

Hello Year 5 students!

Greetings from Mr Slade's classroom at Wendover Junior School! It's been a very strange couple of weeks not seeing you all working hard in the classroom, messing around in the corridors or playing the many versions of Family It in the playground. I hope you are all well, keeping safe and on your best behaviour for the adults looking after you at home. It can't be much fun at the moment being on lockdown and being unable to see friends and family who live elsewhere but remember that we are all doing this and playing our part to keep everyone safe from this dangerous virus. These are uncertain times and you may well be feeling worried or anxious so it is important to stay both physically and mentally healthy and keep to a structure for each day.

I wonder how the activities set on the website are helping you to timetable your day. Have you discovered P.E. with Joe Wicks yet? It's a great way to keep fit and start your day in a healthy way. Can you believe that even Mr Slade and Mr Newnes have been jumping like kangaroos and leaping around the school hall like Spiderman for the half hour workout? Give it a try if you haven't already. I hope that you have been finding out a lot about the Victorians and coming to the end of your project. Hopefully you will have come across Doctor Barnado in your research and found out how important he was to the lives of Victorian children like Jim in Street Child. By the way, have you finished the Street Child book at home? What did you think about the ending? At the moment we are working on a way that you can share your home learning and what you have been doing to keep busy with your teachers. It will be lovely to see your Victorian projects so keep those posters or powerpoints safe.

This week in maths there will be a few more revision tasks on fractions before looking at negative numbers and Roman Numerals. Remember to look at the helpful web addresses on the website to help you with anything you find tricky. Alternatively there are many helpful videos on Youtube you could use. In English there are plenty of creative ideas to help you use your imagination and come up with fun ideas for writing. Another idea for you all is to start writing a diary. Although the events around the world are very unsettling and strange, historians in the future will look back at 2020 as a major happening in world history. Who better to record what is happening than the children who are living through the lockdown and social restrictions.

Other ideas for this week include:

1. Holding a Masterchef or Lockdown Bake Off with your family (Remember to write down those recipes – a great way to practice your instruction writing):
2. Holding a mini beast zoo tour in your garden with an illustrated brochure of all the insects, birds and mammals you might find;
3. Hiding an object and producing a treasure map for your family to use to find it or
4. Draw/ paint a rainbow picture to put up in your window to cheer people up.

Have a good week, keep busy and stay safe

The Year 5 Team (Mr Slade, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Beale, Mrs Braid and Mr Newnes) ☺