

24th April 2020

# Newsletter



SPINFIELD SCHOOL

## Message from Miss Spreadbury:

Hello everyone, I hope that you are all safe and well. It is the start of the summer term but not as we know it. Thank you to all of the parents who have been so positive about the activities that we are setting for home-learning and well done for becoming teachers overnight!

I am aware that some parents are concerned about core curriculum coverage and, at the same time, I appreciate that there are variances in circumstances and one method of learning is not going to suit all. The leadership team is having discussions about this and making plans which will be put in place when school reopens. I do want to reassure you that the tasks that we are setting for your children are covering key curriculum targets. When we return to normal routines, our teachers will plan for, and support, the needs of all pupils to cover the required learning for their age. Targets for years 1-6 can be found on our website under the 'Key Information' tab, then go to 'Spinfield Age Related Expectations'.

With regard to concerns about future testing and assessments, all pupils across the country are going to be in the similar situation as we are. If we work together, supporting each other, we will be best placed to provide a way forward for the children at Spinfield.

From next week, we will be sending out home learning for Mondays and Tuesdays on a Friday. We will be sharing targets for English to give the children's learning more focus. The daily White Rose activities give a focus for each maths lesson.

Take care and stay safe.



Thank to our PA who have arranged a collection for the One Can trust. You can drop items off at school from Monday—Wednesday of next week if you are out on your daily exercise activity. Please remember to follow social distancing rules at all times.



We have been really busy while school has been closed. Mrs Armstrong and Mr Bowe have revamped the Eco-Pod. We can't wait to show it to you when you get back!



Helpful online safety activities and information:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>





### Message to parents on using health services during COVID

Please remember, A&E services and your GP practice are still open during the coronavirus outbreak.

GP surgeries are not allowing patients to directly book face to face appointments at the moment, to help stop the spread of the virus. They are, however, more than happy to discuss your case over the phone and to offer advice and guidance. In some cases they may be able to consult by video link, using mobile phones. If clinically appropriate, they can invite you to attend the surgery for an appointment at an arranged time.

It is really important to stay well at this difficult time, so please contact your GP surgery if your child is poorly with any symptoms that cause you concern. With so much attention on coronavirus at the moment, we are aware you may be concerned your child has a different illness or may be living with a worrying condition like asthma or diabetes.

So, if you are worried, please call your surgery to arrange a telephone consultation, or you can use the AskNHS app to book a call-back if you are 16 or over. This [parent information form](#), produced by Barts Health and North-East London STP, gives very useful advice on when to use services like GPs, pharmacists, A&E and 999.

All your health service staff are still there for you, even though they are having to do things a little differently. Please don't be afraid to use them if you are concerned about your child's health.



**Mr Bowe has painted the outdoor stage - we are looking forward to all of the children being able to use it when we get back to school!**

FUN DRAWING PROJECTS

*From Mrs Armstrong!*

### Word Art

Choose a list of descriptive words. Words such as "hairy," "fat," "skinny," "polka dot," "crooked," "jumble" or "fluffy" which bring images to mind. Create word art by writing the word in a way that depicts its meaning.

For instance, the word "fluffy" might have letters created of tiny clouds. "Hairy" might have letters created to look as if covered in hair.

### Shape Art

Choose a theme and shapes that must appear in the scene. Choose either an amusement park or a space station in which two ovals, three circles, four triangles, two pentagons, one rectangle and four squares must be used to create part of the drawing!

### OTHER IDEAS:

Draw yourself wearing a new outfit you designed!

Create a futuristic car.

Draw a machine with an unknown purpose.

Draw an inventive alien.

*How about a bit of fun for Friday night... Introducing the Spinfield Quiz!*

*Here are ten questions related to our wonderful school, have a go at answering them - answers to be published next week!*

1. How many rooms are there at Spinfield, including the rooms at the back of the hall, toilets, art and craft room etc.
2. In what year did the school open?
3. What is the name of the headteacher before Miss Spreadbury took over?
4. Can you name 4 of our governors?
5. What are the names of the Spinfield houses? (key stage 2 - you must get the spelling right!)
6. What is the name of the group of children who lead Spinfield in looking after our planet?
7. What is the passageway called that separates key stage one from key stage two?
8. How many pianos do we have at Spinfield?
9. What is the name of the special award usually given to 2 children in each class in the Friday assembly?
10. Which member of staff is hidden here?  
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*Good luck!*