Dear Y1 Parents and Carers,

How strange that this is my last letter for this term! No one could have predicted that we would have been finishing our school year as a whole class on Friday 20th March. This week will be the 14th week of home learning and I just want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all your continued support over this time. You have worked incredibly hard to support your children with their learning at home so thank you! The children should be very proud of themselves too! They have impressed me so much and have worked their little socks off! So a big well done to them too! Home learning will have looked different in each of your households, but the children will come out of this with precious family memories that they will always cherish!

I can’t wait to see the whole class back together in September for the first two weeks! Term starts on Wednesday 2nd September and they will come back to Year 1 until Friday 11th September and will move into Year 2 on Monday 14th September. More detailed information was provided in the letter from Mrs Ball which was in with your child’s report.

Here is the home learning for this last week! Thanks to everybody for sharing your child’s work on Twitter. This has been a fantastic tool to aid communication and to showcase all the fantastic work you have been doing at home. If you have any questions on the home learning for this week, please message me on Twitter or contact me by phone at school if there is anything that you would like to discuss.

This week’s tasks:

Maths – For daily maths lessons this week, White Rose Maths and BBC Daily Bitesize will be looking at telling the time. We had started telling the time in class, but it was at the start of the year. The lessons include looking at telling the time to o’clock and half past the hour. They will also have a look at writing, measuring and comparing times. Take any opportunity to get your child to tell the time to o’clock and half past. In class, we spoke about the different hands and what their jobs are.

As I have mentioned previously, White Rose Maths are now charging for worksheets so you will only be able to access learning videos from White Rose. Please don’t feel that you should subscribe and pay for their worksheets. As it says on the White Rose website, the BBC Bitesize activities now support each of the lessons taught so please try those as they are free.

Here is the White Rose Maths link for learning videos. We are now on Summer Term – Week 12 (w/c 13th July):

https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-1/

Here is the BBC Daily Bitesize website link. You’ll find videos, activities and worksheets which are linked to the videos on the White Rose website:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zjpqap3/year-1-and-p2-lessons/1
**English**

**Writing** - I hope that the children have enjoyed baking and cooking last week! I have really enjoyed looking at your recipes and railway safety posters in Zoom!

For this week’s English writing task, we would like your child to write a letter. The letter could be to one of their friends in class who they maybe haven’t seen in a while or, if they would like to, they could write a letter to me!

The letter could include:

- How they have been feeling during lockdown
- What they have been doing at home
- Something new they have learnt to do
- Things they have missed being able to do
- What they are doing during the summer holidays
- How they feel about coming to school in September

These would be lovely to share on Twitter or could you post your letter to your friend? I’m sure they would love to receive letters from their friends!

**Phonics** - I hope you’re finding the videos on You Tube useful. Here is a reminder of the website: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLqY2oA_cFCIq9GdxtQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLqY2oA_cFCIq9GdxtQ). These videos are made using the phonic scheme Read, Write Inc. We do not follow Read, Write Inc at Durham Lane, but these are useful videos where sounds are modelled correctly. There are 3 different sets they provide each day. **We are focusing on set 2 and 3 sounds.** Each set has two videos; the first one is Speed Sounds and Word Time and the second one is Spelling. Feel free to look at any of the videos. I have coloured coded the sounds so you know which ones I have taught and sounds we hadn’t yet covered. Sounds in red are sounds we have already covered; sounds in green are sounds we haven’t covered yet, but feel free to watch them.

They have slightly changed the schedule for this half term. All the videos will be available from 9.30am for 24 hours. Some of the sounds may be repeated from last half term, but it is good practise for the children to keep recapping over previous sounds. They have also added another video called reading longer words.

**Monday 13**th: set 2 - ar
   set 3 - ire
   reading longer words - or/aw

**Tuesday 14**th: set 2 - or
   set 3 - ear
   reading longer words - air/are

**Wednesday 15**th: set 2 - air
   set 3 - ea
   reading longer words - ir/ ur/ er

**Thursday 16**th: set 2 - ir
   set 3 - oi
   reading longer words - ou/ ow
Friday 17th: set 2 - ou
set 3 - a_e
reading longer words - ire

If you need any help with particular sounds or would like extra work relating to any of the sounds, just let me know!

