

# OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Children,

I thought that as I am not going to be writing a weekly newsletter to your parents at the moment, I could write one to you instead! In this newsletter you can keep up to date with what I've been doing and I can share any news etc with you. I hope that you think this is a good idea and another way that we can keep in touch.

Firstly, I really hope that you are all ok and that your first week being away from school has been a good one. I am sure that you have all been adjusting to this new way of living as things have continued to change around us. It all feels very strange and we're all trying to adapt to being inside and at home.

Our school is shut now for everyone but your teachers and I are still working at home and we're taking it in turns to go into White Woman Lane School in order to help look after some children from our school and from their school because both their parents still need to go into work as they have critical worker roles.

I'm sure that many of your parents and carers are still working from home too. As I am finding, it's very tricky to juggle working and looking after children at the same time! If you can be well behaved and do some activities by yourself while your parents or carers are working this will really help them. I know it's hard and sometimes you can't do things without their help but trying on your own is a great way to solve problems for yourself. You can then show your grownups what you've done and they'll be so proud of you.

We have put lots of ideas and things for you to do on our website. <http://www.oldcatton.norfolk.sch.uk> Under the Learning at Home tab you'll find websites, ideas you can do at home and your own year group tab with lots of tasks and worksheets to have a go at. As well as this as a guide, you can work on any projects that you think you'd find interesting. Remember when we're at school we do lots of our learning through big questions and using the creative curriculum so you can use these skills that we've taught you to get creative yourselves.



Here are some ideas that I'm trying with my own children at home. You could try them too!

- We are going to find out how plants grow by planting seeds, (we've gone for sunflowers,) and then recording what happens. We're going to draw pictures and write instructions about what we did.
- We are going to find out all about the history of our families by writing a list of questions that we are going to ask Daisy and Freddie's Grandparents. We will Facetime them to interview them and then create some factsheets all about our family history.
- The Blue Planet on BBC iPlayer is a brilliant programme you can look up on catch up. Daisy and Freddie are interested in the sea, so we're going to watch some of the programmes and write down interesting facts that we can find out. Today we learnt that a blue whale has intestines that are so wide, a human could swim down them! (Gross but interesting!)
- We are also going to make some Easter cards that we could send to family and friends as we can't see them over the Easter holiday time.



These are all ideas that keep you learning, writing, reading and drawing. Using the worksheets on our website, under your year group, to do some Maths will help you to keep practicing your maths skills too.

At the moment it's about doing what you can manage and fitting it into everything else that's going on at home. I don't want to overload you when things are already difficult and we're all adjusting. Just do what you can manage and know that that's fine.

We are also doing Joe Wicks PE every morning and I am trying to run when I can to stay fit. As the weather has been lovely this has been easier – at least the sun has been shining.

I know that all of your teachers are missing you and missing being at work too. We will keep trying to find you interesting things to access and ideas to try. Log onto the website to find the resources. Take care and I will write again next week.

**Mrs Connelly**

