**Week 8 - Home Learning – Larch Class Blog**

Hi Larch Class!

It’s Mrs O’Connell here. I hope you all enjoyed your half term holiday, what a fabulous week of sunshine we had! I hope you all managed to get some rest to recharge your batteries and spend some quality time with your family.

Last week’s ‘Star of the Week’ certificate was awarded to *Matthew* for his engagement since our closure which has been fabulous and he has produced some wonderful work including a great Evacuee Letter this week. Well done, Matthew!

From now on, Home Learning Tasks will be a little different as some of you are returning to school next week. With Mrs Murdy returning to school as well, I will now be leading the Home Learning blog for Rowan and Larch so if you have any questions or queries about any of the work that is set, please just email me. I will continue to identify a task each week that you will need to submit so that I can provide you with some important feedback and next steps.

Those of you in Year 5 and those Year 6 students not returning to school, you should receive a new work pack by the end of this week, if you haven’t please let me know. Each week, I will detail which of the new booklets you need to access and complete. For those of you returning to school, please don’t worry that you haven’t received a new work pack, Mrs Murdy and the Year 6 teaching team have got lots of exciting things planned and prepared for you!

As it is a short Home Learning Week, I am setting **ALL** of you, Year 5 and Year 6, two English and two Maths tasks and you’ll be pleased to know that you don’t need to submit anything this week. For those of you that are interested, I have included two PowerPoints from Miss Back about First Aid for you to have a read of and you are welcome to complete the tasks on them if you wish.

Remember, if you need help with ANY of your Home Learning tasks or have ANY queries, just send me an email using your school360 email account. I do enjoy hearing from you and I am always here to help! My email address is: jacqueline.oconnell1@school360.co.uk (don’t forget the ‘1’!).

As always, I have explained below each of your tasks for this week and then the resources you need are attached at the bottom of the page.

Have a great week and take care,

Mrs O’Connell

**Work to submit this week:**

This week I am not asking you to submit any of your work as it is a shortened Home Learning week.

**English:** - **Year 5 and Year 6 are doing the same work this week.**

**Year 5 & 6 Reading Task**: There is a reading comprehension task attached to the bottom of the blog. You need to read the text and then answer the accompanying questions. You can either print the sheets off or read the text on the computer and then just write your answers down on paper. Remember to use full sentences, where appropriate.

**Year 5 & 6 Writing Task**: There is a writing task attached to the bottom of the blog. You are to write a story about a person who either finds a message or writes a message in a bottle. There are various prompts included on the task sheet to help you create your story.

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**Maths** - **Year 5 and Year 6 are exploring the same mathematical focus this week.**

This week, we are all moving on to **‘Two Way Tables’.**

I would like you to work your way through the attached PowerPoint, carefully reading the information on the slides 3 and 4 before progressing to answer the interactive questions on slides 5 - 7. As in previous weeks, these resources are just like the inputs that we would complete together as a whole class in our Maths lessons, starting with a ‘Warm Up Challenge’ followed by some information slides, key questions and finally the details of your independent tasks.

I’m still more than happy for you to work through the Maths PowerPoint and record your answers on a piece of paper, you *don’t* have to print them.

Once you have completed the warm-up and interactive questions, you’ll be ready to complete the independent activity on slides 8 - 9. If you have collected / received your new work pack, you will find your independent activity on pages 1 and 2 of your new maths booklet and you can complete this task on the sheets provided. If you haven’t got a new work pack because you are returning to school, please record your answers on a blank piece of paper.

In addition to your lesson on two-way tables, I would also like you to do the following Maths tasks:

- **Big Maths**: Skills Check 1

(*First page in new Big Maths booklet for those of you with a new work pack, for those of you without a new pack, the Big Maths sheets are attached for you, just make sure you choose the correct stage).*

- **Times Table Rock Stars**: Studio Challenge - 10 games.

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**First Aid:**

I have included two PowerPoints from Miss Back with really interesting, important and useful First Aid information on them. I would like you to make sure you read through them, please and if you wish to complete the activities as well, you are more than welcome to do so.