

## Year 4 Home Learning Week 9

Hi Year 4!

I hope that you and your family are keeping well and have found ways to stay positive this week. The weather has been a bit of a mixed bag but not too bad. The crops in the farm fields and our gardens were in need of a good soaking as you might have noticed they were starting to look a bit dry and brown.

I wonder if any of you saw the lightning storm on Saturday night? It was really strange because usually when we see lightning flash, it's closely followed by a rumble of thunder. But this was different and like nothing I've seen before because there was no noise and no rain, just big flashes of sheet lightning that lit up the night sky.

This week I'd like you to look at the science of **thunder and lightning**. Find out how it occurs. If you can, research the places around the world that get a lot of it. This would have fitted in well with our Natural Disasters topic because lightning can be very dangerous and cause plenty of damage. As an art project this week, you could draw or paint some stormy pictures that include some flashes of lightning. See if you can choose colours that create a stormy atmosphere. Don't forget, you can email me any work that you do if you'd like me to see it.

I received an email earlier in the week from a website called **Explorify** (<https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/>). It's a website that's totally about science and it's great, you'll really like it and it's free to sign up! There's loads of interesting science stuff on there, presented through short video clips and photos plus it has some great ideas for science activities that you could try. I'm not going to say look at this or that on there because you all have different interests so I suggest you just explore (ify) 😊. Give it a go.

Keep going with the **Oak National Academy** online lessons which will be continuing. This week, is Week 8 (15th June):

- The maths this week is all about symmetry.
- English includes reading comprehension, a writing challenge and some grammar on prepositions, which we have done in class before.
- Other lessons include some science about animal adaptation (interesting), music and learning about Islam.

- There's also a lesson about being a hero. I wonder if your idea of what makes a hero has changed over the last few weeks? Have a think about that and compare your ideas now with your ideas before lockdown.
- Don't forget, there's also PE with Jo Wicks each day.

You can access the lessons from any device be it phone, tablet or computer and you don't need a password or login - easy. Click on **schedule** and then select **Year 4** from the menu. Don't forget, the home learning is **optional**, and you may need an adult to help you with some of it. Don't think that you have to do every lesson either, it's up to you. It does make sense to do the maths and English lessons in order though.

**BBC Bitesize** have produced similar lessons which also look good and you might like to have a go at their home learning resources as well.

Keep using Purple Mash and I'll keep adding 2 do's on there. I can see the work that you complete and will send it back to you with a comment although it may not be on the same day that you did it. I've added some coding 2do's on **Purple Mash** if you'd like to have a go at them. See if you can figure out the code that is needed to make the animations work. If you'd like to share any work with your classmates, ask me to post it on the notice board.

**Reading** - if you have books at home then reading is the most useful thing that you can keep doing. Remember that you have books on Bug Club as well. There are some great books on there!

If you want a break from reading maybe you could listen to an audio book.

Keep using **Times Table Rock Stars** to practise the times tables. Remember, we need to know them all. Also have a go at the maths games on Purple Mash if you can.

**PE** - there are lots of links to physical activities in the 'Physical Activity Programme' on the home learning section of the school website.

And remember look after your health and wellbeing. Get outside when you can and try to stay active. The school website has lots of links to ideas that can help with this.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Russell 😊

