

River Mead School



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Our school latest news: <http://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/news-dates/latest-news>

Our Twitter feed: [@TweetRiverMead](https://twitter.com/TweetRiverMead)

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STAY AT HOME 

**PROTECT
THE NHS**

 **save
lives**

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very busy week of thinking and planning for me, so whilst I navigate all of the guidance that has been issued this week, for now we continue as we have been, nothing has changed. I must reiterate that I take the safety and wellbeing of your children, our families and staff very seriously and any expansion on our current offer will be done so in a careful, planned and considered way.

We are currently planning for the return of the year groups designated by the government however this will only take place if it is safe and we have enough staff. We have asked these parents via an online survey if they intend to send their children back to school, to enable us to plan appropriately.

We will continue to support your home learning online and should you require additional paper learning packs these will be available (weather permitting) outside of the school building where you can collect them safely, considering social distancing measures.

I feel having seen increased numbers of people out and about that it is important to remind you that the rules for social distancing REMAIN IN PLACE, you should NOT invite people to your home. If meeting in a public space you should still be socially distancing, please do not compromise the success we have had in Wiltshire at keeping us all safe. It is important that whenever possible we continue to stay at home and stay safe – this strategy has been successful and supported the NHS and others to help us all.

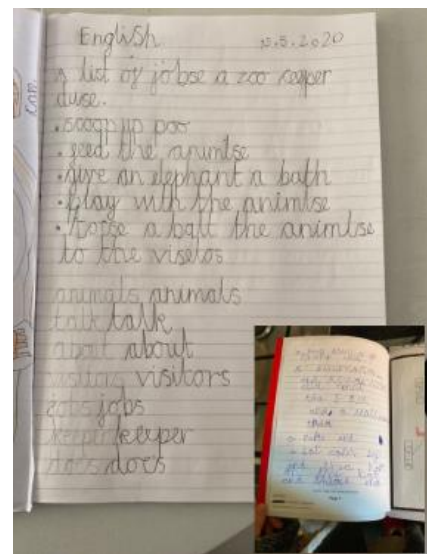
Stay safe everyone!

Best Wishes

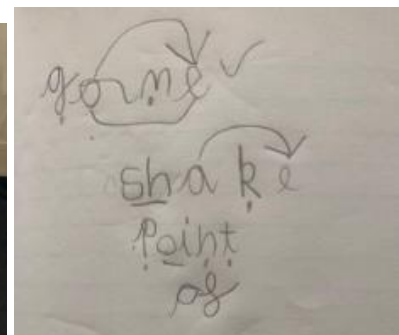
Mrs Karen Austin

Year 1 in- focus!

This week we are celebrating some of the amazing home learning from Year 1. Please remember the expectation is that you only do what you can all manage. If you have extra activities, or are working on paper or in books that is all ok! If you add in some extra physical activity or you have a baking or making session, or you snuggle on the sofa together for a film they are just as important for your well-being! We are proud of everything you do ☺.



Murdoch chose to think about the environment a python would like to live in... we did some research in some animal books and online, then he designed his environment. He also wanted to draw the python's skin pattern. Tomorrow we are going to make it in 3D!



HALF TERM



Please note we will NOT be uploading work for your children in half term.

Your children have all worked really hard and they need a learning break!

The teaching staff will be working to prepare the school ready to expand our offer to further children, as well as our existing 'Priority Children'.

You can still access links and ideas here;
<https://www.themeadtrust.org/learning/curriculum/home-learning/>

Star of the week

We will continue to celebrate 'Star of the Week', teachers are looking at your online learning and the other super activities you are doing and for those children who are still with us, your work and activities in school too!

This week we are celebrating;

- **Otters** – Thea
- **Magpies** – Jack
- **Frogs** – Lillie
- **Hérons** – Jak P
- **Kestrels** – Jasmine
- **Badgers** – Michael H
- **Buzzards** – Rhianna
- **In-school** – Martha

Remember to celebrate at home and make it special!



We know this is a difficult time for many and through our Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub we are working hard to ensure the most vulnerable in our community get the support they need.

If you need support, or know someone who does, the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub can be contacted on 0300 003 4576 or by email at wellbeinghub@wiltshire.co.uk

The hub is open Monday to Friday, 8am – 8pm and weekends, 10am – 4pm.
So far, we have contacted more than 8,000 people and delivered more than 600 food parcels, so please get in touch if you need to.



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No one should feel unsafe in their own home –

If you're a victim of domestic abuse help is available 24/7

Spiltz – 01225 775276 (weekdays)
Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service – out of hours call 01793 610 610

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