

10th June 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to inform you that Maplewell Hall School main site will be closed tomorrow for a deep clean. I apologise for the late notice and inconvenience that this will cause. We are following good practice protocols, in line with government guidance. This means that all students in current years 7-11 will need to remain at home tomorrow.

In an effort to support the time at home on Friday 11th June, we are providing below a number of well-being activities that students can access easily. These include household tasks, being kind, reading and watching and learning. These tasks and activities can be used to help keep routines.

Following our routine lateral-flow testing today, there have been a number of positive cases that have been returned. Those people who have tested positive will be required to take a PCR test to confirm whether this is the case or not. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days and returns a negative result, students will be able to return to school. If it is positive, track and trace protocols will be triggered, requiring the person and close contacts to self-isolate for 10 days. Please do let us know if your son or daughter has returned a positive PCR test.

We will contact you as soon as we can to inform you whether your son or daughter will need to self-isolate following any positive PCR tests. We will share information via our website, Weduc and our social media accounts. The admin team and senior leaders will be on site tomorrow to answer any queries that you may have.

From Monday 14th June if your child is required to self-isolate students should access their lessons on Google Classrooms as per their timetable, which will be outlined in a letter. If your child does not have digital or online access at home, please let us know by either phoning the School Office (01509-890237) or an email to the school's IT Network Manager M.Lewin@maplewell.leics.sch.uk.

As an added complication today, our internet and phone lines were down all day. The mobile phone strength, usually patchy at best in Woodhouse Eaves, was particularly poor today. This severely hampered our usual communication methods. We did send text and Weduc messages.

Please accept my apologies if you have not received them in a timely manner. We are investigating why some people received late messages. We are already taking steps to ensure that communication methods are enhanced if such a situation were to happen again.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Brooks', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jason Brooks
Headteacher

Well-being activities



Household



Tasks

Make your bed every day.	Clean your bedroom.	Hang the washing out to dry
Play games with younger/older siblings or family members.	Wash and dry the dishes.	Weed/Water the garden or help mow the grass.
Hoover or sweep the floor.	Cook or help to prepare a meal.	Put on load of washing on



Reading



At school, you read for 40 minutes every day, if you keep this up whilst you are at home, you will learn an extra 1.8 million words this year!

It doesn't matter how you read – you might want to read a whole book, or listen to an audiobook, you might enjoy reading the news online, or reading information about your favourite subject – all reading helps you learn!

Here are some activities you could do at home to support your reading:

Take a break from work - go for a walk around the house or garden and listen to an audiobook . The books are separated into six categories: "Littlest	Start a reading diary; write down what you are reading and any new words you learn!	Share what you are reading on the Tutor Time Reading classroom (code 5vk6ij) to start a discussion and inspire somebody else.
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Listeners, "Elementary," "Tween," "Teen," "Literary Classics" and "Folk & Fairy Tales for All."		
Read aloud to somebody and give the characters different voices!	Draw or create a picture of your favourite character.	Try something new – choose a book at random from your reading list and give it a go!
Write a different ending for the book you are reading.	Tell your tutor all about what you are reading in your weekly phone call.	Imagine the book you are reading is being turned into a film and have a go at acting out your favourite scene.


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 Create and explore

Create a health and safety poster for the kitchen. Include information on personal hygiene and safety.	Continuous line drawing. Draw a member of your household but do not let your pencil leave the paper. Get them to draw you too.	Boost your knowledge of Britain. Do a virtual tour of Buckingham Palace.
Re- design your house on Google Sketch Up.	View a virtual Zoo tour with the tours available for Edinburgh Zoo and Chester Zoo.	Time for some book art. Creates bookmarks with some pictures and quotes of text that made you laugh or really wonder.
	Write a poem of the week.	

Design an album cover that defines you and your personality.		Create homemade instruments with household items.
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Be kind

Make someone a hot drink.	Help clean up, without being asked, help someone out in a practical way.	Ask your parent/Carer/sibling: 'What can I do to help today?'
Give someone a compliment.	Smile and say hello to others when out for a walk.	Write a nice message to someone.
Do activity to amuse a sibling or family member.	Ring and speak to someone (i.e. a friend or family member) who might be feeling lonely.	Say Thank You and Please without fail.



