

Dear Cassatt

# Welcome

I've missed you very much this week and I really hope you are all doing well, reading every day and spending a nice time with your families.

This week I have been very busy helping my son with his homework and looking after my little dog Benjy. We made flapjacks because I was running out of flour. Do you know what I used to make them? I am going to bake more cakes because I really enjoy cooking with my son. Have you done any cooking? What have you been up to this week?

Last Friday, we stood outside and clapped for the NHS, which I'm sure you were a part of or could hear.

I'd like you to keep learning about Africa, so this week we have prepared for you some activities. You don't need to finish them in one day, you have the entire week.

Here is Charlie, who lives in my house. He is a giant gorilla from the Kenyan rainforest. Today, you can see him devouring a picture book because he loves reading. What will he be doing next week? Have a guess!

Take care and have a great week

Miss Sarton



Charlie

# Welcome

Dear Da Vinci families,

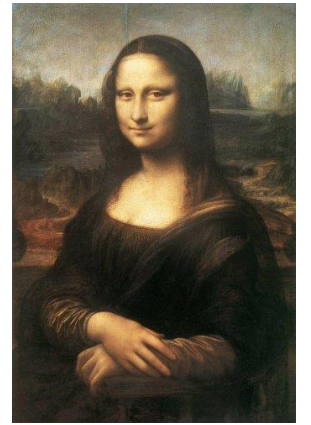
Hi everyone! I hope you are all well and keeping busy in these strange times. I miss you all and I hope I will see you soon! Is anyone keeping a diary? This is a very unusual time we're in and I expect it will be remembered for a long time to come.

What have you been doing? I've been doing lots of work for school, including some work for our new playground. Also I've been busy helping my girls with their home learning. We've been out in the garden a bit, enjoying the spring sunshine and we've planted some of the seeds they are giving away for free in M and S (see below).

I'm enjoying having lots of time for reading - what are you reading at the moment? Any good recommendations? Have you got any projects on the go? There are a number of art projects I'm going to try out, like some painting. I've also been enjoying the Seven Worlds One Planet clips.

Here are some activities Miss Sarton and I would like you to have a try at. Have fun and let us know how you get on! Take care,

From Mrs Williamson!





# Reading Activity



Watch the traditional Chinese folk tale “The Empty pot” written and illustrated by Demi and read by Rami Malek.

<https://www.storylineonline.net/books/the-empty-pot/>

*“The Chinese Emperor announces an unusual test to choose an heir—the child who raises the best flowers from a seed given by the Emperor will be his successor. Ping, unaccountably, is unable to get his seed to sprout—but Ping’s empty pot is best of all.”*

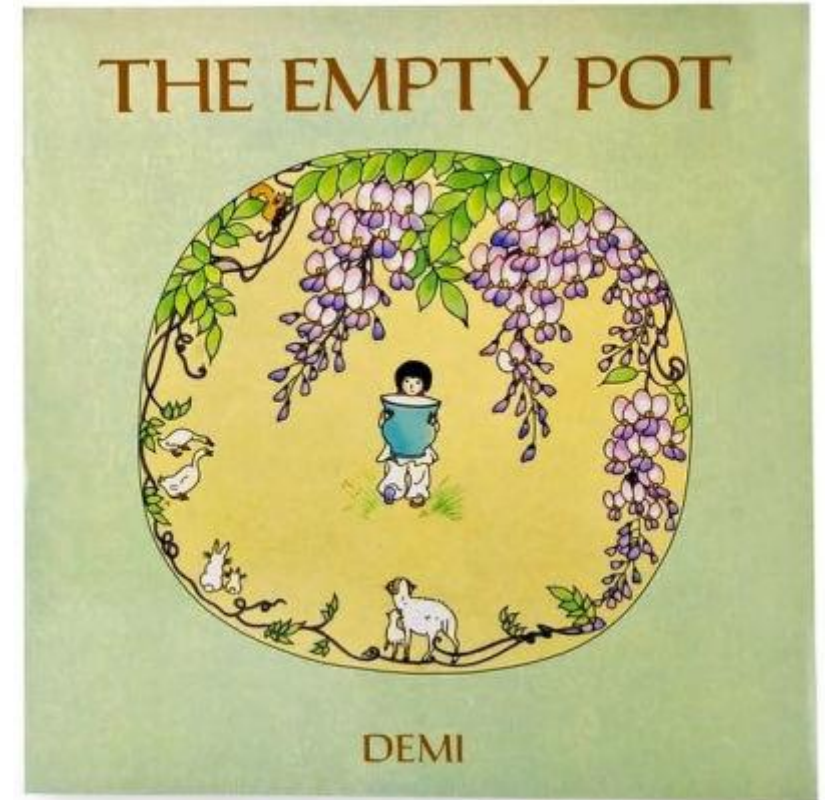
**During the story stop and ask questions such as: -**

- What do you think will happen next?
- What kind of a character is Ping? How about the Emperor?
- What has happened so far in the story?
- Why did the Emperor want to have a contest?
- What is the problem in the story?
- Do you think the Emperor was fair?
- What lesson did Ping learn?

