



IF YOUR CHILD HAS COME INTO SCHOOL AS EITHER A CHILD OF A KEYWORKER OR VULNERABLE CHILD AND YOU RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF A POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT WITHIN YOUR FAMILY PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY

Reading from an early age is absolutely essential in developing children's knowledge, skills and understanding and this consequently feeds into being able to write accurately and effectively in a range of styles. It is the beginning of a love of books which can last a lifetime. I have often talked to the children in assemblies about my love of reading and I for one can't imagine not having a book on the go. Children today are so lucky to have such a diverse and exciting range of books and authors to choose from. As part of our curriculum, we are always looking at new books to read and incorporate in the learning and we try to ensure the books we share celebrate the diverse cultures in our school community and from across the world.

With the ongoing lockdown, it is not always easy to get hold of new books to share but the following link has some amazing online resources with storytellers sharing tales from all over the world - <https://thehouseofstories.com/>. This week is National Storytelling Week and some of these stories are a great way to celebrate the many excellent and creative storytellers we have in the world. Reading for me is a type of escapism that allows me to immerse myself in a completely different place and to go on an imaginary journey with the characters – hopefully you can go on a journey with your children through the magic of fiction.

Keep up the amazing learning that you are all doing at home. Have a great weekend.

Nick Firkins
 Headteacher

Remote PE Lessons from IG Sports

Ian Groves from IG Sports will run a remote PE lesson for Year 2 on Thursdays at 2-2:40pm and Todd Brixy will run one for Year 3/4 on Wednesdays at 11:15-11:55am. They will start next week and the Meet Link will be posted on the relevant Google Classroom Streams.

Remote Festival of Literature Sessions 2nd – 12th February 2021

To make the sessions as accessible and as simple as possible for pupils currently being home-schooled to access, the Festival have changed the way they are delivering it. It will now be available via live streaming using the link below.

<https://www.festivalofliterature.co.uk/stream/>

There are no restrictions to how many people can access the live stream and it doesn't require students or their parents/carers to register. You simply need to click the link above at the session start time and you will be able to watch the event live.