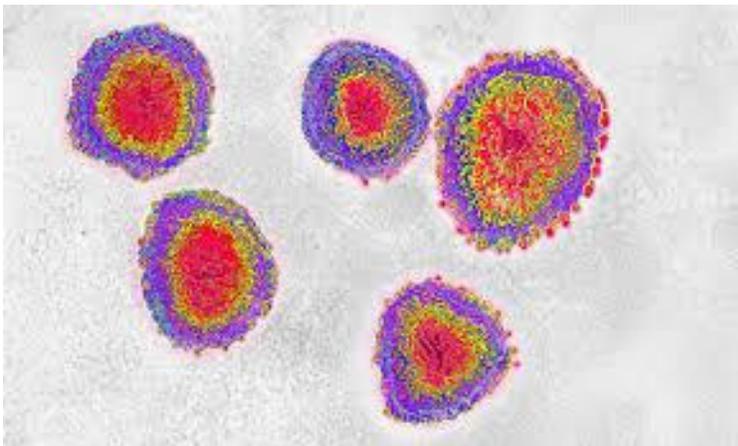


# Coronavirus and Our School



# Coronavirus

- The Coronavirus is a virus that is spreading fast and is causing a worldwide pandemic. We have talked about this in school.
- Viruses are so small that it takes an electron microscope to see them. People can't see if a virus is near them.
- Scientists are working hard to find a vaccine to stop people from getting coronavirus.



# Pandemic

- A pandemic is when many people in a large area become sick. A pandemic is usually caused by a new virus.
- It is good to know that pandemics don't happen very often. They usually happen once every twenty-five or thirty years, or about three times every one hundred years.
- It's also important to remember that the Coronavirus pandemic will end; not tomorrow, but it will end.



# What are the symptoms of Coronavirus?

- You may not know you have it or may have a bit of a cough.
- Just because you have a cough doesn't mean you have Coronavirus.
- You might feel hot and have a fever.
- You might get a continuous dry cough. A dry cough means there is no phlegm and continuous means you cough lots and lots but there's no brown sticky stuff in your tissue.
- You might find your breathing isn't as easy as normal.



For MOST people it is a mild illness and they get better.

# Super Hero!

- Your body has antibodies that can fight a virus off! You are a super hero and your body will work hard to get rid of the virus!
- To take care of yourself, you can drink lots of water, eat healthy food, get lots of rest and make sure you wash your hands.
- Our bodies are AMAZING!



# Staying Safe

- It is important that everyone washes their hands really well and often during a pandemic. Adults make sure children know how to wash their hands well and remind them how and when to wash them a lot.



# Staying Safe

- The Coronavirus has been traveling fast from one person to another. If many people are close together in the same place, that makes it easier for a virus to spread. More people become sick faster. This means we will have to stop doing some of the things we really enjoy doing with our friends for a bit.



# What will happen now?

- Grown ups are learning more about the Coronavirus every day. They watch the news and look for information. They are watching out for you, too. If you have any questions they might be able to help. You might have a question that grown ups can't answer but it's always good to ask.



# Closing schools

- To help keep everyone safe and well, the schools in the UK are going to close for **most** children on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- That way, children are further apart from each other and it's harder for the virus to spread.
- We don't know when schools will open again but as soon as we do, we will let you and your families know.



# Feeling Worried

- Sometimes you might feel worried about Coronavirus because you have heard things on TV or heard people talking about it. It is normal to feel worried and some of the grown ups are worried too. But remember, **MOST** people will get better from it.
- If you feel worried, it is important to talk to someone about your worries. They will help you to feel better about it.



# When You're at Home

- Your teachers have thought about how you can carry on with your learning whilst you are at home. You have taken home a home learning pack and this will give you ideas of things to do for the first week (or longer!)
- You can also use Bug Club and Purple Mash. Your passwords have been sent home for you.
- You can check the school website for more ideas for learning activities.
- You can also check the Horley Infant School YouTube channel for videos from your teachers.
- This is also a good time to simply chat with your family and enjoy spending some quality time together.
- I wonder what you might like to choose to do when you are at home?



# The children at school

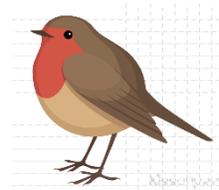
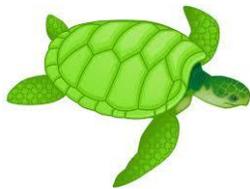
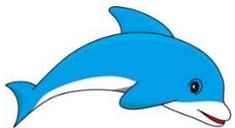
- Some children have Mummies or Daddies that have important jobs that help people whilst we fight the virus. These children might be in school whilst their Mummies and Daddies are helping us all.
- There might be some children who are in school because they need a little extra care, too.
- The few children who are allowed to come back to school on Monday won't be having a normal school day but will be kept safe, too. They will come in wearing their own clothes and be looked after by some of the Horley Infant School family.
- Hopefully, there will be opportunities for them to do some of the activities that some of you will be doing at home, too.
- I wonder what you might like to choose to do if you are in school?



# The Horley Infant School Family



- Whilst you are home with your family, your Horley Infant School family will be thinking of you.
- You can send your teacher a message on Purple Mash, write them letters or draw them pictures.
- We know lots of you will be missing life at school, and your teachers will miss seeing you too. But don't worry, we will all see each other again soon. We are not sure when right now, but it will happen.



Stay safe and take  
care of each other.

