

Abacus Primary School News

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I hope you are all keeping well in these challenging times. I am going to continue with our weekly newsletter and hope that it will help to keep us all feeling part of the Abacus Primary School community.

We have added more suggested learning opportunities to our home learning page on our school website www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk.

We are continuing to use our text system to communicate with you. It's been wonderful to hear about all the things that you have all been doing this week. Next week, we will be setting up class email accounts. These will be used only whilst the school is closed and will be closed once the school reopens.

We will inform you once these accounts are up and running.

The children in Foundation are continuing to use their Tapestry accounts...I've enjoyed looking at your rainbow pictures this week.

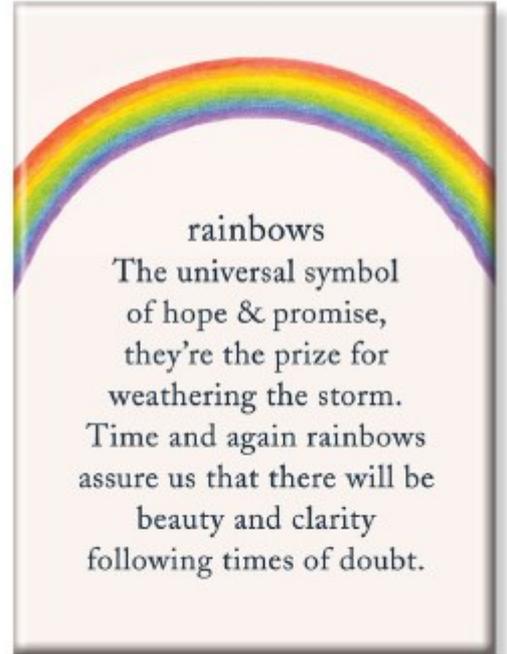
Our school Facebook page will be being used to set weekly challenges. Our account does not allow for you to post photos so if you want to take part in these challenges then please post your entries/photos to abacuschallenge@abacus.essex.sch.uk and we will post these on our Facebook page for our whole school community to see.

We have ordered an outdoor post-box which will be fixed to our exterior gates. This can be used for children/ families to post letters as they are going on their family walk. It would be lovely to receive some handwritten letters from you all. I'll check the box everyday.



This week we have been trying to spread positivity around The Wick by decorating our windows with rainbows and love hearts...we hope they have made you smile as you have walked past the school. We have a number of P.E. bags that were left in classrooms. These will be left outside for people to collect from Monday.

Please take care and we look forward to seeing you all really soon.



Mrs Blakeley

Learning at Home opportunity



Learning from Home

Use the ideas below, alongside this week's resource, to support your home learning.

We often talk about positive and negative feelings, but we also have positive and negative numbers! Explore positive and negative numbers. Perhaps you could look at the temperature, count up or down through zero or if you like a challenge, explore what happens when you + or - negative and positive numbers!

Make a video call to someone you care about. Can you tell them what you have been doing? Can you spread your positivity?



Think about an activity or hobby that makes you feel happy and positive. Can you describe it? Why does it make you happy? Can you tell somebody else about it or show them how to do it?

Research a period in history where communities have had to pull together in difficult times e.g. WWII. Find out when it happened, what happened and what people did to work together and help each other.

Quite often we associate different colours with different emotions. Which do you see as warm colours? Which are cold? Are they angry or happy colours? Which colours are positive? Can you use these positive colours to create a picture? Perhaps you could display it in your window for others to see?

Write a letter to someone in your family or a friend. Tell them what you have been doing. Do you think communicating with the people we love and care about is important in helping to keep us positive?