

**Handale Primary School**  
**SLC - Summer Newsletter.**



Dear Parent/Carer,

A message from Mrs Blakeley.

Welcome to your summer newsletter which has been strange for teachers to write due to the uncertain times in which we find ourselves.

As I write we have just heard we are closed to all except children of key workers until the 7th May and we already miss the children immensely, we long to be back together.

The teachers have set out some learning tasks to help you with your children at home and this newsletter also includes things you need to know if we return this term (PE requirements etc). We are trying to act in as normal a way as possible.

Regular updates are key to effective communication and we have tried very hard to open all possible avenues to keeping you informed.

Please enjoy the activities we have set and do keep in touch by e-mail, messenger etc.

Stay safe.

Mrs Blakeley.

Summer Term Topics:

Our topic this term is looking 'Plants'. You will be looking at what different types of plants are around you, how they grow, where they grow and you may even like to try to grow some plants of your own plants.

Can you think about what plants you can eat and think about which plants we cook? In your pack you will find a 'topic' grid with lots of activities for you to complete during your time at home.

Reading:

Reading is such a valuable life skill and it so important that children are continuing to practise their reading at home. Reading is an enjoyable activity for both yourself and your child, so we would like you to continue your hard work encouraging your child to read frequently and discussing the text which they are reading to develop understanding. Within your home learning pack, you will find lots of reading activities on the 'English' grid which your child can work through that will develop their enjoyment, understanding and reading skills. Here, you will also find lots of activities to keep your brain active with writing stories, diaries, sentences types etc. Please try your very best and complete as much as you can over the coming weeks.

Spellings:

In your pack, your child has been given a list of spellings for the summer term. Please look, learn and practise these spellings every day by using different activities. Your child will know what kind of things we do in school; rainbow writing, forwards, backwards, word flowers, word clouds and applying the words into silly sentences. It might be fun to give your child a little quiz each Friday. The children have been working really hard with their spellings so please encourage them to carry on with this hard work. Common exception words are also important and these lists were given in the last pack. If you no longer have these please contact me and I will make sure you get them again.

### Times tables:

The children have been working extremely hard to learn their times tables and are getting really good at applying them to calculations when necessary. Extra practise and support with this at home is hugely welcomed, as times tables and number fact knowledge form the basis of number and will be essential as they progress through school. By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know times the table facts for all 12 times tables if possible. Please continue to practise these at home by writing them down, saying out loud and even playing games on your phones, tablets etc.

### Useful Websites:

**Here are some useful websites for you to use with your children:**

<http://www.timestables.me.uk/>

<https://www.coolmathgames.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx>

<https://www.lovereadings.co.uk/audiobooks>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://ngexplorer.cengage.com/ngyoungexplorer/index.html>

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

<https://wowscience.co.uk/>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4\\_11/site/science.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/science.shtml)

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/>

If we do return to school this term, please ensure your child brings their PE kit to school on a Monday and leaves it in school for the week. Remember PE kit is black shorts, white top and pumps/trainers.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me on [ekendall@handale.rac.sch.uk](mailto:ekendall@handale.rac.sch.uk)

Thank you,

Miss Kendall, Mrs Treloar and Miss Hood