

# Greenfields

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## NEWSLETTER ~ 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY

There will be no Home Learning tomorrow and school will be closed, as no childcare is required by critical key workers.



### HOME LEARNING

Week 6 Home Learning packs will be available on Seesaw or the school website on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May:

<http://www.greenfieldsprimary.co.uk/homework-help/>



As usual, staff are available between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm every school day to respond to any questions or give advice about any of the work. If you need any help, just email: [homelearning@greenfieldsprimary.org.uk](mailto:homelearning@greenfieldsprimary.org.uk).

### REMINDER ABOUT VE DAY SINGALONG

Many of the events to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day have had to be postponed or cancelled due to the current Coronavirus lockdown. However, as we face some of the most challenging times since the end of the Second World War, now more than ever, it is important to come together and unite.

The Royal British Legion has invited everyone to join them at 9:00 p.m. tomorrow for a UK-wide rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

They are hoping that as many people as possible will take part in this national thanksgiving and celebration, in honour of our Second World War generation.

BBC One will be featuring the sing-a-long as part of their VE Day broadcast.



Remembrance

### VE Day Singalong

Join us at 9pm on Friday 8 May for a UK-wide rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.



<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/stories/ve-day-singalong>

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

While school is closed, every week in the newsletter, we will be including something from the news that the children might like to find out more about and talk about at home.

This week's question is: **What makes some toys more popular than others?**



The toy world is in the grip of a llama obsession as the woolly South American animals become the new industry sensation! At the American International Toy Fair in New York in February, there were llamas everywhere! Knitted, plush and sequined, small and large; llamas on mobile phone cases and swimming pool floats, llama diaries, puzzles and even backpacks.

Design and make a toy! Decide what you could make, using items you already have at home e.g. pencil puppets, a shoebox house, a sock soft toy. Be creative! Once you have decided, plan your design carefully: name of your toy, draw a labelled picture of your design, make a list of resources and equipment you will need, think about how you will make it.

Choose five toys and ask people in your home and/or some of your friends or family to select their favourite. The more people you can ask, the better! Once you have your data, can you display it in a bar chart?



Interview an adult member of your family to find out if the toys they play with have changed over time and why. Jot down some of the questions you might ask before you begin your interview.

Create your very own toy shop! You could use toys you have in your home. Decide how much each will cost and put price tags on them and create a price list. See if someone in your home will come and play in your toy shop!

Research toys from the past and compare with toys we have now. Discuss differences and similarities.

Describe your favourite toy. Think about what it looks and feels like, when and where you got it, how it works or how you use it to play and why it is your favourite toy. Make sure you include a picture of it too!

## LOVE READING!

BorrowBox is an app that allows you to borrow library books online - absolutely free! There are thousands of books and audio books to explore and enjoy for all the family. All you need is a library card and if you aren't a member of a library, follow this link:

<https://my.northtyndeside.gov.uk/category/1009/join-library>



Then, once you've completed the online joining form, you'll have access to the BorrowBox library.

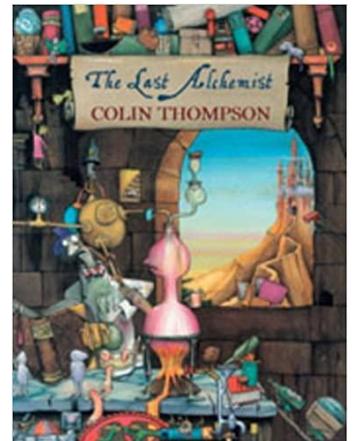
Here are this week's reading recommendations . . . from the children:



"I am reading 'Wonder' by JC Palacio at the moment. I really like it because it encourages people who might not feel confident to do things like starting a new school. It shows us that anyone can do anything as long as they believe in themselves. It also shows how important it is to be kind and not judge people on their looks."

. . . and from the staff:

"I really love 'The last alchemist' by Colin Thompson. The book is all about a king who is desperate to make gold. Every alchemist he turns to fails, until one day his latest recruit Spinifex promises the king riches beyond his wildest dreams. As time ticks on Spinifex becomes obsessed, he even tears rings from people's fingers. Then, as the Millennium approaches, Spinifex constructs his last great experiment - a huge machine stretching up from the cellar through the castle to the roof. However, the great gold-making machine only succeeds in destroying its creator, leaving just one tiny nugget of gold. Then, gold of another kind rains over the castle - sunlight rains down on the kingdom and banishes darkness and gloom forever. I bought this book from the book fair with my pocket money when I was at primary school myself and I've read it to every class I've taught. The illustrations are amazing and tell a story even without the words."



## DESIGN A BOOK MARK



Children can take part in the Create a National Book Token Design competition while they're learning from home. One child's design will be chosen to put on a National Book Tokens gift card every week for seven weeks.

