



May Newsletter

School continues to be open for the children of key workers and those who are vulnerable. However, whilst school is partially closed, many families are still at home trying to balance work and childcare. Some are also feeling the impact of the economic crisis. We know that these are challenging times. Family time can be both precious and draining – many parents will experience a mixture of emotions! Plenty of play, some daily exercise and a story will help your child to thrive during lockdown. Remember to keep in touch with family and friends – they can provide a wonderful ‘virtual’ support network. We are here too, so if you need help please get in touch.

We hope that you are all happy and healthy.

Lots of learning fun on the platform!

<https://www.hirstwoodnsc.co.uk/website>



Click ‘Login’ for lots of fun activities. You can also contribute to the chat!

Thank you to all those families who have visited our online platform. We add new ideas every Monday so remember to login! Thank you to the children and staff who have contributed pictures.

If you need login details or have photos that you want to add to the platform please email jayne.taylor@hirstwoodnsc.co.uk

How can we help?

As the time away from school lengthens, children and families may be finding it increasingly difficult to cope for a wide variety of reasons. We are still here to help. Please contact jayne.taylor@hirstwoodnsc.co.uk if you need support and we will be in touch as soon as possible.

We have also sent out a short survey to find out more about what children and families need both now and when we return to Nursery. It should take less than 2 minutes to take the survey and the results are anonymous.



Bradford council have put together some ideas for children age 0-5 years old. Why not have a look?

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/health/improve-your-childs-health/activities-for-0-to-5-years/>

What are you doing to celebrate VE day?

There are lots of ways to celebrate VE day at home.

Why don't you...

- decorate your window red, white and blue
- make some bunting or a flag
- bake some tasty treats
- have a picnic in your lounge or garden
- Zoom family or friends
- learn how to sing ‘We’ll Meet Again’



Have fun and remember to send us your photos!

Transition to Primary School

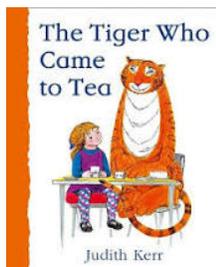
Some families will be starting to think about the arrangements for transitioning to primary school. We have contacted the schools to ask for information. As soon as we know what the individual schools plan to offer we will email out the details.

News from the teachers...

Sam

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXgW9UCgpc8>

My favourite story is 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. I enjoyed listening to this story when I was a little girl and I love reading it to children now. I especially like the illustrations and spotting Mog the cat when Sophie and her Mummy and Daddy go to cafe.



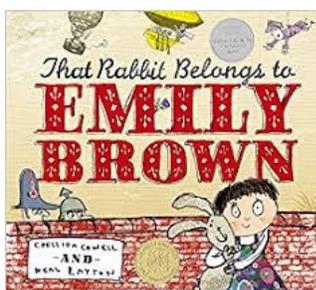
I have been learning to crochet during lockdown and after lots of practise I have made this beautiful blanket.



Rachel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnffEOol6ZM>

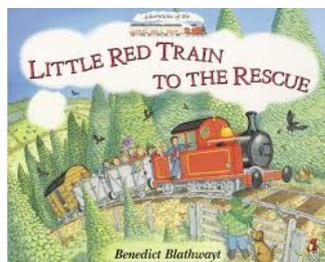
I built a den so that I could camp at home. Lots of people from all over the world camped out too. It was the largest camp ever and broke the World Record!



'That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown' is one of my favourite stories. The Queen wants Emily's toy rabbit but he is not for sale! I like reading this story because I can use different voices for the posh queen and increasingly cross Emily!

Ruth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOOSi3nkOM0>



One of my favourite stories is 'The Little Red Train to the Rescue.' I think fondly of this story because I read it a lot with both my children when they were young. They loved joining in with the actions, anticipating which disaster would come next and how The Little Red Train would come to the rescue.

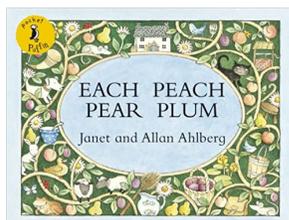
I have revisited a childhood hobby. I have spent some time learning how to sew, using different embroidery stitches, which I have intertwined with my love of nature.



Sally

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWUbuztqIQ>

I am enjoying my daily walks near my home. It is lovely to see spring changing into summer.



One of my favourite children's books is 'Each Peach Pear Plum' by Janet & Allan Ahlberg I remember reading it to all my boys. They used to love spotting all the familiar characters.