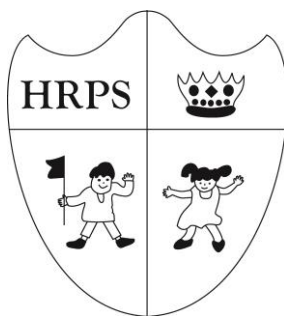


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World Book Day, 4 March 2021

This year we are planning a 'dress a potato as a book character' activity for both our 'in school' and 'at home' learners. Children will also be welcome to dress as any well-known book character for the day. Further information will go out in a letter from Mrs Bonney nearer the time.

Masks

A gentle reminder that parents need to wear masks while on the school campus at the current time. When there is any relaxation of this rule I will let everyone know in the school newsletter.

School Uniform

Please note that children working in school need to wear full school uniform including appropriate school shoes. Trainers are not allowed unless it is the class's scheduled PE day.

History virtual visits during half term

As per my recent letter during half term we will be encouraging parents to make use of the many virtual visits available from our local and national museums. History is a highly engaging and immersive subject for young children. It tells the story of people in the past and this is often best shared by national experts who are employed by the various museums available to us.

We have listed various topics studied and museums that could support with these topics below.

Topics	Museum
Great Fire of London	The Museum of London Great Fire of London Exhibition
The Romans in Britain	Meet a Roman Merchant The Museum of London The British Museum Virtual Tours
Egyptians	The British Museum Take a virtual tour of some of the Egyptian galleries.
Travel and Transport	London Transport Museum National Motor Museum, Bealieu RAF Museum Hendon De Havilland Museum, London Colney
Castles	English Heritage Castles (Various)
Romans	The British Museum Verulamium Museum, St Albans
Greeks	The British Museum



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	Take a virtual tour
Shang Dynasty	The British Museum Take a virtual tour
Bronze Age Iron Age Stone Age	The Museum of London The Havering Hoard Journey of Discovery The British Museum
Anglo Saxons	The British Museum Sutton Hoo National Trust Website
Mary Seacole	Meet Mary Seacole The Museum of London
Florence Nightingale	Florence Nightingale Museum In the footsteps of Florence Nightingale National Army Museum
World War Two	The National Army Museum The RAF Museum Hendon The Imperial War Museum Extensive home learning hub

Children will be asked for feedback after half term via google classroom or at school, about which museums they have 'visited.'

We have now also arranged 'virtual visits' with the British Museum for all KS2 classes. A separate letter from Miss Naisby will go out with further details of these nearer the time.

Please see the letter from Sue Harrison – Director of Children Services posted on the school website under letters home.

I hope parents and pupils enjoy the half term break taking time to explore the local parks and wildlife as well as the museum websites listed earlier.

Yours sincerely

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