



## STEPHEN FREEMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Everybody; Every Moment; Every Idea Counts"*

April 1st 2020

### School and home learning

On behalf of all our staff, we would like to thank you all for the messages of support and encouragement we received during the last few days at school. It really did help everybody through a worrying and stressful time and it has been amazing to see the enthusiasm and engagement that families have put into the home-learning activities.

We all miss the children's faces at school but we are enjoying seeing all the photographs and messages that are being added to the children's portfolios on Dojo and Tapestry and we appreciate all your hard work as you help your children navigate this new way of learning.

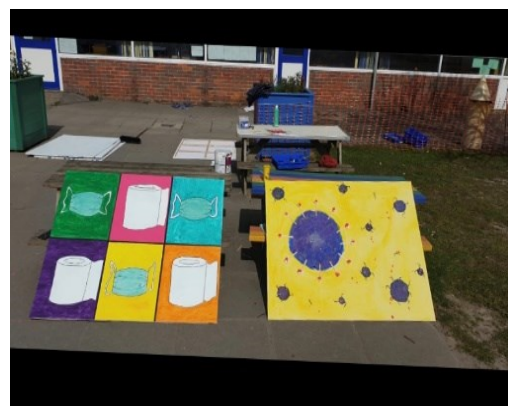
We hope that you are able to make the most of the time you are spending as a family and taking the opportunity to do all the things that can sometimes get lost during busier times such as playing games, sharing stories, puzzles, quizzes, exercise, cooking, drawing, gardening and talking.

### Here are just a few examples of the wonderful creative 'projects' happening at home



### Childcare provision in school

We have a small number of children and staff coming into school during the week, and although these days are very different from the usual school day we are all keeping busy. Here are some of the art activities the children have been involved in:



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you!

Key Workers

We really appreciate how hard you are working during this time and we want to thank you for being so helpful in only asking school to provide childcare if there is no alternative. Although the staff are all committed to continue to support children at school we must comply with social distancing rules so it is important that we limit the number of pupils and staff on the premises at any one time.

### **Mental health and well-being**

This is a challenging time for adults as well as children and over the next few weeks we will be providing you with information that can help you to find ways to stay positive and help you and your family maintain good mental and physical health. On our school website page under 'Newsletters' you will see two documents, one is an Easter wellbeing pack and the other is a document from Reading University about supporting children and young people during the Covid19 outbreak. We hope you find these useful.

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