



20th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you, your families and your friends are all well and life feels manageable.

It was lovely to chat to lots of you and your children over the last couple of weeks, when we called. If we didn't manage to catch you, we will try again this week, so please look out for our call (it will be from a private/unknown number). Lots of you said how much you miss that daily contact with the school community, and we feel the same.

You will have now received an email from Mr Choueke about the new Reception email address reception@coleridgeprimary.net. The children are able to use this to communicate with us, tell us their news and send us any photos of things they've been doing at home, and we will reply to them as soon as possible.

We've prepared another Learning at Home sheet for this week; as always, please use this however you feel best for you family. We also still encourage you to allow your child plenty of time to play, and to read stories with them every day. As we said before, with more formal activities, short bursts are best at this age, and real-life, purposeful learning opportunities have the most impact: writing emails to their teacher and notes to their friends; counting items in the kitchen – how many oranges in the fruit bowl? How many will be left if they eat one? How many more should we buy to make 10? etc.

Here are a few websites you and your child might enjoy this week:

- Identify birds from your daily walk by their song <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/bird-songs/what-bird-is-that/>
- Check out some incredible ocean creatures: <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cam>
- Go back in time at The British Museum <https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>

Please find a letter to the children on the next page, for you to read to them.

Warmest wishes,

The Reception team

Headteacher Leon Choueke

Letter to the children

Hello Reception!

We all really enjoyed the sunshine over the last two weeks, on our daily walk and coming in through our windows. We hope you managed to spend some time in the sunshine too.

It was lovely to chat to some of you on the phone – if we didn't manage to speak to you we will call again this week. Thank you to any of you who have sent us emails and photos of some of the things you've been doing. There is now a new, special email address you can use to send us messages, so ask someone at home to help you email us. You can send us photos and tell us what you've been doing and we will write back to you as soon as we can (don't worry if we don't reply straight away as we might have lots of emails to reply to).

We've thought of a few new activities for you to try at home. There's a project you can start all about Spring, a game to make, and a scientific experiment to try to make your own crystals! We really hope you enjoy having a go at these, as well as all the other things you're doing. We hope you're also doing lots of playing, reading, drawing, junk modelling, lego, singing, dancing, and all the other things you enjoy.

Carry on being kind and helpful to everyone in your family, as we are sure you are doing. We miss you lots and can't wait until we can go back to school and see you all again.

Love from

All of the Reception teachers and teaching assistants.

Headteacher Leon Choueke