

# TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

23rd April 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome to the Summer Term! Now that we have come to the end of the Easter break staff will be providing you again with guidance on Home Learning on our school website as well as on Tapestry which we launched for Years 1 and 2 on Monday.

Every child in the school now has a Tapestry account and if you haven't yet activated your child's account or uploaded any of your children's learning I strongly encourage you to do so. Please do email the school office if you are experiencing any difficulties with this.

Best wishes to you all and stay healthy, positive and strong.  
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis  
Headteacher

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### **HAPPY 60<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, RICHARD!**

A very Happy Birthday to our caretaker, Richard!

You can see from the photo that he was delighted with the card some of the keyworker children made for him!

Also a huge thank you to Richard from all of us for keeping school safe, clean and in good repair ready for when we all come back to school.

### **MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN**

Hello Everyone,  
What a strange start to the new term! School isn't the same with all of your chatter and laughter but this week I have been cheered up enormously by being able to see what some of you have been getting up to on Tapestry!

Your grown ups are working really hard in their new role as teachers. Being a teacher is the best job in the world but it can be really hard sometimes so please remember to help your grown ups by using all of your Learning Powers – especially perseverance, questioning and listening.

I look forward to popping up on Tapestry very soon to say hello to you all and read you some stories.  
Mrs Oustayiannis

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## ADVICE FOR PARENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION (DfE)

The DfE has released guidance for parents on helping children continue their education at home during school closure.

In summary the guidance provides the following information for parents:

**In terms of structuring the day** it says: 'do not worry about trying to maintain a full routine for your child like they had at school.'

It recommends:

- get up and go to bed at the same time each day;
- have regular meal times;
- have regular breaks;
- make time to be active - children are used to regular play at lunch and break times.

**In terms of using digital devices**, it recommends that parents 'set appropriate parental controls on any devices your child is using and supervise their use of websites and apps'.

However, it goes on to recommend reducing screen time:

- use books and other printed materials that school has provided or that you have at home;
- write by hand – try asking them to complete work by hand, write a diary, a summary of things they have learned or done each day or 'to do' lists;
  - be active and get away from the screen regularly – see a selection of physical activity resources for primary school children;
  - stop using digital devices at least an hour before bed.

The guidance goes through **appropriate ways to work with Reception, Y1 and Y2** and it encourages:

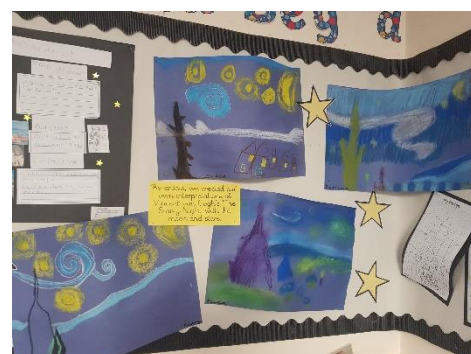
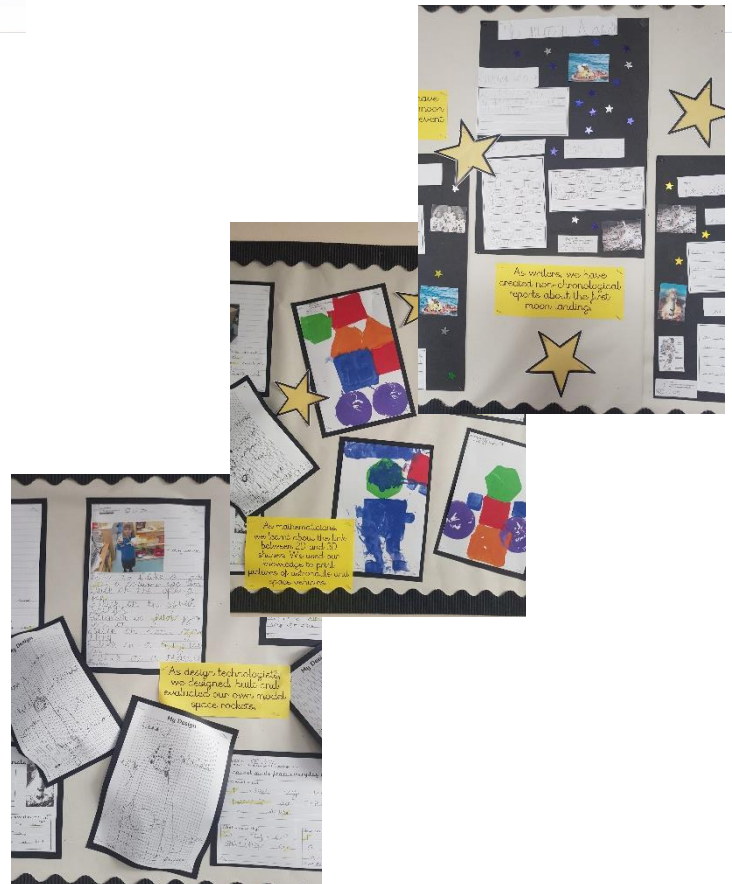
- sitting with them while they work and breaking down activities;
- talking and explaining new words;
- reading together and techniques for this;
- information about phonics, writing and Maths.

The full document can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

## YEAR 1 LEARNING

As you can't come into school to enjoy our displays of the children's learning we are bringing the displays to you! Here are some photos celebrating Year 1's learning all about Space.





## WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN CURRENTLY ATTENDING SCHOOL GETTING UP TO?

Everyday looks a little bit different as we have a different team of adults and children in school each day. Children from across all 3 year groups are currently based in Cherry classroom and have been making the most of the sunny weather on the front playground and school garden. Allie, our school cook, and her team from Educaterers cook us a delicious lunch each day and we eat together in the school hall. Here is a snapshot of what we were getting up to on Monday this week!



## BAYLEAF COOKERY



In the absence of any cookery clubs to run Bayleaf Cookery has been putting together some cook-along videos for people to follow at home. Initially they made the recipes they missed at their after school club end of last term (Chocolate and Banana Bread & Butter Pudding and Stuffed Peppers) but are now starting to explore a wider range of dishes, trying to use ingredients that are relatively easy to get hold of at the moment. The first one is a really simple no-flour peanut butter cookie recipe.

All these cook-along videos, plus any new ones they make (they're aiming for one per week) are/will be available to view on Youtube via the link below:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYJBg20\\_V0HWT1buWq1amIg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYJBg20_V0HWT1buWq1amIg)

Bayleaf are also going to be doing short daily cookery themed challenges and other bits and pieces on their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BayleafCookerySchool/>

Bayleaf have already sent these links to parents of their cookery club attendees from last term but they are now very kindly sharing the links with all Telford Infant families.

A message from Andrew at Bayleaf:  
'I'll be in touch again when a path back to normality begins to emerge but, in the meantime, good luck with the challenges you're facing and lots of love from us all.'