Reading & Spelling - Please continue to listen to your children read and share stories together as a family. Towards the end of the letter, there is information on a Summer Reading Challenge, which is normally delivered through public libraries, to help children to keep reading over the summer holidays.

For this week’s spellings, I would like your child to focus on the sounds - or and aw. Below are words you could copy into your yellow spelling book to practise. They could even practise putting the words into sentences and write them in their writing book. I have also listed some websites with games to help them practise the sound.

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Here are some websites with games they can play too!

https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-3

There are four games that you can play for free on this website. You can play with or games in phase 3 and aw games in phase 5.

https://www.galacticphonics.com/home/other-vowel-phonemes/or/
https://www.galacticphonics.com/home/other-vowel-phonemes/aw/

This website has free word cards and an anagram game for both sounds.

https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources you can log in using the details - username: march20 password: home

or words are in phase 3.

aw words are in phase 5.

There are lots of different games on this website that they can play using these sounds or any other sounds they would like to practise.

Topic – I have really enjoyed learning about George Stephenson through our Locomotion topic! It has been very different teaching it virtually, but I have been very impressed with how well the children have accessed all the tasks. I hope they have enjoyed it as much as I have! As we have come to the end of our topic, we thought it would be nice for the last week to look at the season of summer. You could go out on a walk next week and look out for signs of summer. I have included a worksheet on the website that you could use to record what you could see and hear on your walk. You could take photos of things that you saw and tweet them on Twitter. You could even create a poster to describe what happens through the season of summer. There is a nice video on the BBC to watch which shows lots of
signs of summer  https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/science-ks1-ks2-how-summer-
weather-affects-behaviour-of-british-animals-plants/zkdkjhv.

**Art** - If you fancy a bit of art this week, you could create a lovely sun using a pointillism technique! Pointillism is a painting technique using dots! I have included some instructions and a sun template on the website if you would like to use it. Your child could have a go at making different shades of yellow to create this lovely effect!

**Don't forget** that there are new activities each week on Education City. As we have used most of the activities signposted for Year 1, I may post activities which they have previously accessed. This will give further practice of key skills.

Over the holidays, the children will still have access to Education City. They can go back through past homework and replay the games or ones they have missed. They can also access all the games in the Year 1 section so they can pick and choose the activities they would like to play!

**Zoom** - We will be having our last Zoom meeting on Thursday at 2.30pm. I look forward to seeing any work they have completed at home! It would be lovely to see as many of the children as possible so please can you pass the details on to anybody you know doesn't have twitter. The children in last week’s zoom have chosen some games for everyone to play!

**Twitter** - Please note also that our Twitter page will be temporarily suspended over the summer holidays. There will be updates on the school website about September reopening during the summer and you will also be sent an email to the address that you have provided. You should have all received a test email. **If you haven't, please send an email to the school, following the instructions in the letter that was hand delivered to you last week.**

**Summer Reading Challenge** – The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency, is delivered in partnership with public libraries and funded by Arts Council England. The Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays, providing lots of fun as well as preventing the summer reading ‘dip’.

Each year the Challenge motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence.

This year, the Summer Reading Challenge’s Silly Squad will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck into all sorts of funny books!

With the disruption caused by Covid-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Challenge will launch in a new digital format designed to keep children engaged and interested in reading.

The Summer Reading Challenge website is free to access and features games, quizzes and downloadable activities that incentivise and encourage children to take part in reading related
activities. Although public library buildings are closed, libraries will continue to deliver the Challenge through virtual services and e-lending platforms.

Visit your local library website to find out how you can access eBooks, audiobooks, comics and magazines for free that you can use to complete the Challenge at home.

If you go to the following website, you can find out more information! https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/join-in

You can still get in touch with me throughout this week either by telephoning school or sending a message on Twitter. If you've got any questions about this week's work, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

It has been a very different school year, but I want to take the time to say what an absolute delight it has been to teach all of your children. I have loved being their teacher and getting to know each and every one of the children. I have missed every single one of them and am looking forward to being able to spend the first two weeks with them in September. They have all grown and learnt so much and I can't wait to see how they all progress as they make their way through Durham Lane. Thank you all for your continued support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to get to know you all too! I hope you all have a lovely summer holidays and I will see the whole class back together in September.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Evans