

# Rooks News

May  
2020

The Rookeries J, I & N School  
Carleton Road, Pontefract, WF8 3NP  
Tel: 01977 600368  
Email: [admin@rookeries.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@rookeries.patrust.org.uk)



MISS  
YOU!



All the staff at The Rookeries are missing you and your children immensely. We hope you enjoyed our video and we have really appreciated your messages of support and thanks. In a time of uncertainty and unusual routines your thanks and continued support really do uplift everyone's spirits. Thank you so much to Year 1 and 2 for their wonderful videos.

## Home Learning – stay positive, have fun and laugh together

This is our unwavering message to all parents/carers during this time.

Some useful tips when supporting learning from home:

- On an evening, plan with your child what work you are going to complete the next day so they know what to expect.
- Create your own timetable – let the work fit around your routine.
- **Stay positive, have fun and laugh together** – the work isn't a test, no one will judge how well you've done – enjoy the time working together.
- Make sure you take breaks – enjoy the fresh air and drink plenty of water.

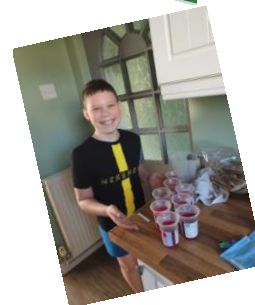
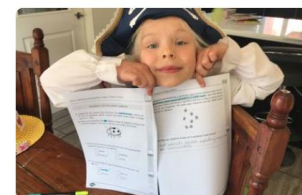
If you are unsure on anything, email school or just google it. Do not worry about things being wrong – school will pick this up once we are back.

If you have any issues with downloading the home learning packs please contact us via the school admin email:

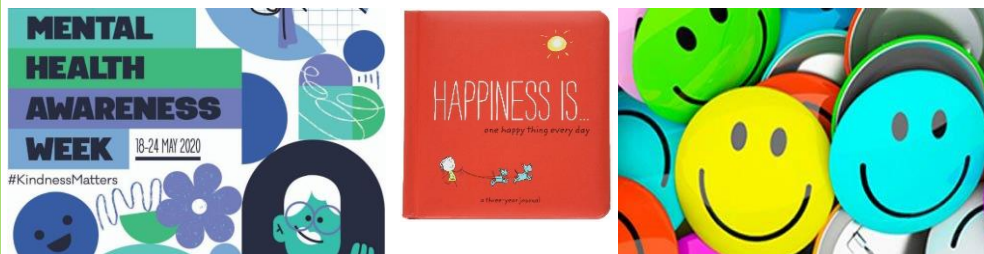
[admin@rookeries.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@rookeries.patrust.org.uk).

## HOME LEARNING

Thank you for sharing your amazing photographs of your children working at home. All the staff have loved seeing the wonderful activities they have been doing at home.



## Mental Health Week 18<sup>th</sup> May – 24<sup>th</sup> May



We will be celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week 18th-24th May this year and the theme is '**Kindness**'. We would normally do some wonderful activities around this in school. Our local CAMHS Primary Team are hoping to create a one off newspaper featuring children's work from all our local schools. We would love for you to get involved and your child's work could be part of a newspaper that is seen by all the schools in Wakefield/Pontefract!

Your child could create a short story/picture/poem/inspirational quote, it's entirely up to them. Some prompts are:

Give an example of kindness you have seen - that could be an act of kindness that somebody else has shown or kindness you have shown to people or something different like nature.

What does the word 'kindness' means to you?

How does kindness make you feel?

Say a big thankyou to someone who has done something special for you.

If you would like to take part, please send your finished pieces of work to your class teacher via dojo by Tuesday 12th May. **THANK YOU!**

### Home Learning Websites to try

We have had some excellent feedback about the websites below.

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn9447h>



## Pastoral Phone Calls

Phone calls from your teachers will continue over the next few weeks – so please stand by your phones in readiness. It has been great to hear how your children are becoming increasingly confident in speaking to their teachers and sharing how they are progressing with their home learning and activities.

The teachers will aim to contact you at some point – if you miss the call, feel free to contact the admin email and let us know a time that is suitable for you, we will do our best to accommodate this.

\*If you have not been contacted – please contact the school's admin address.

Books of the Month

Tabby McTat  
Julia Donaldson  
Axel Scheffler

For children aged 7-11  
DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY  
A Child's Guide to Overcoming Anxiety  
Poppy O'Neill

The SUPER Miraculous Journey of FREDDIE YATES  
Jenny Pearson  
Illustrated by Rob Biddulph

Tabby McTat  
Julia Donaldson

Don't Worry Be Happy  
By Poppy O'Neill

The Super Miraculous Journey of  
Freddie Yates By Jenny Pearson