



## Weekly Newsletter Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parent/Carers and Children,

### Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to all those of you who have made contact with staff during this week. I would like to thank, in particular, those of you who have raised queries and shared comments about the home learning published on the school website. As time progresses and more resources become available to us I hope you feel we are making this more accessible to you all. The BBC bitesize lessons can be accessed on a television via the red button; these will help to alleviate issues you may have regarding hardware and internet availability. As I hope you all now know we do not expect you to print work set.

If you are starting to run out of space in your child's workbook you can use a book/paper you already have at home or you are able to buy. In addition, we shall be making additional workbooks available from Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. If you live in the village and are out for your daily exercise you can collect books from a box by the green shed on the main drive between 10am and 2pm. Help yourself to what you need, please do not come further onto the school site. If you live outside the village and are not able to use a book from home let us know, via email to [secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk), and we will endeavour to deliver/post to you.

I expect you are aware of speculation in the media about schools fully re-opening, to date there is no confirmation about when this will be. We continue to have a handful of children at school on a daily basis and are working hard to maintain social distancing within this arrangement.

I wish you all well as this week ends and look forward to continuing to hear about how you are all managing in these difficult times.

**Helen Comfort**

### Message from the Class 3 Teacher

Hello to you all! Welcome back after the Easter Break. I hope that you are all settling back into your own version of the term in these unusual times. Thank you so much for your many e-mails and photos that you have sent me. I love receiving them and will try and share a few in each week's newsletter. Please do use the class email to stay in touch!



A castle built from recycling!



Completed alphabet challenge!



Growing sunflowers!

### Well Being

We are including some links this week which are tips for parents/carers to support children with anxiety. They are suggestions by Dr Pooky Knightsmith, a leading children's [Mental Health Educator, Speaker, Author & Advisor](#).

[Anxiety: 6 ways to make life more manageable](#) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zkr6XzrZhc8&feature=youtu.be>  
[4 ideas for supporting a child with anxiety](#) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbMUMFxjv40&feature=youtu.be>

Do of course contact us if you would like any more support with wellbeing and anxiety.

### Useful Weblinks

National Geographic – for kids  
It has some stunning images and interactive games and colouring books. A lovely site for children to learn more about animals, wildlife and the world around them  
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

### The Week Ahead!

#### Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

We will be continuing to learn about Castles in our history topic. Mrs Collins has also set up a new TT Rockstars battle between class 3 and 4. Of course, we all remember how we won the last battle. Let's see if we can keep hold of our champion status! The battle commences on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and finishes on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