Family



Activities

Practice dicing onions using bridge and claw. Ask someone to take photos of each stage or create a video. Create a resources to show others how to use knives safely and



correctly. Use the diced onions to make dishes such as, spaghetti bolognese, soup, or spicy bean burger. Other recipes ideas can be found on the BBC food website.

Members of your family's older generations, like grandparents, great-aunts, and great-uncles, have many fascinating stories of growing up in different eras. Ask them what life was like in yesteryear and use a voice, or video recorder to capture their tales, voices, and expressions. Then turn the microphone around and encourage older family members to take turns interviewing someone, including yourself.

Use an app like Zoom, Face Time, House Party or equivalent to host/take part in a quiz with family and friends. Plan your questions by research topics on the internet. Common rounds include Music, TV & Film, General Knowledge

Choose an exotic cuisine that your children have not tried, such as Thai or Brazilian. Find the country on a globe or a map, and read a short encyclopaedia or Internet introduction to that nation's culture. Then make a signature dish from that country for lunch or dinner—for example, Pad Thai or Brazilian coxinhas (chicken croquettes).

Do not forget about indoor family activities for cold or rainy days. One idea is baking or cooking together. You can make i.e. scones, piecrusts, biscuits, and pizza. You can follow the entire simple recipe from BBC Food website. When the baking is done, invite a family and enjoy a bite alongside a refreshing drink.

Host a family cinema screening. Discover new films on Netflix, Now TV, Amazon Prime or other streaming services. You can always try to dig out your favourite DVD or Blu-Ray? Make it special by adding popcorn and treats.

If your family misses picnics in the park, you can bring this summertime activity into your backyard instead! Start by preparing a traditional picnic lunch like sandwiches, fruit, and potato chips. Load everything into a basket and bring it to your picnic destination, whether it is a blanket on the lawn or a patio table. You and your family will get fresh air and a dose of vitamin D!

Brush up on the basics of tie-dye. You will enjoy making new shirts, socks, blankets, and pillowcases.

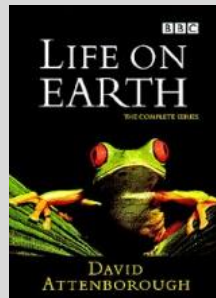
Encourage everyone to get their hands dirty by digging a patch to plant flowers or vegetables in the backyard. Tuck tender seedlings into the ground and watch them grow and blossom.



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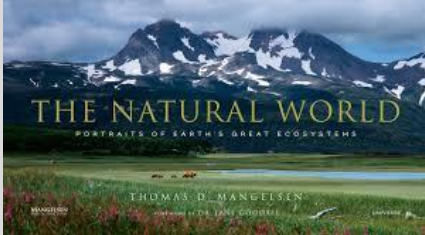
Life on Earth



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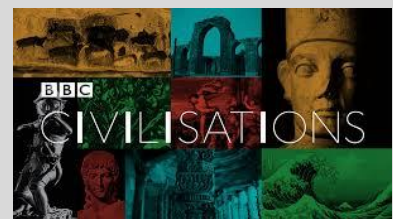
A Journey Through the Universe



The Secret Life of Books

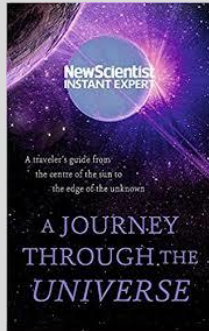


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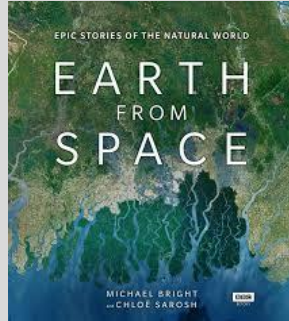




Natural World



Earth from Space



Digging for Britain

