank you for continuing to use Classlist and share learning. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces and the obvious enjoyment they are getting from these challenges. This week our challenge is some art work linked to our RE learning. Mrs Passmore has read a couple of Bible stories for you to listen to. We would then like you to create some art work linked to either one of them. It could be a picture of the oceans or the countryside and things we may find there. You can draw it using paper/pens/pencils etc, create one using natural materials or use a drawing app on an electronic device, whatever suits you best.

Here are some examples to get you going:





We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing pictures of your challenges. We would also like to celebrate other learning that your children create so are asking if you could select 1 or 2 pieces that they are particularly proud of that you could send us at the end of each week. If your child achieves any particular milestones then we would also like to hear about them; maybe they have learnt to ride a bike without stabilisers, or they have read so many times that we need to send the next reading certificate. Please be assured that we want to help your children wherever we can.

Please take care of yourselves and remember we are thinking of you.

Kind regards

All staff in EYFS.