

Wednesday 1st April

Good morning children of Squirrel, Hedgehog and Rabbit class,

Welcome to the start of a new month and to “Wonderful Wednesday”! Thank you for continuing to send us lovely photos and/or messages about your home learning. We can see you are really having a go to learn new things. You’re working hard and persevering with all the challenges we’ve given you. You are so creative too - you’re amazing! Keep going - just today to get through and then it’s the SCHOOL HOLIDAY! Did you know it’s actually the last day of the Spring Term today?

For the last day of term, we would like you to join your Year 2 teachers in wearing something silly whilst you do your home learning today. It could be a fancy-dress costume, a funky hat, or even a pair of trousers on your head! It is sure to get you and your family giggling (maybe you could get them involved too...!). Please send us a photo. We will send you a picture of us too, if you promise not to laugh too much!!

Please see the “Wednesday” column on your home learning grid for today’s Maths and English learning. Here are some reminders and tips to help you:

English

- Today we would like you to **design** and **write** a **postcard**.
- On the back of the postcard you will write a message to a friend telling them what you have been doing in the last few days. We know some of you have already been sending letters and emails to each other, so perhaps choose a friend who’s at another school or even a relative to write to.
- On the front of the postcard you can draw some pictures to show something you have enjoyed doing. The more detailed your drawing is, the better. You can colour it in neatly too. Maybe you could split the front of your postcard into four rectangles (you’ll need a ruler to do this) and draw a different picture in each.
- Send your postcard to your friend, if you can. We were going to suggest you deliver the postcard yourself, but as we’re supposed to stay at home, is there another way that you can think of for getting the postcard to your friend? Let us know if you have any ideas.

Maths

- Today’s challenge is all about **MONEY**.

1. Make 50p from silver coins. You can use 5p coins, 10p coins, 20p coins and a 50p coin. See if you can find all the ways to make 50p (Clue: there are 13!)

You can use real coins or toy money to help you. In your books, you can draw the coins if it helps you. You can even write the ways as number sentences.

I always find it helps to work logically which means I would start with the highest value coin. Then I would exchange it for some lower value coins, and work with those. Then I would exchange those coins for lower value coins and so on. My last way would be using all the lowest value coins together.

- Which way uses the **least** coins? How many coins do you need for this?
 - Which way uses the **most** coins? How many coins do you need for this?
- **If this is too tricky** then try making **20p with silver coins**. You can use 5p coins, 10p coins and a 20p coin. See if you can find all the ways.
- **An Extra Challenge: Make 1 pound with 10p, 20p and 50p coins.** How many ways can you find? Can you do it in order from least coins to most coins?

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE REMEMBER if you do use real coins, make sure you wash your hands really well afterwards, as coins are not clean!

Reading

Read one of the books you bought home from school, or one of your own. Answer some questions to show your understanding. What was your favourite part? Why? Remember, to refer to the text to support your answers.

Please then select a couple of the **'Topic'** activities to complete this afternoon.

Good morning Parents

As this "week" has only been 3 days, we are not expecting ALL the topic learning to be completed. Please just let the children choose a couple to complete today. If they do not get something finished, they can always come back to it over the holiday, if they (and you) want them to. We also want to say a huge THANK YOU for everything you have done to support your child's learning. We know they couldn't have done any of it without your hard work too.

If you can, please send us a quick email using the class email below, to let us know how you got on. This can be photos or a quick message. You can also contact us within school hours with any questions - we are here to help!

Hedgehog class - hedgehogclass@st-james.kent.sch.uk

Rabbit class - rabbitclass@st-james.kent.sch.uk

Squirrel class - squirrelclass@st-james.kent.sch.uk

Warmest wishes from,

Mrs Belfield, Mrs Hockney, Mrs Dennett, Mrs King and Mrs Simpson