

# Newsletter

Monday 20th April 2020

#### **New Home Learning**

We hope you have all had a restful Easter break and are keeping safe and well during these challenging and difficult times. The lovely weather is certainly helping us all through.

The staff team have prepared new learning for the next two weeks for the children, which is available to you via our school website. Please see the information in the box below regarding how you can access the learning and who to contact if you have any questions or if you would like to share what your child/children have been getting up to at home. We love to hear from you all and it makes us smile to see the children happy and enjoying what they are doing. In the boxes below there are also details of additional learning opportunities and where to access them if you are interested.

Although the new learning from each class has been added to the website and there are lots of things available for the children whilst at home, it can all be a little overwhelming. Please take from what is available what works best for you. You know your child/children better than anyone and you know what and how much is right for them. Whether they learn in the morning and have the afternoon off or whether they do little chunks throughout the day is completely up to you. Please do not question what you are doing or how much or how little – please do what works for you, your child/children, your family and your situation.

We would also like to reiterate and remind you of the view we have as a school regarding home learning for your child/children. Some of our children are just as worried as we are at the moment. They will hear everything that is going on around them and pick up on tension and anxiety. They have never experienced anything like this before and they will have realised that being off school at the moment is not like the summer holiday. The reality is they are at home and not able to see their friends. Although the home learning will add a little structure and keep the children's brains active and engaged, what the children need at the moment is to feel comforted and loved and to feel like it is all going to be okay. Spending time in the garden, letting them draw and paint, playing board games, watching movies, reading books or just snuggling up and doing nothing on occasions is what they will need the most. As mentioned before, when we come out of these times the children's mental wellbeing and health will be more important than their academic skill. When the children return to school they will all be in the same boat. The staff will work extremely hard to ensure the transition back into school life is smooth and they will work hard to meet the needs of the children.

We would like to send our love and best wishes to you and all the children. All of the staff team really miss the children and look forward to being together again very soon.

As always please contact me via email at <u>headteacher@huttoncranswick.eriding.net</u> with any questions or concerns you may have – I am more than happy to help. Mrs Burkinshaw

#### **Class Home Learning**

Please visit the school website: <u>https://www.huttoncranswickschool.co.uk/</u> where new learning activities have been uploaded for each class. These can be found down the left hand side menu bar, click on the tab **Teaching and Learning** followed by the tab **Home Learning** and then follow the link to the correct class page. There will be information pages and a range of activities for each subject at the top of the class page. Underneath this document there are additional sheets/information that the children may need. We realise that not everyone has a printer so these documents do not need printing off as the children can complete their learning just by looking at them. The staff have loved hearing from the children via email or Twitter so please keep sharing what you are up to. If you are sharing your work on Twitter, don't forget our hashtag #hccpshomelearning. Our school Twitter handle is @HuttonCran and the staff Twitter accounts are shown below. Mrs Leeks (@MrsLeeks\_HCPS) Miss Midgley (@MissM\_HCPS)

Miss Robinson (@MissR\_HCPS) Miss Smith (@MissS\_HCPS) Miss Elliott (@MissE\_HCPS) Ms Webb / Mrs Lewer (@Year3\_HCPS) Mr Nevet (@MrN\_HCPS) Mrs Burkinshaw (@MrsB\_HCPS)

# **Contacting Staff**

Our staff are willing to help as much as they can. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to be addressed by any member of the staff in the teams below please do not hesitate to get in touch. A reminder of the email addresses are shown below.

