



EASTER HOLIDAY

PROJECT WORK



At Thameside, we really appreciate all of the hard work that our families and staff are putting into online and home learning.

As we have no idea how long school closures are going to last, we feel that it is very important to provide Thameside children, their families and our staff with their 'Easter holiday'. With everyone's wellbeing in mind, we feel that the next two weeks need to feel different.

Therefore, we are not expecting children to continue with their online learning over the next two weeks. Of course, children can continue to use Purple Mash, Tapestry, Nessy, Sumdog etc if they/you wish but staff will not be giving children feedback comments or setting daily tasks etc during the Easter holiday period (4th April – 19th April).

Instead, year groups and the Rainbow Room have set children Easter project work to complete – see the following pages for more information.

The work/photos/videos should be submitted to your child's class teacher using their class email addresses by Sunday 19th April. Please note that class email addresses have been set up so that Easter Projects can be received but teachers can not email you back. Thameside will celebrate the Easter project work that we are sent at the beginning of the Summer Term.

We would like children to keep reading, so 10 minutes a day would be great!

There is also the Easter Extreme Read competition – details will be on this week's newsletter.

You might also like to try out some of the other ideas on our home learning page:

<https://www.thamesideprimary.co.uk/page/?title=home+Learning+Links&pid=215>

Thank you for your continued support and positivity.

Thameside



Rainbow Room

Upload your projects directly to Seesaw or email your projects to:

senco@thameside.reading.sch.uk

Easter Project: Out of my window...

Activity:

With your child, create a project based on what you can see from a window in your house. You can choose any window and any way to represent it, some examples or ideas are below. You can choose something natural or man-made, and do a whole scene or just one item – entirely up to you!

Ideas include:

- A picture or painting
- Collage / junk model
- A poem
- A piece of descriptive writing
- Standing in front of the window and talking about what you can see

Year FS

RCB: email your projects to
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Easter Project: Make your own bug hotel

Activity:

For your Easter project we'd like you to have a go at designing and making your very own Bug Hotel to create a nice habitat for all of the minibeasts that you've been spotting in your gardens and on your walks! Your bug hotel can look however you'd like, but remember to think about what different minibeasts like – lots of nooks and crannies for them to hide and burrow in! We've included some pictures for inspiration...



How to build a bug hotel



wildlife
watch



You will need:

- Wooden pallets

x4



- Bricks



- Plastic bottles*



- Bamboo canes



- Straw



- Leaves



- Tiles



- Cardboard



- Stones/pebbles

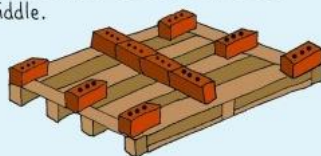


- Twigs/loose bark

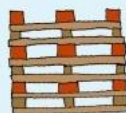


*Use old plastic bottles for this, and always recycle after use.

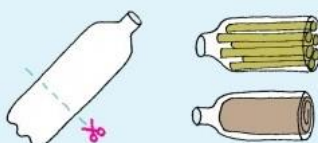
- 1 Place a wooden pallet in your chosen location. On top of the pallet, line bricks around the corners and across the middle.



- 2 Place your next pallet on top of this and repeat the process for all of your pallets.



- 3 Cut off the top two-thirds of your bottles. Fill up half of them with bamboo canes/plastic straws and the other half with rolled up cardboard. Place these inside the hotel.



- 4 Fill in the remaining spaces with bricks, leaves, pebbles, stones, tiles, loose bark and straw.



- 5 Add in any extra materials that you want to recycle e.g. old pipes, carpeting, toilet tubes, old plant pots. Be creative – add a welcome sign or give your hotel a name!





Extension ideas:

You could even give your bug hotel a funny name! We can't wait to see what you come up with 😊

Extension: Can you make a tally chart of which minibeasts come to visit your bug hotel?

Extension: Can you find out about and draw the lifecycle of one of the creatures that comes to visit your bug hotel or garden? e.g. a butterfly or a frog.

Suggested resources:

- plastic bottles cut in half to make tubes
- bamboo sticks
- bark
- twigs, leaves, grass and any other natural materials you find in your garden
- soil
- stones and rocks
- plant pots

Year 1

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Easter Project: To invent your own game

Success criteria:

- I can design a game
- I can make the game
- I can write out instructions for my game
- I can play my game
- I can teach my game to others

Activity:

We would like you to see if you can invent your own game. It might be a board game, an active game, a mind game...the list is endless and we are looking forward to seeing photos of all your games, hopefully being enjoyed by all your family!

Suggested outcomes:

- A creative marble run
- An obstacle course with objects from around the house
- A board game based on one you already have but adapted for something you like (ie star wars monopoly)
- A game to teach people all about nature

Suggested resources:

- Recycling waste / junk modelling
- Socks rolled into balls
- Paper
- Card
- Dice – make your own or use one from a game you already have

Year 2

YLD: email your projects to
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YLE: email your projects to
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Easter Project: To make an Easter bonnet/hat

Activity:

We would like you to design and make your own Easter hat/bonnet. As inspiration, you may wish to research the history and traditions of Easter bonnets, or find out about different types of Springtime flowers.

Suggested resources:

We do NOT expect you to buy things to make this; the focus is on being creative with what you already have! Think about how you can recycle materials currently in your home to create your bonnet. Here are some photos to inspire you.



Years 3 and 4

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Easter Project: The Unusual Easter Egg Challenge!

Activity:

Put your creative hats on and design and make the most unique and extraordinary Easter Egg that has ever existed! It could be enormous, it could be tiny... it could be fluffy, it could be squishy... it could be hexagonal, it could be square. You can use any materials that you can find to create your masterpiece! Take a photo with your egg and email it into us.

Most importantly, have fun!



Year 5

BFM: email your projects to
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Easter Project: The Staying Fit & Healthy Challenge!

Success criteria:

- Think about how you are staying fit and healthy while remaining at home.
- Consider how you could share what you are doing to stay fit.
- Create an exercise routine that people could follow at home.

Activity:

Your task is to think about how you are staying fit at home. What activities are you doing to keep you moving? We would like you to create a video or poster showing a routine that could be done by others. You could do a dance, a routine on the trampoline, some yoga poses or work on your football skills. There are lots of possibilities and these are just a few suggestions.

Suggested outcomes:

- Make a video of your routine that others could follow.
- Make a poster showing what you would like people to do.
- Write instructions on how to stay fit and healthy while at home.
- Take photos of you exercising with captions describing what you are doing.

Suggested resources:

- Video recorder
- Camera
- Pens/pencils
- Paper

Year 6

BKE: email your projects to
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BIG: email your projects to
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Easter Project: Share a skill or talent!

Activity:

Please video or photograph yourself show casing a new or existing skill or talent that you have learnt or practiced over the Easter holidays.

It could be a sports trick, a story you have written, a painting, dance routine, etc....

Your photos/videos should show how you planned, practised & mastered this new skill.

We can't wait to see how talented you all are 🍷

