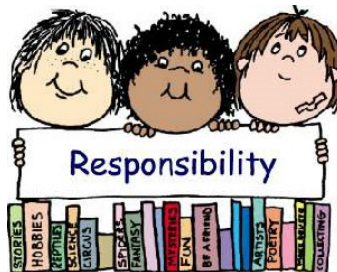


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**Value for the
half term**
Responsibility

Dear Parents / Carers,

Our third week in and a HUGE WELL DONE!

We understand that home learning can be challenging, and the news that schools will not be re-opening fully until at least the 8th March might have caused concern or worry. There will be good days and some not so good. Do what you can and do not be hard on yourself if things are wobbly for a day or two.

The DfE has asked schools to provide 3 hours of learning per day. Please do not expect your child to do this in one go! In school, we gauge children's concentration level on their age plus 3 minutes; so if your child is 5 years old, their concentration is about 8 minutes. Remember to keep learning as active as possible with plenty of water, healthy snack breaks and fresh air.

Our morning Zooms are designed to be a teacher led input to the children, teaching skills which will support the days learning, checking their level of understanding and answering any questions. The afternoon sessions are a chance for the children to show their work and teachers to feedback, unpick anything they have not understood and recap the learning. In both sessions whilst parents are encouraged to be nearby, it is beneficial that the children's focus is on the teacher. The afternoon sessions are designed for feedback on the work completed that day. Please ensure your child has the completed mornings learning to hand. Whilst teachers are happy to receive emails regarding special pieces of work, it is not necessary to share all completed tasks / learning.

We suggest that, where possible, children keep all of their work in a folder or a book which they will be able to bring into school when we all return.

If children are unwell, we do not expect them to complete their learning but we would ask that you communicate this to us via email to the teacher or the school office.

Understandably some parents are worried that their child will fall behind during lockdown. We want to reassure you that when children return fully to school, we will assess their skills and plan accordingly as we did before. When the children returned in September, the gaps in their learning were not as big as we anticipated and by December they had begun to significantly catch up on lost learning.

Please do not forget that your teachers are available via email and the school office is open as normal should you have any questions.

Home learning handy hints

Read the weekly overview which explains your child's activities so you can plan your day/ week.

- Manage expectations of your child's ability to concentrate
- If your child gets stuck, they can move onto something else and then try again later
- Give your child a choice and a feeling of independence
- Praise effort and behaviour.
- Support child-led learning. If your child wants to research something that is of interest to them, let them.
- Remember learning should be fun - add your own activities like baking, sport, gardening etc.
- To help with behaviour use the 'when.. then..' strategy. For example, when you have done 10 minutes of your maths you can then have 10 minutes free play. This gives them an incentive to engage.

Our new look Coronavirus Pages



We have updated our Coronavirus pages on our school website. We now have the following sections:

Latest guidance which is information from the Government and Public Health England and other similar agencies.

Child and Adult Mental Health, which gives you some helpful tips on managing your families mental health.

Helpful Resources and Videos - This is information that we have found that we think you might like such as books explaining the pandemic, why we can't hug and handwashing videos.

Perform drama Workshops

Perform are running online drama, dance and singing classes during the lockdown via Zoom.

All children are welcome to try a Free Trial Session and we're having excellent feedback. If you are interested please go to: <https://www.perform.org.uk/free-drama-class>.

Introducing the Virtual School Library!

Oak National Academy and the National Literacy Trust have come together to launch our Virtual School Library <https://library.thenational.academy> to keep children reading during lockdown.

Printing

If you have school work that needs printing out and you do not have access to a printer, Seymours in Godalming have very kindly offered to help. Please email nick@seymours-godalming.co.uk and he will be happy to help out. Of course, all collections will follow covid-19 safety guidelines from our offices 116-118 High Street Godalming GU7 1DJ.

Families Magazine

To view the latest Families Magazine please visit: <https://bit.ly/FamiliesSWJanFeb21>

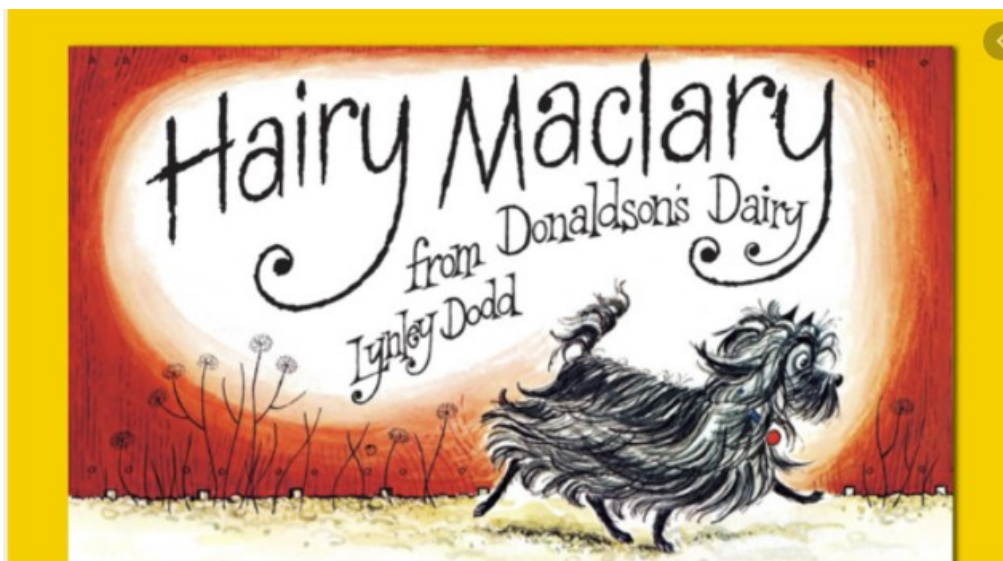
Click it Local

Please continue to support local businesses by returning to our High Streets when it is safe to. With Click It Local, you can support your local stores by shopping at our virtual high street with same-day delivery service or click-and-collect.

This is a personal favourite of Miss Betterton's. One in a series of beautifully illustrated, rhyming books that allows us to follow the adventures of a scruffy little dog.

In this story we meet Hairy Maclary and all of his adorable friends. If you enjoy this story, keep your eyes peeled for further titles as Hairy Maclary goes on a number of other adventures.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/hairy-maclary/>



My favourite Book by Miss Budd

My favourite book as a child was James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl.

I loved the idea of living inside a peach stone! My favourite character was the ladybird because I thought she was very beautiful.



Reading Bingo—Spring 1

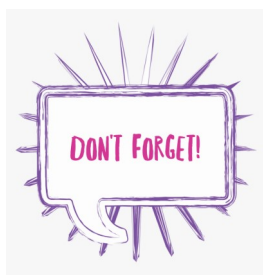
A new reading bingo to keep the children busy whilst learning from home.

Read a book in a den.	Read every other page of a picture book! Does it make sense?.	Read a book that was written by a female author!	Read a receipt from the food shop.
Snuggle up and read an animal story to your soft toys.	Use the internet to read some facts about why people celebrate pancake day.	Read some poems about Spring. Share your favourite poem with a relative.	Write a book review, recommending a book to a teacher or friend.
Read in the garden or when you're out on a walk	Make a new front cover for your favourite book.	Read a book that was written by a male author.	Have a go at reading your grown up a story at breakfast.



The Book Trust is a wonderful charity that works hard to promote children's reading.

They have a lot of fun and engaging resources on their website. If you visit the website and look into 'home time' on the 'Books and Reading' tab you will find lots of links and ideas for activities.



DON'T FORGET THAT FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY IS AN INSET DAY FOR EVERYONE SO NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL.