**Family resources 31/03/20**

One week in and children and parents are settling down to life at home. There are so many resources and ideas out there it can feel overwhelming. Remember there is no pressure to be the most amazing teacher; if you have only managed 10 minutes of actual work and the kids have spent the rest of the day watching Netflix, you are probably doing a fantastic ‘good enough’ job.

Here are some ideas kids might enjoy over the coming week:

**A virtual day at a zoo or museum.**

* **Chester Zoo** <https://www.facebook.com/chesterzoo1/>

 has some great live virtual tours on their Facebook page that are really engaging. This could inspire making a fact file or craft about an endangered animal, or just watch for the enjoyment of seeing the animals up close.

**The National Marine Aquarium** <https://www.facebook.com/NationalMarineAquarium/>

has similar live videos of keepers feeding the sharks and other marine life. On Tuesdays they are posting craft ideas for toddlers e.g. making a hand jellyfish.

* **The Pitt Rivers Museum** in Oxford has an amazing 3D virtual view. <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=ns3yCKpUzSq&help=1&fbclid=IwAR3dTA7hm__VKFxCQ_WW70wsLAsBPfjOFqqYjOSa0oDj0TnoCKkrlZcJ7hE> It’s amazing to just look around or maybe create a challenge to find a certain object.
* **Try a scavenger hunt in an egg box**. We made a grid of 6 things to find and hunted for them outside. The woodland trust have some ready-made hunts available to print on their website. <http://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activitymenu/?cat=scavenger>
* **Cookery.** A big hit for our kids was making a packet of crisps from scratch. We sliced some potatoes thinly, then put them in a zip lock bag with some salt, vinegar and olive oil. While they were baking in the oven, they designed and made a packet complete with ‘traffic light’ guidance.
* **Story telling.** Michael Loader is doing stories live on Monday and Friday mornings on his Facebook page Somerset Story Fest <https://www.facebook.com/Somerset-Storyfest-428942520456383/>. His show ‘Dylan’s Invisible Friend’ was fantastic last year at Priddy Folk Festival and his stories are lovely for all ages.

**Teddy spotting**. A lovely idea has been to **put teddies in your windows** for children to count as people do their daily exercise around the village. Why not put a cuddly character out for people to spot?

 **Gardening**

As there has been lots of interest in gardening, especially growing your own vegetables, I have started a Facebook page for people in the village to share seeds and plants they might have to swap and any useful advice and tips. Here is the link if anyone would like to join. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2540150712868063/>

As **brown garden waste bins are no longer being collected**, this could also be a space for anyone needing help/advice with home composting. Please get in touch if you think you could be a ‘compost buddy’ or if you need help taking up composting!

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