**20/4/20**

**Hi everyone,**

**I hope that you all managed to enjoy some of the nice weather that we’ve had over the last couple of weeks!**

**As I’m sure that you’re aware, we are in lockdown conditions for a further 3 weeks at least and so our children’s education is going to be further disrupted. This has been recognised by the government who have backed a group called Oak National Academy to prepare and deliver a series of lessons that are available for free from today to all who require them. Lessons range from Reception to Y10. I have gone through the lessons for today for years 5 and 6. They have been well put together at short notice and are easy to use. Each lesson consists of a video delivered by a teacher who explains a concept and invites children to complete tasks (on paper) based on the concept. Each day will have a Maths lesson, an English lesson and a foundation subject lesson – today’s foundation subject is History. Though they are user-friendly, I would strongly suggest that, where possible, an adult is on hand to assist particularly with the History lessons. I would also suggest following the ‘schedule’ as each lesson builds on the previous work.**

**A few notes on some of today’s lessons:**

**Y6 History – There is a video that depicts the assassination of Franz Ferdinand through animation and some actual footage of a soldier carrying an injured comrade. I would advise watching it prior to your child just to make sure that you are happy with the content.**

**Y6 Maths – For Q5 of the ‘end of lesson quiz’, simply answer ‘agree’ or ‘disagree’ on screen.**

**Y5 History – I couldn’t access the quizzes but I’m sure that this will be rectified.**

**Y3 History – Miss Gillard suggests that children use a dictionary (with support) to check some of the key vocabulary at the beginning of the lesson.**

**The BBC has also published a series of lessons today on Bitesize called ‘Daily Lessons’. Again, these are user-friendly and of a high quality.**

**White Rose Maths also have some lessons with resources in a format that children will be familiar with.**

**These are no substitute for a genuine class-based learning scenario but are a very good alternative given the current situation.**

**I will forgo publishing Education City work this week so that you and your children can try these new platforms without overwhelming the children.**

**If you decide that you would like myself and the other teachers to continue publishing Education City work in the future then we will, of course, be happy to.**

**Please let us know your thoughts via the school email address.**

**Take care of yourselves. We’re all in this together.**

**Thanks,**

**Mr B 😊**

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