

Royal Mile Early Years 2019-20 Newsletter 8

Usually our nursery newsletter is filled with exciting learning and is a chance for us to tell you about what we have planned for the upcoming weeks. Writing this newsletter is very different but we still wanted to write to you all in these uncertain times to check everyone is ok and to offer a helping hand wherever we can. The nursery staff have been working at HUB schools to support the children of keyworkers, but we have also been busy putting together some useful hints and tips for things you can be doing at home while nursery is closed.

We have been posting onto the school blog (<https://royalmileprimary.com/category/nursery-blog/>) with activity ideas and tasks as well as daily challenges that you can enjoy completing at home. We have also set up a twitter page to make sharing these and receiving replies a little easier, especially for those of you using mobile devices. Please check the blog regularly and follow us on twitter @RMPSnursery.

Mrs Jessop is also regularly updating her headteacher page on the school blog (<https://royalmileprimary.com/category/head-teacher-blog/>) with information for the whole school community. Here you will also find some important information on local support for families which may be useful to you.

As far as academic work is concerned please don't be worried about what you are and aren't able to do, looking after your child and spending quality time with them is all we ask of you just now. We can help children catch up on the learning side of things later, but this can only be done when children are happy and settled to start with.

For those going to school in August we will still offer some opportunities for transition work to prepare children for Primary 1, be it with us or with another primary school, but just now we aren't sure how this will look and are waiting until we know a little more so we can work with cluster and authority colleagues to make sure every child receives the same input. However, we do know that the work we set will centre around the Michael Rosen story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' as every nursery and P1 class in Edinburgh City will be looking at this. To start us off our Easter holiday activities were based on the very similar 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt' - if you haven't had a look at this story and these activities yet, why not give these a try?

We hope you are all well, please keep us up to date with how things are going and what is working, what isn't and if there is anything you would like us to offer as we are very keen to find out. Messages and photographs have really cheered us up, it has been lovely to see some of you and get a glimpse of what you have been up to! We can be contacted by comments on the blog page, twitter page, through your child's online learning journal and by email at admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk

Stay safe!

Mrs Peoples and the Early Years Team 😊