When schools open up again for all children, the winning designers and their classmates will each receive a £10 National Book Token featuring the winning artwork to spend at their local bookshop.

To find out more go to: <http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/create>



## REMINDER ABOUT 12<sup>th</sup> MAY DIARY PROJECT

2020 is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 12<sup>th</sup> May Diary Project and the Mass Observation Archive are repeating its annual call for one-day diaries, capturing the everyday lives of people across the UK. The written diaries will be stored in the Archive at The Keep and be used by a wide range of people for research, teaching and learning.



In 1937 Mass Observation called for people from all parts of the UK to record everything they did from when they woke up in the morning to when they went to sleep at night on 12<sup>th</sup> May. This was the day of George VI's Coronation. The resulting diaries provide a wonderful glimpse into the everyday lives of people across Britain and have become an invaluable resource for those researching countless aspects of the era.

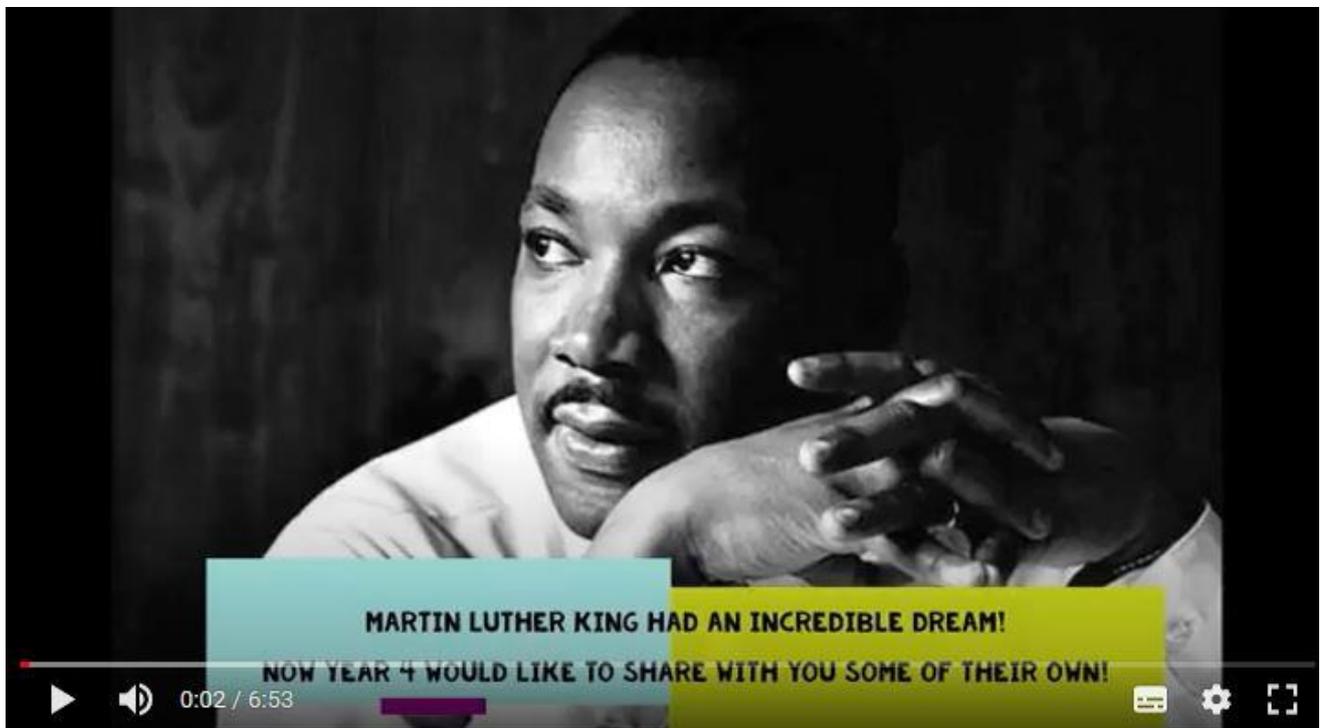
In 2020, the MOA would really welcome diaries from school children, community groups, or other organisations. This may be an activity for children and families during the current time of home working and homeschooling. Diaries can be written in any style and can include drawings.

For information about how to take part, please visit:

<http://www.massobs.org.uk/write-for-us/12th-may>

## FINALLY . . .

We thought you might like to see this video created by some of the Year 4 children as part of their Home Learning:



[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hPcxz5PVPQWcmAO\\_1Hl\\_GPkkwm2RFTDx/view?ts=5eb11919](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hPcxz5PVPQWcmAO_1Hl_GPkkwm2RFTDx/view?ts=5eb11919)

Well done Year 4 ~ truly inspirational!