



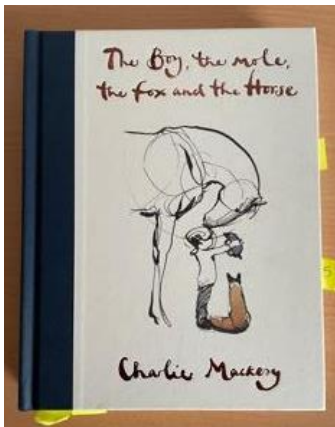
# St. George's CEP Newsletter

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*'Bringing faith and education together'*

## Our value this term is COURAGE

Be strong, be courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the lord your God will be with you wherever you go - Joshua 1:9



I can't quite believe two school weeks have passed. So much seems to have happened that we've all had to quickly adapt to. This week in my Headteacher Worship, which was for Y4-6, we shared parts of my favourite book of the moment 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse.'

This is a beautifully illustrated book with many reflections from the different personalities of the characters; which we can relate to as both children and adults.



The one I read for parents, shown on the picture to the left, was chosen to remind ourselves that every family in our school is in their own unique situation. Our role is to provide continuity for the children's remote education. While this all sounds great it brings other issues - dropped internet connections, lagging (a new term I've got to know well the last ten days), juggling many plates at once and trying to keep them going. Sometimes you need to remind yourselves you're doing a great job! Some days will be better than others and that is the reality so in the words of mole "If at first you don't succeed, have some cake". Taking a break helps - don't feel guilty, it helps clear your mind and recharge your batteries.

Mrs Rye

### Communication

We want to be as consistent as we can with our communication. We'd advise that queries, concerns and support needed regarding your child's class work should be raised directly with the class teacher via Class dojo so they can help you. While they are there for you to offer support please remember that they also need support with well-being so they may not respond immediately, particularly in an evening after 5pm, but they will get back to you. Other concerns can be made through contacting the school office between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday. Thank you for your understanding.



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### **Starters for STEM**

Starters for STEM consists of lots of easy to run activities suitable for children from 4-11. Designed for parents to use at home they help children develop their science, technology, engineering and maths skills. These activities are easy-to-resource and provide children with the stimulus to talk about the world around them. The sheets have been produced weekly since the start of the school closures due to the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK. Activities can be run together with children of different ages and there is no special order that they should be done in. They are designed to be fun for children and easy to run for parents, who can choose to do as many as they wish.

Activities include:

- experimenting with paper aeroplanes
- exploring what you can build with one cup of Lego
- finding out where food in your house has come from
- making a telescope
- observing the moon
- going on a colour walk

These are **optional** for you to choose to do but thought it might help at a time where we are stuck indoors due to the weather and you would like an alternative to screen time. I will attach one each week along with my newsletters starting today!

Some children in school tried one today based upon 'Creatures that live in perpetual darkness'. They had to design a creature that would live in the boot of Mrs Rye's car! I've attached some notes we had for this so if you want to give it a go you're very welcome. What's great is that it is inclusive and can be across the full age range of your family!

### **BIG Cat E-books**

Thanks to the generosity of our school's lovely PTA we have been able to purchase BIG Cat E-books. With libraries being closed and not being able to send reading books home for children, this will allow you to access a selection of reading books suitable for your child to read from home.

Your child's class teacher should've been in touch with your child's individual login details and will have assigned a selection of books to get you started. There was also a parent guide with step-by-step instructions on how you can access this fantastic resource!

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