



Value of the month: Our value for April is **Togetherness**

At this time we are appreciating the ways that we can be together whilst being apart. Find ways to show that you value each other through the values of kindness, sharing and caring too.



## Weekly Update

Our new learning opportunities are uploaded by the class teachers every Friday and can be found in our **Out of School Learning** section under the parent tab. We've tried to include ideas and suggestions that will keep the children's brains active during the time when our school doors are shut to most children.

### [Out of School Learning](#)

The ideas are not compulsory and it is fine for children to try out the learning for other year groups or to work with their siblings on something together. We suggest that a bit of reading, a bit of writing and a bit of maths every day will keep skills sharp. It's fine to be creative and think of other ways to access learning too.

If you want to catch up with something that was set before, all previous weeks' learning has moved to the year group pages.

Please see our **storytime** section for videos of school staff sharing books and other messages with you. There's new ones on there this week. [Story Time](#)

The Speech and Language team have added to their wonderful resources (not just for those with speech needs) [Resources for Children's Speech and Language](#) There's a great new resource included which helps children to deal with coronavirus anxieties.

We are also happy to promote the new BBC bitesize daily lessons [Home](#) and the online lessons from Oak National Academy [Schedule](#)

## Send us your photos and share your Home Learning

We know you must be missing each other and wondering what your friends are up to at home. We would like to invite you to share pictures of your children's activities to

create a slideshow on the website. If you have previously given consent for website photos and are happy to share them, please send photos to [cal27@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:cal27@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk) and remember to include your child's name and class.



## Have you visited our new WellBeing page?

### Well-being

Please use our new well-being page to help you to ensure your mental health is not neglected at this time. We have gathered together a range of resources that might help to explain the difficult situation that we face.

You will also find some of our Zones of Regulation tools there. The calming and breathing resources are ones that we have taught to all children in school as a way of managing emotions.

We've included some links to mindful sites where there are suggestions for yoga, music and other ways to support children (and adults) while we face this difficult situation.



## Transition

Families expecting to start Reception or who are due to transfer to Middle School in September should have received notification shortly after Easter. Despite the lockdown, we are still working hard to support our families with children who are at this stage. If you were expecting to have had the details but have not heard from Worcestershire County Council, please get in touch with them or us so that your child does not miss out.

### New Reception Starters

You should have received an email from us asking you to confirm your place and give us a few details. Please respond to this (or call us/check spam if you haven't received anything); we will use this information to begin to organise the classes for September. We don't know yet when we will be able to arrange transition visits and we will be in touch when we have further information. Please call or email school if there's any specific information you need or if you have any questions.

### Year 4 moving to Middle School

For those children moving on to Catshill Middle School, we are already working with the staff to help organise the classes for September. We will liaise with the other schools to make sure all the information needed is passed on too.

## Keeping Active



join the  
movement  
#StayInWorkOut

Our school works with other schools as part of the All Active Academy. Look on Twitter and Facebook for their new campaign #StayInWorkOut

There are prizes to be won for the schools with the highest number of social media posts! Let's get active! You can upload your photos or videos using the #StayInWorkOut and tag using the social media below. More information is available on our social media pages.

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