



Value of the month: Our value for May is courage Courage means having strength in the face of pain or grief.



One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential.
Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency.
We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest. *Maya Angelou*



Questions about Returning to School

Lots of you will be watching the news and waiting for further information to know when schools will be reopening and when children will be able to return. We are in the same position. We know that Gavin Williamson, Education Secretary, has said this week that it is likely that schools will



return in phases but there's no additional information to say which children and how this will work. We will give you further information as soon as we are able to. In the meantime, please stay safe. Please do contact us if you have any concerns.

Have you seen our poem?

The staff have created a fabulous video reading lines from a poem written by one of our wonderful Teaching Assistants, Miss Wall. <https://youtu.be/SPgF1Kr-FCg> Have a look and see who you can spot.

Quick Links to our Online Out of School Learning

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 of our website. 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](#)

Have you visited our new Well-Being page? [Well-being](#)

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](#)



Home Learning Slideshow

Lots of children have been doing some wonderful home learning activities and have shared photos with Mrs Mercer.

HOME LEARNING



She is putting them together so children can see what their friends have been doing. The slideshow will be on our website soon - look out for notifications on Facebook and Twitter.

Family Learning

Worcestershire's Family Learning service has temporarily closed at the moment. However, they have designed some fun short online courses suitable for the whole family. They are all **FREE**. More details on our website using the following link

<http://www.catshillfirst.co.uk/2020/04/29/free-family-learning-courses-for-all-for-may-2020/>



New activities now added

Keeping Active

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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.

Twitter @all_cic and Facebook @allactiveacademy

E-safety Reminder



We will keep this reminder about e-safety on our weekly newsletter as we know that the use of internet and technology has increased. Please continue to be mindful of the dangers of being on-line as well as the advantages. Please see our school website for further details [eSafety](#) or use the support on the Think You Know website [Thinkuknow - home](#).




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