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Vision Statement

Guided by our Christian Values, we endeavour to inspire, cherish and serve our school community. We strive to be exceptional in all we do. We will nurture a love of all God's children. We seek to build respect for all faiths and beliefs.

'Serve one another in love' (Galatians 5.13)



Mission Statement

Together we value, inspire and develop each other within a happy, safe community based on Christian values and respect for other faiths.

'Show respect to everyone' (Peter 1 2.17)

Dear Parents and Children,



You remain in all of our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We are really looking forward to seeing you all soon, but we need to keep the safety of everyone as a priority. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who have continued to support children's learning from home and well done to the children who have been working hard to complete the home learning tasks. When working online, please remember the importance of keeping safe by following the **SMART** rules. Visit the school website for more 'Online Safety' websites.

The teachers and support staff are very much looking forward to speaking to you again this week. Remember calls are likely to show as **No Caller ID**.

Please make a note of what day your child's teacher will be phoning home.

| 04.05.2020 | 06.05.2020 | 07.05.2020 | 11.05.2020 | 13.05.2020 | 15.05.2020 | 18.05.2020 |
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| 1H, 2Y, 3P, 5B, 6D | EYC, RF, 1P, 4R, 6P | RM, 2Y, 2K, 3J, 4M, 5N | 1H, 2Y, 3P, 5B, 6D | EYC, RF, 1P, 4R, 6D | RM, 2K, 3J, 4M, 5N, 6P | 1H, 2Y, 3P, 5B, 6D |

75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe

May Day Bank Holiday is traditionally held on a Monday, but this year has been moved to Friday 8th May 2020 to commemorate 75 years since Victory in Europe. This was the day in 1945 when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end in Europe. On this day, the nation will pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the entire Second World War generation. As we face some of the most challenging times since the end of the Second World War, now more than ever it is important to unite in recognition of service to the nation, just as communities did 75 years ago. Even though people are staying at home, there are still plenty of events to get involved with. On Friday 8th May 2020, a 2 minute silence will be held at 11am, at 8pm BBC1 are broadcasting an evening of memories and music and at 9pm there will be a UK - wide singalong! The Queen also plans to address the nation. We hope you get involved with some or all of the celebrations.

Resources **FirstNews** the weekly newspaper for young people

First News

It is important during this time that children are provided with reliable news. For a short period only, First News are offering a free digital download of each week's paper. Get yours by following this link: [FIRST NEWS](#)

Maths

Free online maths games suitable for children aged 3-14 are available on the TopMarks website. Click here: [TOPMARKS](#)



Important Information for Parents

We strongly advise all parents/carers to use this time to check if your child/ren are eligible for Free School Meals or Pupil Premium funding. This could mean your child receives funding that can contribute towards school meal vouchers whilst school is closed and when we re-open, the cost of school trips, breakfast club and resources to support their learning in school. To check if your family is eligible, please use the following link and complete the form. <https://mybwd.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/Form%20Pages/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>



VE Day 75 Years Challenge

Research what happened on 8th May 1945. The royal British Legion has produced some resources for KS2 <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/teaching-remembrance>

Once you've completed your research share what you have learnt.

You may wish to;

- Create a poster
- Write a newspaper report
- Write a diary entry
- Act as a news reader from 1945 and film yourself reporting on the news from that day.



Ramadan

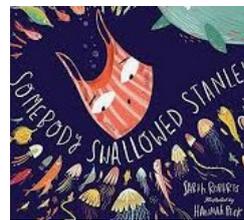
We hope you have a peaceful and blessed Ramadan if you are observing this holy month. Many of the staff were touched by the heartfelt message given to the Muslim community by Prince Charles. If you haven't seen it please find it using the link below. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CRBz1NkFlk>



'Share a Story' Month

May is National Share a Story month for the UK and this year the theme is **The Planet We Share**.

EYFS and KS1



Look at the online story **Somebody Swallowed Stanley** by Sarah Roberts.

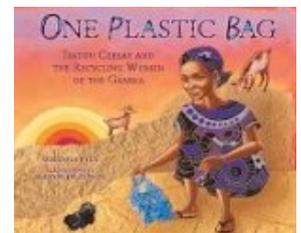
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sF1-ZTRydIM>

Think about what you can do to help look after our planet.

KS2

Look at the online story **One Plastic Bag** by Isatou

Ceesay: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6p04Zph04>



This is based on a true story. Think about the positive impact one person had in improving the place they live. What are you going to do to improve the place that you live?

Do you know of any other stories about our planet? Can you find any?

Worship and Reflection

This week, think about **Patience**. These are difficult times for all of us, but if we are patient things will soon return to normal.

Dear God,

Thank you for always showing me your love by being patient with me.

Please help me to be patient with those that I love during this challenging time.

Amen

