

April 2020



Dear Uluru class,

We hope you are all happy and doing well, have settled into a new routine and are enjoying time with your family. Let's hope you didn't eat as many Easter Eggs over the holidays as Mrs Frost, Mrs Hulin and Mrs Mann!

We have really missed you all and have been impressed to see so many of you making the most of online learning resources, We have been keeping an eye on those of you accessing Mathletics, TimesTables Rock Stars and SPAG.com ; your scores, speed and skills are amazing!

If you have managed to spend any time outside with your family (and we know that this is tricky at the moment), you'll have noticed that Spring has arrived. We'd love to hear about any type of nature that you have spotted, whether it's a spring flower, tree in blossom, busy bee or butterfly, frogspawn or some early sightings of swallows. Send us your photos, drawings, posters, poems or songs of things from the natural world with a little caption to explain what inspired you.

Now that we are some weeks into school closure, we wanted to give you some ideas and inspire you with some new activities to help you keep up with your learning at home.

Weekly challenge! Each week, we will set you a challenge: *here's this week's:*

Please email a picture or electronic copy to head@ferndale.swindon.sch.uk.

Please title your email 'Uluru' and then put your name on it so that Miss Horrobin can forward it on to us.

Science

This term, we would have been constructing our own Bristlebots. Can you research, design and draw your own? (Don't forget to label the components.)

Challenge! Can you label the circuit with the accurate, electrical symbols?

Also, take a look at 101 science experiment ideas, there are some really fun activities on there - some are a bit messy!

<https://www.sublimescience.com/free-science-experiments/>

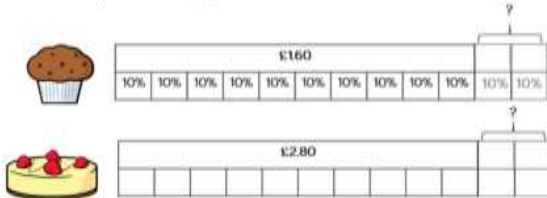
Below is what we would have been doing in Maths and English this week. We have included some ideas if you want to have a go at any:

Maths

Firstly, keep an eye out for any battles we have set up for you on TT Rock Stars! We know you love a little friendly competition!

This term, we would have been investigating fraction, decimal and percentage problems. Here's a problem to warm your brains up and get you thinking!

Janet is increasing the prices in her café by 20%.
Calculate the percentage increase for the following items:



You can revise this topic area further here:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/fractions-and-decimals>

BBC Bitesize have launched a whole host of materials, even daily lessons, to support your learning. Please carry out some of the activities on there – we'd be very impressed to hear from any of you who are already using this website ...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zncscw/year-6-lessons/1>



English

We would have been studying the 'Highwayman' poem this term. Please read the piece from the following website (after the first verse, pause and try to predict the ending before reading on to discover how it finishes):

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43187/the-highwayman>

Answer the following questions:

- What similes can you find in the poem?
- How do they help the reader?
- What metaphors can you identify in the poem?
- What effect do they have on the reader?
- How does the poem make you feel? Why?
- Which character do you feel most sympathy for (the highwayman, Bess or Tim)? Why?

Finally, don't forget the Blue Kite Academy's website! This gives you access to our very own learning platform with competitions and lots of ideas to keep you busy.

<https://thebluekitetrust.wixsite.com/ourlearningplatform/year-6>

We can't wait to hear from you and hope you are all staying safe. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Mrs Hulin, Mrs Mann and Mrs Frost ©