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Dear parents and carers,

Hurray, half term has arrived! After all the hard work, emotional ups and downs, and stresses of the past six weeks we're sure you are ready for a well earned break - we certainly are!

We hope you have a restful, fun and safe half term and feel refreshed and ready to tackle what ever adventures 'tomorrow' brings!

The past few weeks have been incredibly trying for everyone; children, families and staff alike, so we would like to take a moment to acknowledge the long term importance of everyone's hard work.

We hope that all of you who have worked with us to ensure your children continue to learn during lockdown now have a much more comprehensive understanding of what your child does at school, how their teacher supports them and what learning means to them. This insight into your child's learning may not have come easily but it is invaluable and we want to reassure you that everything you have done over the past weeks will benefit them and their learning in the future!

Your hard work and commitment, struggles and difficulties are all valued and appreciated by us and will, in the long term ensure the mental, emotional and educational health of your children! **Thank You!**

Au revoir & Welcome!



Mrs bloom (Chestnuts Class) starts her maternity leave at half term so we wanted to wish her and her family all the very best over the coming weeks. Enjoy this precious time and we look forward to (safely!) meeting your little one. We hope to see you both very soon!

Which means we *welcome* Mr Steve Mynard. He will be taking Chestnuts for remote learning on Thursdays and Fridays and will teach the class on those two days on the eventual return to Croscombe.

Mr Mynard is a highly experienced teacher with a broad range of experience across all the Primary Key Stages but with particular focus on Years 3 and 4. Mr Mynard has been working with the children at Stoke throughout the lockdown and has impressed us with his friendly, dedicated and highly professional approach. We are delighted to welcome him to the Croscombe team!

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Stay Safe!

As lockdown continues during half term please stay safe and look after the health of your family by adhering to the national rules and only going out for permitted activities. Details of these can be found here:

www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home



This doesn't mean however, that half term has to be dull! Here are some great ideas to help make your half term fun!..

Half Term Boredom Busters!

Monday 15th: Home cinema day! Grab some popcorn and treats, close the curtains and cosy up on the sofa with the family for a film fest!



Tuesday 16th: Pancake Day / Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras! What ever you call it, why not get the children to help make pancakes then lay out a selection of fillings (sweet & savoury) so that everyone can 'build their own'! There's recipes and some great ideas for fillings online: www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/top-10-pancake-fillings-sweet-and-savoury

Wednesday 17th: National Random Act of Kindness Day! Do something nice for a loved one, neighbour or your community. Why not write a letter, make a card or craft something to brighten someone's day. Or you could do a litter pick in your neighbourhood (wearing gloves of course!) or leave a bunch of flowers or a home made cake on someone's door step! For more ideas visit the website: www.randomactsofkindness.org



Thursday 18th: Talent Show Day! Get the children to design a stage and a billboard sign and get them practising their best talents in preparation for an evening Talent Show! You could even send out Zoom invitations to grandparents and family members and get the children to host their own online show!

Friday 19th: Bake Off Day! A great one to do with friends! Set a theme such as cupcakes and get all the children's friends cooking together on Zoom. It might get a bit messy but they'll have fun and you get to eat the finished products.



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World Book Day - Thursday 4th March

Coming soon.....Get ready for World Book Day with your 'Window Wanderland' brown envelope.

You will soon receive an envelope containing coloured tissue paper as well as black sugar paper so that you can create your own World Book Day window display.

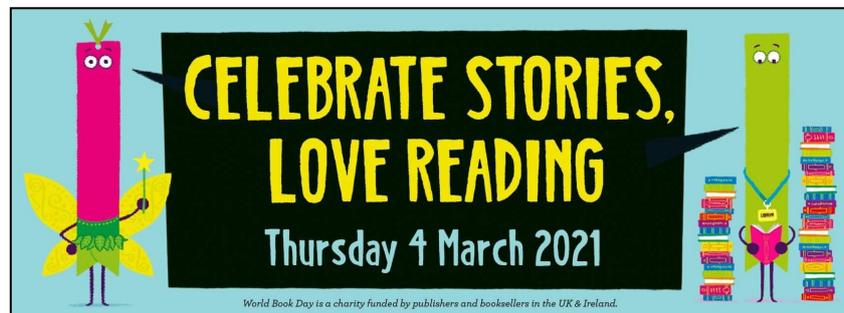
What character will you choose and what will they be doing?

For inspiration on what can be done with these simple materials go to:
www.windowwanderland.com

Remember – you are designing and creating a wonderful picture that represents your favourite book or a book that you know well. If lots of people join in with this, parents and carers can take you on a (socially distanced) evening walking trail where you will see lots of amazing pictures created by all of your friends.

So, look out for your brown envelope and get thinking and designing. World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March so you have plenty of time. You might get together with your family and create together. Be ready to show off your ingenuity and skills on 4th March.

Happy World Book Day preparations! And please send us your wonderful window wanderland photos!



There are so many great activities and fun ideas to try during half term, but whatever you get up to we hope you have a wonderful break and stay happy and healthy until we see you all again on Monday 22nd February.

Have a great week!
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