

HALF-TERM HOME LEARNING

As it's the half-term holiday, we're taking a break from the daily home learning tasks. Instead, here are a range of activities that you might like to try over the week. The tasks are creative and are designed to allow children the opportunity to enjoy some different learning, ideally alongside family members. A few key points...

- The list is the same across year groups, meaning if you've more than one child, they might work on it together in some way.
- Some of the tasks can take a bit longer, like a mini-project, and others will match Creative homework tasks.
- You can encourage your child to do some or all of the activities - they're all optional.
- During this time, you can still email your child's class teacher about the home learning, although they may not respond as quickly as they have been doing.

Calling all quizmasters!

Recently, more and more people have been taking part in online quizzes. You may also have seen our most recent whole school video where the adults in school combined to create a quiz for you to do at home. Inspired by this, you could create your own quiz for someone in your house today; this could be about a topic you really enjoy (space, animals, books) or general knowledge. Alternatively, each person in your house could create their own round and you could combine to make a mega quiz.



Get on your upcycle

Find something in your house that is no longer used or is a bit old and worn out. Upcycle it (improve or change the use) in any creative way you choose.



Art attack!

Create an 'art attack' (a large piece of temporary art) in your garden using things from your house. Get an adult to take a picture from the upstairs window. Remember to put everything back where it came from at the end!



Create your own sport

Many of us like sports, many of us play sports. But, what about creating your own? You could create your own sport, or game, for you and your family to play inside or in the garden. You could take a sport you're familiar with and change the rules or equipment slightly; you could combine two (or more) sports; or, you could create your own sport altogether! Kitchen Quidditch, anyone? What about Appleball (basketball with an apple but instead of a basket you have a fruit bowl).



Cooking masterclass

Have you ever seen a cooking channel or a chef on TV? They create delicious food (cooking or baking) in front of the camera for people to try at home. Why not have a go at becoming a TV chef. Cook up some yumminess and create a video explaining what you're doing – feel free to make it serious or silly. However, whatever you decide to do make sure you keep it safe – ask an adult to supervise.

Birds, birds, birds!

Watch one of the BBC Springwatch wildlife webcams:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjCJJE_ohTM

Do some bird watching. You could make a note of the birds you see using a checklist (there's an example attached), take photographs, if you can, or have a go at drawing them.

There is an online bird checker here too:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/identify-a-bird/>

You could make a bird feeder too:

<https://youtu.be/7yV6V6rtpyc>

Or come up with your own invention!



Zentangle art

Create a grid of 8 squares on a piece of plain A4 paper. In each square, create any patterns you like. Use your imagination or search for 'zentangle patterns' to get some inspiration. Draw your patterns in pencil first and then go over the lines with a black pen. You could use a pencil, or colouring pencil, to add shading. Here are some examples...



You could also make a family tangle. First, create a template (grid, circles, odd shapes, stripes etc) and put it up somewhere in your house. Every day, one person in your family will complete one piece of the zentangle. Once all the parts are filled, you will have a lovely family zentangle picture.