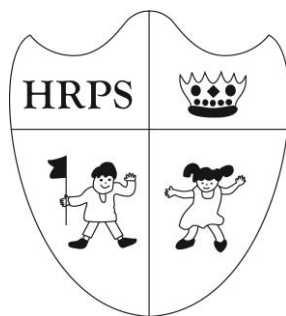


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Dear Parents and Carers

Miss Naisby and I wanted to share with you all the details of our virtual visits fortnight.

Virtual Museum Visits

It has always been our intention to significantly raise the number and range of museum visits and trips our children take part in at our school. This is currently not possible due to the pandemic. However, over the next two weeks (including 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.

At Houghton Regis Primary School we are in a privileged location in terms of being within an easy day trip of our capital city. While we have future plans to explore in person many of the museums and other attractions the capital has to offer, for the moment we will be encouraging families to make some virtual visits. Ideally, these visits will be an opportunity to either revise topics learnt this academic year and support deeper understanding and retention of long term knowledge or as a preview of new topics coming up soon. We are currently updating the school website to share all the History topics taught at our school as well as outlining the skills and knowledge progression from Nursery to Year 6.

Today our KS1 'in school' pupils enjoyed a virtual tour of The Great Fire of London exhibition at The Museum of London. Our Year 3 and 4 'in school' pupils enjoyed a Roman Merchant session led by the same museum. This week Years 5 and 6 will be using the British Museums' 'virtual gallery' tool to embed their knowledge of the Ancient Greeks. We are encouraging all children who have studied these topic in the last couple of years to access this. This feature can also be used to look at the Egyptian, Iron Age/Bronze Age, Romans and Anglo Saxon galleries. The videos and virtual tours are available on the museums' websites.

We have also 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 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 will also be arranging some 'virtual visits' with the British Museum and other providers with gallery curators during the remainder of this academic year.

Yours sincerely

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