



EMMANUEL CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL  
152-158 Mill Lane, West Hampstead, London NW6 1TF  
Telephone: 020 7431 7984  
Email: [admin@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

To my amazing Reception class,

It is our second week at home and I miss you all very much! I miss Clara and Ella running into our class in the morning full of enthusiasm. I miss Eric and Liam creating such wonderful construction designs. I miss Hugo and Tommy full of energy and enthusiasm during story-time. I miss seeing Sophie, Lucie, Olivia, Izabel, Iria and Amelia creating their imaginary plays in the role-play area and I miss Kobi ensuring that my computer is running smoothly (I could do with his expertise right now!!!) There are so many wonderful things I miss, I just can't fit them all in this newsletter, so I will shout out to other children in the next one.

I have had another busy week but I have developed a good routine, which I try to stick to every day. I hope that you stick to your routine and continue to try out some of the activities I suggested. Maybe you try and help your family with the chores and the cooking, or maybe you are keeping a diary of everything you do each day. I'd really love to read that when we get back to school.

I've been enjoying Joe Wicks PE sessions every morning and am very proud to tell you that I am on day 10 of the yoga challenge, I really hope that I will be able to touch my toes very soon!!!! Have you set yourself a physical challenge? When I went to school this week, I really enjoyed playing tennis and I know some of you go to tennis lessons. Maybe when we return to school Oscar can show me some of his amazing tennis skills!

I am truly amazed at the online resources that are now available, I have been watching the penguins at Edinburgh zoo and taken a tour of the National History Museum where I saw lots of dinosaurs. I thought that Erik and Ezekiel might enjoy those as they always share so many interesting facts about the world. Did you know that there are 10 live webcams at Monterey Bay Aquarium, which is amazing. I have been watching recordings of theatre productions at the National Theatre. I wonder what online virtual tours you have explored?

NASA kids club has been really fun and Space Racers is an animated series offering science lessons which I thought Liam D, Paris, Libby and Amar might enjoy checking out. I hope they can tell me some fun new facts when we get back.



EMMANUEL CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL  
152-158 Mill Lane, West Hampstead, London NW6 1TF  
Telephone: 020 7431 7984  
Email: [admin@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk)

Being at home has given me a great chance to build in the habit of reading. I have been reading in blocks of 15-20 minutes. You could do the same. Maybe a parent/carer could read aloud, then you can try and read aloud and then finish with a few minutes of silent reading time. There's really just no such thing as too much reading. I can't wait to hear about the many different stories that Alex has read and if 'The Twits' is still his favourite book? I have found a great website, [lovelybooks.co.uk](http://lovelybooks.co.uk) which has a fantastic selection of books. Some are read aloud and others you can find read aloud on YouTube or audible. I really enjoyed 'I'm a Girl' by Yasmeen Ismail and 'Almost Anything' by Sophie Henn.

I will upload more fun activities for you to do after the Easter holidays onto our school website. I hope you have fun completing them and don't forget to send me any photos of your learning so they can be included in the school newsletter!

I hope you have enjoyed your home learning over the past two weeks and have a restful Easter holiday. My next newsletter will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April so look out for that!

Miss you all so much!

Mrs. McQuillan

Ps. Click here for a great well-being calendar, full of activities to complete over the Easter holidays.  
<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/april-calendar.pdf>

Remember, if you are feeling worried or need to talk to someone while school is closed, you can talk to a trusted adult at home or you can drop Mrs Watkins an email at [wellbeing@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk](mailto:wellbeing@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk)

Childline also have lots of information that you might find useful. Click on the links below.

- information about [Coronavirus](#)
- [Calm Zone](#) - activities to help let go of stress
- [games](#) to help take your mind off things
- [Childline Kids](#) a website for under 12s.

Childline can also give confidential help and advice. Calls to 0800 1111 are free or children can [get support online](#)