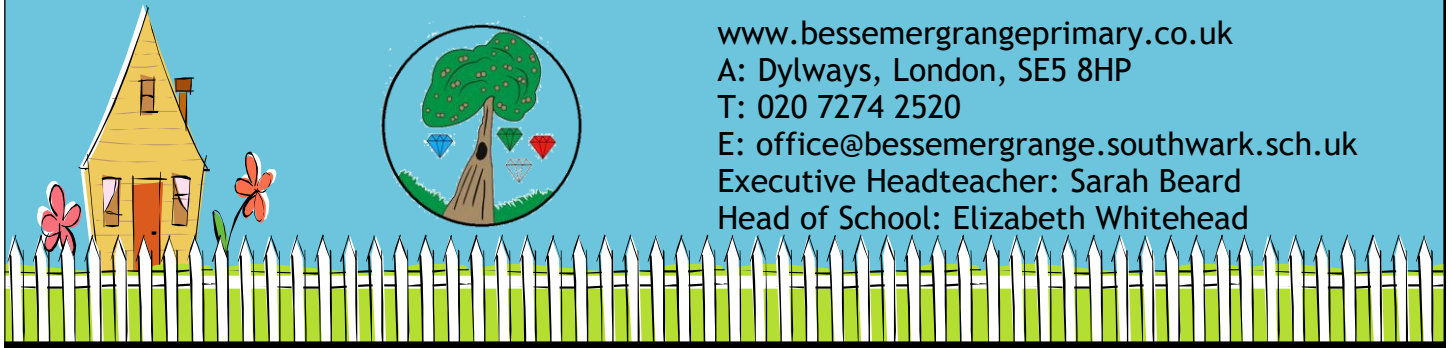


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Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February, half term holiday
Thursday 4th March - World Book Day

News

Year Group Newsletters

You should receive your child's half termly newsletter for next half term today. This is to let you know what your child will be learning next half term and what their topic will be. We will not be sending out separate topic homework as we usually do - we think there's been plenty of home learning already! However, the newsletters will contain suggestions around researching the new topic and may also provide suggestions of creative activities you can do if you want to, but these are completely optional.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March, both in school and in live lessons. We know that everyone is very busy at the moment and we're sure that very few people have time to start making elaborate costumes, however we do want to take every opportunity we can for the children to have some fun. This World Book Day there will be no competitive element to the dressing up and children can wear any costume they have at home, or make their own if they can. Don't worry if the costumes they have at home are based on comics rather than books, that is absolutely fine. The following link provides some great ideas of costumes you can make using your children's normal clothes or just a couple of props, e.g. *Billionaire Boy* which needs only grey trousers, a white top, messy hair and some home-made fake money, or *Tracy Beaker* who just needs big hair and a red striped top. *George from George's Marvelous Medicine* just needs an empty bottle, a saucepan and spoon, *Gangsta Granny* can be created with a skirt, blouse, tights, slippers and a mask or face paints with a sack of stolen goods, or *Harry from Harry and the Bucket Full of Dinosaurs* just needs a bucket full of dinosaurs! While the link mentions toddlers and pre-schoolers, the ideas will work for all primary aged children.

<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

There are also a number of books in which characters wear pyjamas, such as *Pirates in Pyjamas* which provide another easy costume idea.

Half Term Activities

We know that the options for entertaining children over half term are very limited at the moment and most of us used up all our ideas in the first two lockdowns! We have come up with a few ideas if you need some inspiration. I couldn't fit all of the ideas onto the newsletter so we have created a section on the website which you can access using the following link: <http://bessemergrangeprimary.co.uk/resources-for-learning-at-home/> and scrolling down to 'half term activities'.

Here are a few examples of the ideas we have come across:

Theatre

The Unicorn Theatre is sharing some of its productions which you can access via this link: <https://www.unicorntheatre.com/whatson> - just click on a production and then scroll down.

Celebrations

Make paper lanterns for Chinese New Year:

<https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/paper-lantern.html>

Make pancakes and more on Pancake Day:

<https://www.redtedart.com/pancake-day-ideas-activities/#:~:text=Pancake%20Day%20Crafts&text=Make%20a%20little%20Pancake%20Day,for%20Kids%20channel%20on%20Youtube!>

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/pancake-day>

Scavenger Hunts

Whether indoors or outdoors, children love a scavenger hunt. Indoor ones are great fun over Zoom or Facetime with friends or relatives.

<https://www.parents.com/toddlers-preschoolers/everything-kids/outdoor-fun-free-nature-scavenger-hunts-and-treasure-hunt/>

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/g32050844/scavenger-hunt-ideas-for-kids/>

Museums and Galleries

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>

<https://www.horniman.ac.uk/event/from-birth-til-death-scrolled-life-stories/> Explore and try out some fun activities.

South London Gallery in collaboration with Theatre Peckham - Imagine and Play (suitable for ages 0-5 but can be adapted for older children) Amari

Harris https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLk7Qkq_i6V4qawnxxS0bShSuAZyxeg2HF

There is still time to create and submit artworks for the RA Young Artists' competition:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

The National Portrait Gallery's 'Playful Portraits' activity book for families:

https://www.npg.org.uk/assets/files/pdf/learning/NPG_activity_book_playful_portraits.pdf

Outdoor Activities

The National Trust have some suggestions for enjoying time outdoors:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/february-half-term-for-all-the-family>

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/50-things-to-do-before-youre-11--activity-list>

Southwark Libraries

Bookable family events <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/southwark-libraries-31301049255>

You can also look on Google Classroom for new activities, or to catch up on some fun lessons that you couldn't fit in this half term.

Useful Links from Previous Weeks

Covid Vaccination Information

As you will know the national Covid vaccination programme for adults is well underway. If you have questions or concerns about the vaccination this link provides helpful information:

<http://selondonccg.nhs.uk/what-we-do/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine>

There is also a parent line text service which you can use to find answers to your questions which you can access using this link:

<https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/our-services/community/school-nursing-service/parentline.aspx>

Community Southwark are recruiting ambassadors to help to share information about Covid, testing and vaccinations in their community. If you feel this is something you could help with you can find out more at:

<https://www.communitysouthwark.org/community-health-ambassadors-network>

Free Wifi

Below are some links which you can use to access free wifi to support children's online learning. We also have a limited number of free wifi codes to give out ourselves, so please email the office if you need one.

<https://www.ispreview.co.uk/index.php/2021/01/hyeroptic-gifts-free-fibre-broadband-to-disadvantaged-uk-kids.html>

<https://www.thinkbroadband.com/news/8906-free-50-mbps-full-fibre-from-community-fibre-to-help-with-home-schooling>

Word of The Week

The word of the week after half term is **anticipate/anticipation**. Please help your child to find out the meaning and origin of the word and to use it as much as possible at home!

Teachers will be looking out for it in children's writing in the week after half term and it will be discussed in Zoom meetings or in class.

The words of the week this half term have been; **indignant, bewildered, unanimous, endeavor and disguised**. Don't forget to keep using them as well as adding the new word of the week to your vocabulary each week!

Thank you for helping us to get through a very challenging half term with all of your positivity and support of Bessemer and of your children's home learning. We are all incredibly proud to be part of the Bessemer community. We wish you all a healthy and restful half term.

Elizabeth