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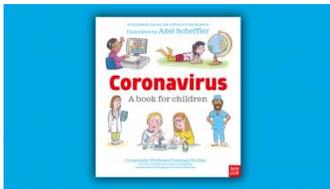
Highfield Primary... we are much more than just a school

Hello parents and children,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and I hope you all managed to have some relaxation over the Easter holidays. I am really missing you all and I know the teachers and staff are too. I saw a few of you when I was taking my daily walk around Roundhay Park in the holidays and it made my day when I heard a Highfield voice say, "Hello Mrs. Colley." It was so nice to see you outside exercising with your families. Many of our staff volunteered to look after our key worker children in school over the holidays. We had lots of fun and even had chance to play on the grass for the first time this year. One day we all made these amazing chalk paintings on the playground. We decided we would show you all how to do them when school reopens for us all. You just need some masking tape, chalk and a bit of outdoor space. (Can you guess which one I did?) We also decided that when we do reopen we will have a "Rainbow day" and do lots of wonderful things together. (Why not send me some of your ideas for Rainbow day. We could even have it every year couldn't we?).



Coronavirus Book for Children



A wonderful free book has been written and published by Nosy Crow and illustrated by The Gruffalo illustrator Alex Scheffler. The book answers key questions in simple language appropriate for primary school children. This link will take you to where the book can be downloaded.

<https://nosycrow.com?blog?released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>

SEESAW online learning

I hope you have all managed to log on now to Highfield SEESAW and will encourage your child to communicate with their teacher by trying to do some of the learning activities. Please contact Miss Thackrah if you are having any difficulties with SEESAW. She will also welcome your feedback regarding the activities we are setting. We want to get the pitch just right so that the children can do the tasks independently once they are logged on thus allowing you to get on with your own work (or just a chance to have a bit of quiet time).

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Musical Tuition Online Learning Resources

Art Forms who provide our musical tuition to children in years 4 5 and 6 have uploaded teaching materials online. These are intended to be accessed by children who would normally be taking part in instrumental lessons at school. For those children with instruments at home, this is a way of ensuring that their musical learning can continue to some extent until they get further plans for instrumental teaching in place. These resources are accessible via the ArtForms website bit.ly/CurriculumMusicResources.

Art Forms have also compiled a list of third-party online music resources, ideas and activities intended for use by home educators. These are all accessible, fun and engaging and parents may find them useful as they plan their daily activities. The link to these suggested resources is here bit.ly/ArtFormsHomeLearning

Highfield Song of the week

This week on Friday in our Magic Celebration Assembly we will be singing (drum roll.....)

"Now Spring Is Here"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kvlx-szzqfx>

1. Springtime – is laugh and sing time

It's joining in time, let's give a cheer!

Join hands – and have a fun time,

Enjoy the sunshine, now spring is here.

Chorus: Wake up - the sun is shining

The earth is smiling, in the air is clear

Blue skies are up above me,

It's really lovely, this time of year

2. Listen – the birds are singing,

A new beginning is in the air.

Shake off that winter feeling

And go freewheeling; now spring is here

Chorus

3. over – the pretty meadows

The green and yellows everywhere.

Flowers-of every colour

Can be discovered- now spring is here

Chorus

4. Springtime- is laugh and sing time,

It's joining in time, let's give a cheer!

Join hands- and a fun time,

Enjoy the sunshine, now spring is here

Take care everyone and lots of love from Mrs. Colley

