

# THE PAKEMAN PRESS



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Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope you will find its contents useful.

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## Senior Leadership Team

Our Pakeman school community would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newly formed senior leadership team. We would like to congratulate each of you on your new roles at Pakeman. We all very much look forward to working alongside you as you navigate us all - staff, children and parents through this extended period of home learning and beyond.



Emma Bonnin  
Head Teacher



Ben Sadler  
Deputy Head



Tracey Gulliford  
Assistant Head

## New Staff

We welcome on board a new staff member, Zehra Cekic. Zehra will be teaching Purple Class for the remainder of this year.



## Home Reading

With children now learning from home, lockdown is an opportunity to read more with your child for pleasure. Sadly, it is not possible for staff to provide real books for you at home. However, there are many great **free online resources**.



We would, therefore, like to signpost our Pakeman families to a choice of free, high-quality and engaging stories to listen to and read. We have created a list of some great places you can access reading materials during lockdown, from early phonic books to read-along picture and chapter books. All the resources we have researched are free, although some do require an adult account to be set up first.

## Borrowbox - Islington Library Services

This service allows you to download free eBooks. They have the latest releases for children. If you are not currently a library member it is possible to join online. [Islington Library Services](#)

## Books for Topics

This reading site directs you to a [Storytime Online Hub](#). You then link to story readings on Youtube. All books chosen are read aloud by well known authors.

Good online stories and resources are also available from:

[Cbeebies Bedtime Stories](#) [Puffin Storytime](#) [Chicken House CoupedUpKids](#)

[Booktrust HomeTime](#).

## Structured Schemes

Reading schemes, [Oxford Owl](#) and [Collins Connect](#) offer a host of books that may look familiar to children using schemes at school. The books are available to filter by age group or reading level.

You can also follow authors and illustrators on social media. Check out regular, live storytime and illustrating slots — Julia Donaldson (4pm on Thursdays via [Facebook](#)), David Walliams (11am daily, via [Instagram](#)) and, Rob Biddulph (10am on Tuesdays and Thursdays via [Twitter](#)).

Next week we will direct you to other types of reading material. The important thing is to keep reading as part of your daily routine and for parents, carers and children to have fun spending valuable time reading together.

## Story Time

In **Staying Home** a family of energetic raccoons are, like us, going through a day in lockdown, no school, no nursery or work. It is a book that very much speaks about our current situation. The aim is to help parents explain a little more about how important it is we all isolate at home. To read this story [click here](#)



## P4C QUESTION

Discuss this question at home, sharing your thoughts and ideas:



Can a good person do a bad thing?

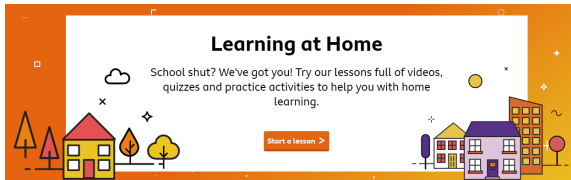
## STAR OF THE WEEK

Sara (Yellow class)



## BBC Home Learning Support

A significant expansion of **BBC** educational programming for children is being launched in response to school closures. This will be of huge support to children who have limited access to online learning at home. Programmes will be broadcast each weekday on **CBBC** and will include a 3 hour block of primary school programming from 9am. These will include Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily, as well as Our School and Celebrity Supply Teacher. Class teachers may direct children to watch a specific programme to support school topic work.



## Word of the week

# DRAMATIC

### Definition:

- Relating to drama
- When an event is sudden or striking.

Use of the word **dramatic** in a sentence:

The footballer had a dramatic reaction when he scored a goal.



## Know where to get help for children and families

There are a large number of services that are available to support Islington children and families; either through the Council or in partnership with other organisations, including a range of voluntary organisations and mutual aid groups.

Contact the [We are Islington](#) helpline (020 7527 8222)

Alternatively click on the link: [Islington Support Services](#). This will give you access to more telephone numbers and contacts that you may need.

**Please don't suffer in silence.**

**There are organisations who can help.**



Financial worries

Domestic abuse

Worried about a child or young person?

Health Services

Childcare

Support for single parents

Coping at home

Keeping healthy: emotional wellbeing

Keeping healthy: physical health

## Keep Fit At Home

It is really important that, throughout lockdown, children have the opportunity for some daily exercise. For many children home learning brings an inevitable amount of additional screen time. If you can't get out and about for exercise as a family, try to provide indoor opportunities for your children to get moving.

**Sport England** have put together a super selection of online exercise platforms with good general fitness content. Some resources are completely free and some offer extended free trials. The aim is to help keep children active in a fun way.



### Videos include:

- \* **Get Kids Moving** - training alongside superheroes
- \* **Cosmic Kids Yoga** - mindfulness and relaxation
- \* **Disney Workouts** - movement to favourite songs

To access these sessions and see if they'd work in your home go to: <https://www.sportengland.org>



**CBeebies** also offer a series of 10 fun workouts - **Andy's Wild Workout**. To access these please click here: [Andy's Wild Workouts](#)

## Pakeman Gallery

Throughout lockdown we will continue to share with you some of the amazing work Pakeman children produce as part of their home learning. This will begin next week. For now, we thought we would share with you some of the lovely work we have left behind in school.

The children and staff in Year 5 and 6 really enjoyed their topic on Ancient Greece last term. We read lots of exciting Greek myths and found out about all of the ancient Greek gods and goddesses who feature in many of the stories. We also learned about ancient Greek culture, including how the Greeks dressed, lived and what they ate and drank. We looked at some amazing art from this period too and created our own Greek vases in this style.

