Welcome to our weekly newsletter which is being sent out to all of our families during the UK shutdown of schools. We hope to share as much positivity, happiness and hope as we can on a weekly basis in what is undoubtedly a difficult time for us all. Within this newsletter we’ll share key messages, great home learning that our children have done and also provide links to new resources we have found.

You can also do your bit to help us too. When your child does some home learning that they are proud of then please take a picture if you can and post it to twitter using the hashtag #TheLearningProjects and your school twitter handle which can be seen below. You can also send the image to Robin Hood Multi Academy Trust using @RobinHoodTrust if you like. We would love to see any learning the children are doing!

@c anders_bh am @RobinHood_bham @UlverleySchool @Yenton_Primary

We hope that The Learning Projects we have provided are working well and that you are finding them useful and manageable. We know it is a daunting task to teach your child at home (especially if you haven’t been trained as a teacher) and so we wanted to keep them as easy to understand as possible for parents/carers. Please rest assured that we are working long hours behind the scenes to investigate other forms of learning and how we can help you at home. In the coming weeks we will share our plans with you. We have created the email address learningprojects@robinhoodmat.co.uk that you can use to get in touch with us if you have any feelings about what we can add to the projects. We will do our best to listen to your comments and take onboard feedback but please remember that the projects need to cater for everyone. In the meantime we have decided that it would be nice if every child who is learning at home receives a personal message from their teacher over the next few weeks to simply say hello and also to hear about the learning taking place - this may be done using Class Dojo (used in some schools) or via phone call. These calls will typically take 2-3 minutes and in most cases will be done by the teacher (unless they are unwell with the virus) in which case another member of staff will phone. In many cases teachers will be phoning from their own phone and so, in order to protect personal information, the call will probably come up as ‘No Caller ID’ on your phone if they are not phoning from a school phone.

We hope that your week has gone as well as it can under the circumstances and know that we are thinking of each and every one of you. Let’s all work together to share some hope and positivity at this time.

Steve Taylor
(Executive HT)
What’s been happening this week?

Rainbows are widely being used across the UK as a symbol of positivity, support and love to all. We would like to ask families and staff to participate in different Positivity Projects which anyone within our MAT community can participate in and beyond.

Each week, we will make a “call to innovate” with a Positivity Project which you and your family can get involved with. Positivity Projects can be sent to robinhoodrainbows@robinhoodmat.co.uk

More information can be found here.

If you are looking for a child friendly explanation of the coronavirus (COVID-19) to share with your children click here.

Do you, as a parent or carer at home with your children during the school shutdown, feel that you need someone to talk to about how you can cope with this challenging time for families? If you do click here for more information.

Useful links to keep your children entertained throughout the lockdown

Paid-for things they’ve made FREE - box sets, audiobooks, fitness classes, wellbeing apps and more...

Some interesting activity links from the WWF
https://www.wwf.org.uk/updates/learn-love-nature?dm_i=38LF%2C10QBQ%2C4O7I91%2C3VLVP%2C1

Clever Chimps Videos - These videos are suitable for Nursery, Rec, Y1 and maybe even Y2?
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