**Once you have listened to the story...**

Can you retell the story? Could you draw a story map?

Draw a picture from the story. Write a description of one of the characters.



*You may need to copy into google chrome and then click on YouTube.*

# Audio Books For Free



You can listen to our bucket list Beatrix Potter stories here:

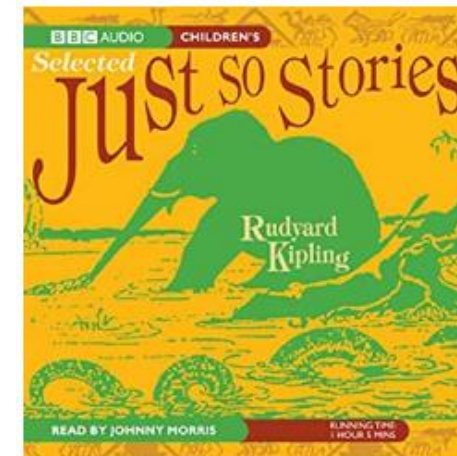
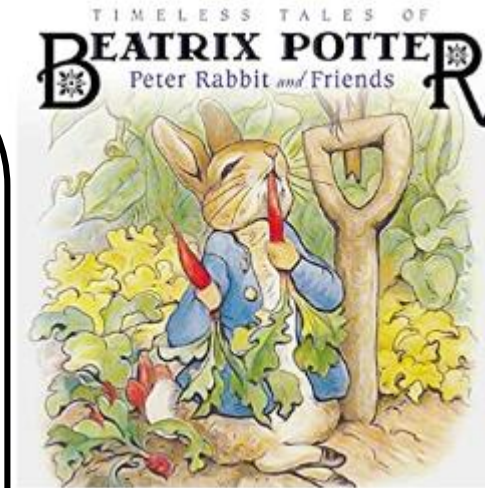
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Part of this website: *(You many need to open in Google Chrome.)*

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Or why not try the classic Rudyard Kipling stories about animals, read by Johnny Morris who presented TV when I was little!

[https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B002V1BIR0?ref=adbl\\_ent\\_an\\_on\\_ds\\_pdp\\_pc\\_pg-1-cntr-0-30](https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B002V1BIR0?ref=adbl_ent_an_on_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-30)

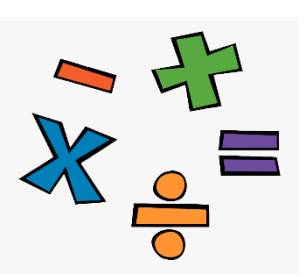


Not for the squeamish, how about a World's Worst child?

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>



# Maths Activity



**This week we would like you to practise your money skills.**

Ask a grown up if you can count the money in their purse or wallet.

**Now try these money problems:**

Packets of seeds cost 50p each. How much would 8 packets cost?



If flower pots cost £1.10, how many can I buy if I have £8? How much change will I get?



If packets of seeds cost 80p each how much would it cost to buy 7 packets? If I have £10, how much change will I have?

Flower pot come in sets of 5. If a set costs £3 and I have £12, how many pots can I buy?



How much is in my purse?



**For more ideas and practise using money try:**

Collect items round your house to make a shop. Play shops with your family.

<http://www.kidsmathgamesonline.com/money/funshopping.html>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/money>





# Writing Activity



This week you could write **a booklet** or create **a power point** about **your favourite African animal**.

Make sure you use one page or one slide for each part:

## Introduction

How do they look?

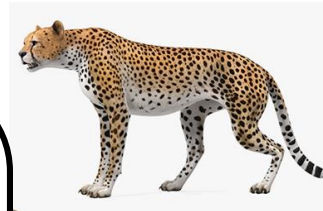
What do they eat and how? (Do they hunt?)

Their habitat.

Any other interesting facts.

## Remember to

- Write a title for each page or slide
- Check your punctuation
- Check your spelling
- Use varied and precise verbs and adjectives



Website to find all the information:

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/animals-and-nature/>

[https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/?s=african+animals&post\\_type=](https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/?s=african+animals&post_type=)

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/search?cx=003443374396369277624%3Av3nraqhmeyk&ie=UTF-8&x=african+animals>



Don't copy and paste . Use your own words! 😊

What does the flag represent?



# Topic Activity



We'd like you to find out about South Africa, the most southerly country in the continent of Africa.