Reception Team: Mrs Leeks, Mrs Hayhurst and Mrs Pickles: <u>claireanderson@huttoncranswick.eriding.net</u> Year 1 Team: Miss Midgley and Mrs Lucas: <u>hannahmidgley@huttoncranswick.eriding.net</u>

Year 2 Team: Miss Robinson, Miss Shipley and Mrs Perry: <a href="mailto:srobinson@huttoncranswick.eriding.net">srobinson@huttoncranswick.eriding.net</a>

Year 3 Team: Ms Webb, Mrs Lewer, Mrs Oxlade and Mrs Drewery: <u>janelewer@huttoncranswick.eriding.net</u> or <u>rwebb@huttoncranswick.eriding.net</u>

Year 4 Team: Miss Smith and Mrs Brewster: <u>katherinesmith@huttoncranswick.eriding.net</u>

Year 5 Team: Mr Nevet, Mrs Mattock and Mrs Caslake: mikenevet@huttoncranswick.eriding.net

Year 6 Team: Miss Elliott and Mrs Atkins: aelliott@huttoncranswick.eriding.net

The staff would love to hear from you even if it is to send them a quick email to let them know you have accessed the new home learning. This will reassure the staff that you and your child/children have all you need for the next two weeks.

Mrs Longden can also be contacted and would be happy to help via our school email: <u>cranswick@eastriding.gov.uk</u> for any other questions or concerns you may have.

# Coronavirus – A Book for Children

We have uploaded a really useful book for you to read to your child/children by Elizabeth Jenner, Kate Wilson and Nia Roberts. It is illustrated by Axel Scheffler. You will find this at the very top of our Home Learning 'homepage'. Please click on the Teaching and Learning tab followed by the Home Learning homepage. Before moving across to the different classes you will find the book uploaded.

# Mr Nevet Reads...

Join Mr Nevet on a Tuesday and Thursday around 5.30pm, when possible, for live reading on Twitter @MrN\_HCPS. If you miss the live read it will be retweeted by several staff and available to view via the @HuttonCran Twitter handle. We are thoroughly enjoying these reading sessions. We hope you enjoy them too and a big thank you to Mr Nevet.

# Little Movers

We have uploaded an activity pack for the children called: Little Movers – setting the foundation for a lifetime of physical activity by the PE Umbrella, to the Home Learning – homepage. Please click on the Teaching and Learning tab followed by the Home Learning homepage and before moving across to the classes and you will find it there, underneath the Coronavirus – A Book for Children. Little Movers is designed for parents and children to spend quality time together while nurturing physical, social, cognitive and emotional skills. All of the activities can be done at home. Enjoy!

# **Reading / Spelling**

On our Home Learning – homepage we have added some fun and creative ideas and ways to help the children learn their spellings – please take a look! We have also added a document called 'Reading Activities' which is a range of tasks and activities that the children could complete for their current reading book or any book they have read.

# **Further Links**

We have added a link to a list of online education resources for home learning which have been complied by the Government to our Home Learning – homepage. With the new learning packs that have been uploaded for each class we feel there will be ample learning for the children to complete over the next two weeks, but we wanted to share the list for anyone who wanted to look at further resources.

# **Competition for pupils ages 5-12**

Please see below a link to a Competition being run by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) to support families at this difficult time. Using <u>Minecraft Education Edition</u>, families can come together as a team and use construction skills to design and build a winning structure that is unique, sustainable and environmentally friendly all the while having fun indoors. The competition is open to pupils ages 5 to 12. https://www.goconstruct.org/inspire/parents-careers-advisors-educators/minecraft-buildathon/

**Good luck!** This information can also be found on our Home Learning homepage.

#### **NumBots**

Our school has been given a free trial of NumBots (numbots.com) which ends on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020. All of our children with a TT Rock Stars account can login to play numbots.com with the same credentials. Enjoy and do let us know if you enjoy the site. **BBC Bitesize Daily** BBC Bitesize will be offering a new TV channel, podcasts, videos and lessons each day online starting at 9.00am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. There are lessons targeted at different age groups available. Visit <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn9447h</u> to find out more. This link is also available on our Home Learning homepage.

#### **Home Learning Homepage**

Do check through our Home Learning homepage in case you have missed any useful information or learning resources. Staff also continue to retweet any useful activities they come across on Twitter. As a school we want to ensure there are a range of learning opportunities available to you and extra activities for those who would like them. However please remember the key message from school - the resources available can be overwhelming so please do what works for you and your family, keeping the children's happiness at the heart of all you do.

# Miss Elliott's retweet:

'We are one day closer to everything being normal again. That is a good thought to wake up to every morning.'

