

*Our vision: Creative learning, personal achievement and happiness.
Enabling everyone to flourish and to live life in all its fullness.*

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Dear Parent / Carer and children,

RE: HOME LEARNING – only 5 weeks to go so let's make them worthwhile!

We hope that this letter finds you healthy and happy.

As ever, the second half of the summer term is always one of the most difficult half terms to keep everyone motivated and keep learning moving on – we simply get tired. This seems even more so at the moment. As parents ourselves, we understand how time consuming home learning is and how tricky it can be to motivate yourself, let alone your children to do their learning routine. However, we don't want all of your great learning to drift off now so we are trying to provide a more unified approach to afternoon learning to help with your children from across the age groups to provide something exciting and engaging for you all to do together; and we are trying to find ways to grab your children's attention and lift their motivation towards learning again. Here are our plans:

Home Learning – theme weeks

We have tried this in school this week, as have some of you at home, and the children have loved it and have really got enthusiastic about it. So we have decided to have theme weeks until the end of term.

15th and 22nd June = Science Weeks

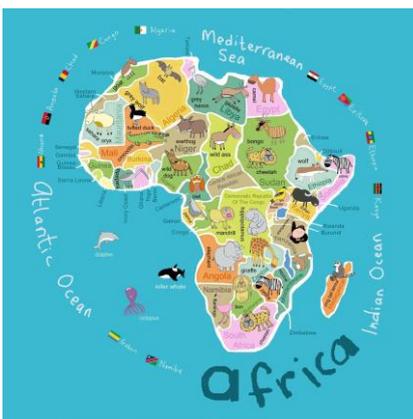
Weeks full of challenges and experiments using things you have at home.



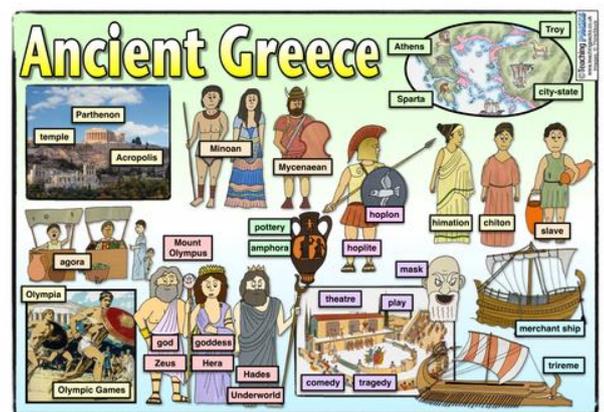
29th June and 6th July = Topic Weeks

As we are unable to hold our usual summer Topic Celebration event where each child would present their project to the whole school, we thought we would hold a virtual event by presenting everyone's work on our website. So each child will have a special space on our website through which they can present their topic project as a photograph, video or series of both. To enable time for these projects to be completed, we are using our afternoon learning during weeks 5 and 6 of this half term, although we know some of you have completed lots already. **Please can you email your projects to your teacher by Monday 13th July** so that we can upload them onto our website that week?

We will announce when they are ready to be viewed for our virtual celebration event.



Your teacher will resend the project sheet, which was sent after Easter. Class 1 are learning about Africa and Class 2 are learning about the Ancient Greeks.



13th July = Sports Week and Y6 Leaver's Week - More details will follow nearer the time.

"This school continues to be good... maintains good quality education... pupils gain a sense of achievement from their lessons... they display excellent attitudes towards their learning... behaviour in lessons and around school is impeccable... Staff are welcoming and inclusive... strong Christian values are promoted well... (results) well above that of other schools nationally" Ofsted 2019

Staff "strive to ensure that pupils are happy, while making education fun and enjoyable." Parent View 2018



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STAR of the Week  All teachers will awarding star of the week certificates each week.

Remember 'star of the week' can be nominated by your teachers and parents for those who have excelled, done something amazing, learnt a new skill, or simply completed their entire timetable of learning without one complaint! **EMAIL NOMINATIONS TO YOUR TEACHER by Friday - perhaps even send a photo showing why.**

Watch this space for winners → <https://www.shankhill.cumbria.sch.uk/children/star-of-the-week/>

Collective Worship

As you know, our whole school gathers together every day after lunch for a short assembly to enhance our learning about ourselves and others around us. Our theme this week is **Patience**. Please follow the links below to watch a 5 to 10 minute video. Each day there is usually a game or quiz you can take part in, a story or puppet show to watch. They are suitable for all ages. I hope that you find these interesting. We are using these every day in school.

Collective Worship theme is Patience (5-10 mins)	Day 1 - Why are we waiting? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FiZdjUChbeU
	Day 2 - Waiting for the postman. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCM-D1xYGcw
	Day 3 - Scruff learns about patience. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3maAHLGf1w
	Day 4 - Waiting for a promise. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cexSTi812Ks
	Day 5 - We can have patience. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVC-gxno_IM

Reading Books

Reading is such an important life skill and we realise that you have probably read every book you own by now so we would like to offer these two ways of accessing books:

- 1) Oxford Owl has lots of free online reading books for all ages and interests
 - Step 1. Click the link <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>
 - Step 2. Click my class log in at the top and input the **username: shank** and **password: 1234**
 - Step 3. Click parents then browse e-books on the page that comes up.
 - Step 4. Scroll down, you will see books by series in middle and books by book band colour on the right.
- 2) Borrow a book from our library by appointment only. Please email me to arrange a time.

Zoom

Now that we are back in school, Mr Neil and I are hoping to be able to set up some year group and class zoom sessions. This depends on the time we have available while we are in school and may be set up at shorter notice than we'd like at first, so please do monitor your email and texts from Tuesday 16th to see when your class Zoom meet is. I will forward an agreement / protocol for us all to follow to explain rules etc.

Reopening update

We have reopened school this week for our children of Critical Workers taking great care to uphold our carefully planned risk assessments and safety plans whilst trying to complete some Home Learning and have some fun. Hopefully our photographs on our website will show that although there were only 5 pupils with Mr Neil, Miss Boyd and Mrs Batey, we achieved a lot of learning and most importantly had fun too. Next week we reopen for Year 6, Year 1 and Reception children as well; we have two more children joining school next week for one or two days. I will keep you informed about further plans for reopening as soon as I have permission from our Local Authority and have consulted with our Governing Board.

Please can I remind those who are attending to **complete the booking form each week by 12 noon on Wednesday?**

This is to ensure that we have everything planned well in advance of the following week, including Mrs Hope's hot meals. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qKT5fo4BsLdfFkvfQH1sulPY-aLfOiBJHIDaVutvSsQ/edit>

These remain unusual times for us all, with each of us experiencing life in different ways at the moment. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you all. Shankhill staff and Governors are trying to support our school family and community as best we can. Please do contact us on our school phone or emails if we can help you further.

Yours sincerely

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