

27th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus/COVID 19 Update

We hope you are all staying safe and well.

We'd like to say a big thank you to those of you who have managed to upload observations of your children to Tapestry.

If this is something you are struggling with we have attached a guide to this letter to help. Please do try and upload something if you can. This will all count towards your child's future assessments and it helps us to know how they are getting on, plus we love to keep in touch!

Activity of the Week

This Friday, 1st May 2020, it is Pyjamarama Day which is held by The Book Trust to celebrate bedtime stories and reading together.

What is Pyjamarama?

Schools, nurseries and families across the country will be spending Friday 1 May in their pyjamas to help raise money so every child can experience the benefits of a bedtime story. This year The Book Trust has teamed up with the PJ Masks so that your children can stay in their pyjamas all day long and celebrate stories with their friends.

Why are we running it?

At BookTrust, they want to get every child reading. Bedtime stories promote reading for pleasure, which improves language and confidence, helping children to achieve so much more. But too many children never experience the joy of a bedtime story. Whether it's children living in poverty, children in foster care, children whose parents and carers struggle with reading themselves, or children with additional needs, we want to reach them all – and with your help, we can.

How Can We Donate?

If you are able to donate £1 to Pyjamarama to help them meet their aim of bringing the joy of a bedtime story to every child please follow this link to their website and click on the 'Donate' button: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/pyjamarama/how-to-get-involved/>

Their website has a wealth of information to help you on the day including suggested books to read, Pyjamarama Activities to download for the day (you will need a printer for these, we have also added them to the 'Documents' section on Tapestry) and videos of book readings to share with your child.

For some tips on reading aloud to your child you can access 'Reading aloud to children: 7 steps to making it magical' here <https://ounews.co/education-languages-health/childhood-youth/reading-with-children-7-steps-to-making-it-magical/>

We have also added some story time related activities to the new 'Activities' section on Tapestry which are especially useful for those children who are not yet ready to sit and listen to a book.

Do explore this new section as we will be adding more activities to it across the coming weeks.

Please don't forget to share your activities with us on Tapestry! We would love to see how you get on.

Finally, we would like to wish Ramadan Mubarak to all of our families from the Muslim community.

Stay safe, everyone, and let us know how we can help if you need it.

We hope to see you all again soon and thank you for your continued support of the nursery through these unprecedented times.

- **For the latest advice and information on COVID-19, people are advised to visit www.nhs.uk/coronavirus**
- Stay at home
- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Do not meet others, even friends or family.
- You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.
- If any of your family develop symptoms of a high temperature and a new, continuous cough, follow the advice on the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. DO NOT visit your GP, pharmacy or hospital. If symptoms persist or get worse use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service - 111.nhs.uk/covid-19/ - **you should only call NHS 111 if you cannot get help online.**
- If you have an underlying health condition follow the [government advice](#)

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