Can you present your ideas in a poster, a fact file or a PowerPoint? You could add pictures and fun facts too!

## Can you find out..

How many people live there?

What is the climate like?

What is the capital city?

Which animals live in South Africa?

Who was Nelson Mandela?

<https://www.oddizzi.com/teachers/explore-the-world/places/africa/south-africa/>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/facts-about-south-africa/>

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/nelson-mandela-and-apartheid/nelson-mandela/>



# Science Activity



**You could try this experiment to test how seeds grow**

**Equipment. You will need:**

4 plastic bags, 4 paper towels, 4 seeds – 2 ordinary and 2 which have been baked

**Method:**

1. Moisten the paper towels with enough water to make them damp, but not sopping wet.
2. Put a paper towel into each sealable plastic bag.
3. Carefully insert a seed or pip between the paper towel and plastic.
4. Label the baked seed bags with a marker.
5. Make sure you can observe the seeds through the plastic bag.
6. Seal the bags, leaving a small corner of the bag open for circulation.
7. Tape a bag of each seed (non-baked and baked) to the inside of a sunny window and the other two to an area of the room that receives little sun.



Not got any seeds or pips? Try these time lapse videos instead!

What will happen to the seeds?

**PREDICT:** Write down what you think will happen

Will they all grow?  
Will only some grow?

**OBSERVE:** Keep a diary to observe and record what happens each day

**CONCLUSION:** What happens? Were you right? What does it tell you about seeds?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECibetK2EYI>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDBX2gCXxYw>



# Physical Activity



## Grab a stopwatch

(your adult might have one on their phone or some watches have them)

See how many of the following you can do in 1 minute:

- Star jumps
- Squats
- Lunges
- Running on the spot
- High knees
- Leg raises
- Sit ups



Now try timing yourself standing on one leg. Try the other leg.  
Are you better at balancing on one leg than the other?  
How about balancing on one hand and one foot? Now swap!

## DID YOU KNOW...

Anyone can make a **GoNoodle** account!  
Which is your favourite workout?  
Looking for something more relaxing? Try  
'Rainbow breath' and 'Release your warrior'. Let us know your top tips!

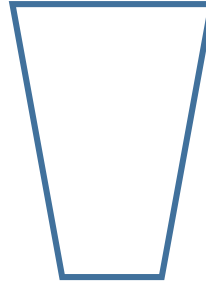
ENJOY!!



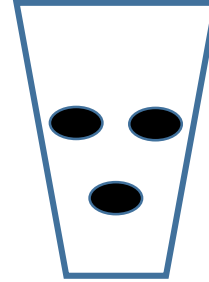
# Creative Activity

This week you could **create your own African mask**

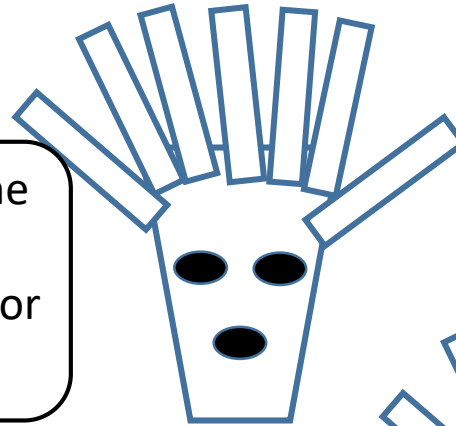
1: Cut a large upside down trapeze from a piece of paper or a cardboard box like this:



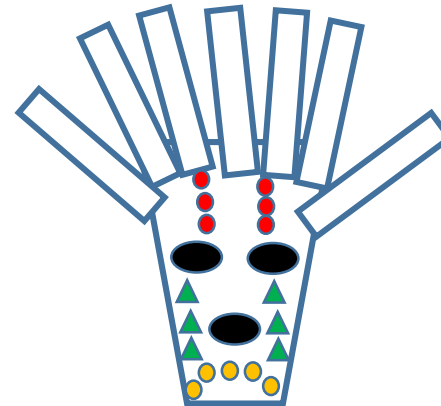
2: Cut 2 eyes and a mouth in the middle of the shape.



3: Cut strips and shapes and stick them around the mask like this:  
( you can also use different material like feathers or fabric)



4: Decorate your mask using paint, felt tips pencils and lots of colours



Take a photo  
and email it in



# Wellbeing Activity

As we are all staying at home, with our family, it is sometimes difficult to relax and stay calm. Here are some activities you can try out.

Listen carefully with your eyes closed to any sounds you can hear. After one minute, open your eyes and write down everything you heard.

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Listen carefully to a piece of music and draw a line on a piece of paper which matches the feeling created by the music.

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