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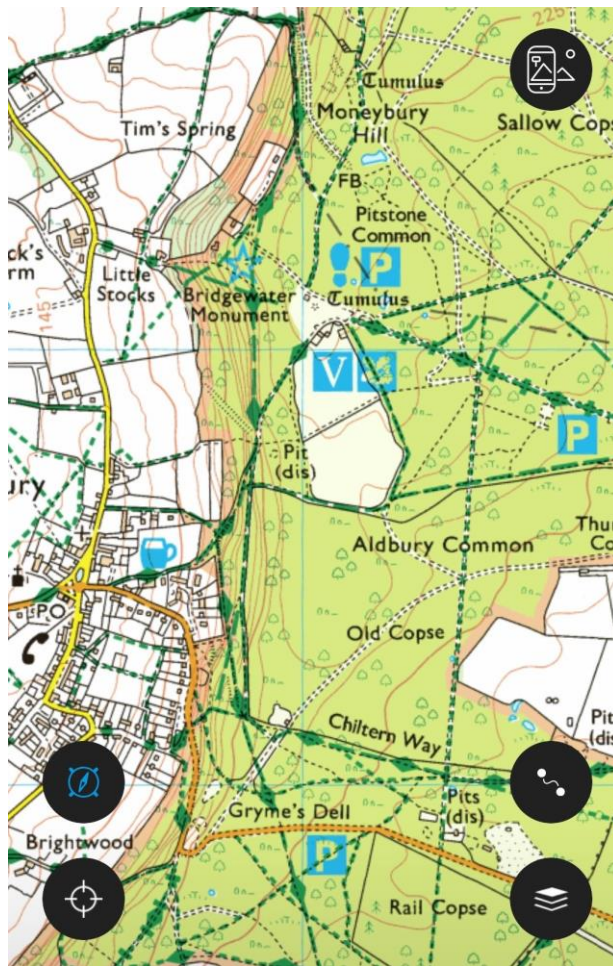
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Dear children of Year 3 & 4,

I'm writing this week's letter after the announcement that Boris Johnson has just made. I don't think that it has come as any great shock that schools will not be re-opening until half term. I'm going to discuss with Mrs Wickens options regarding setting up the year 3 & 4 children with school email addresses so that we can explore using Microsoft Teams to set work and communicate in the future – I will keep you posted regarding this. Thank you for your work that you created last week – the holiday parks were looking great and some of the VE day memorial work was very reflective – well done. As well as completing daily reading, just like last week, this week's project will be more open-ended and may take more than a couple of days to complete. They will cover a range of different subjects within them. Please complete as many as you can.

Maps, glorious maps:

- Whilst exploring your local areas or, indeed, new areas, a map can be useful. Can you complete the follow tasks?
 - Below, is an OS map of an area you may know quite well. Can you identify what each of the symbols mean on the map?
 - Draw an accurate map of the area you live in. Think about the human and physical features of the area. Are there any landmarks in your area? Can you draw your map, using a scale?
 - Apart from loving being a teacher, I also enjoy running! Using this [website](#) (or similar) can you plot me a running route from Great Gaddesden school. It would be great if it was about 10km long and goes through a lot of forests and woodlands!



RE & Christian Aid Week:

- This week is Christian Aid. During this time, I would like you to consider how you could help those less fortunate than yourself. Please can you design a fundraising activity that the class could do, once we are back in school? In addition to this, at the end of this letter you will find some practical prayer ideas. Can you try out a few of these?

Science:

- So far, we have looked at labelling a plant and explaining how plants reproduce. Now I would like to consider the following:
 - I have just managed to secure a new allotment, near to where I live. I want to grow a range of different fruits, vegetables and herbs but I have no idea when to plant them, what to plant them with and how long they would take to grow. Can you select some different fruits, vegetables and herbs and tell me how to grow them?

Maths & English:

- The tasks above will include elements of maths and English. To supplement this, please complete a couple of activities every day on BBC Bitesize.
- Spelling Test – At the end of the week, I will be sending out a link to an online spelling test. Please practise the statutory word list for year 3 & 4 to prepare for this ([here is the link to the list](#)).
- Maths – Practise all four operations (arithmetic skills) for a test. Once again, this will be sent out at the end of the week.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Young

Practical Prayer at Home - Choose a day and think of other people

Choose a day this week, then as you do things or help in your home, think and pray for different people.

1. When eating your food - think and pray for all those picking fruit and vegetables, transporting food to shops and those selling and delivering food to homes. For Food Banks, and our local charities, like DENS. The Farmers and all who continue to work on the land.



2. When washing your hands - think and pray for all Key workers, Front- Line workers, the National Health Service, Emergency Services, all those helping to make protective clothing, those looking for a vaccine against Coronavirus.

3. When watching your television or working on-line - think and pray for Government leaders, Church leaders, fundraisers, those in entertainment and those providing a virtual service, those people working from home, those who have no work, for home schooling.



4. When in a garden, by a window, or walking in the countryside - think and pray for those who have no safe place, or find themselves in a strange or frightening place, the sick at home or in hospital, people who are sad because someone they love has died.

5. When going to bed - think and pray for your family, all families, neighbours, friends, teachers, and your school community, reaching out and supporting one another, sharing what they have. Ask God to look after them all.



Practical Prayer at Home - Give it to God

'Do not be worried about anything, but give it to God in prayer' (Philippians chapter 4 verse 6)

1. Take a bowl and fill it with water. Choose some clean pebbles or shells.
2. Take each pebble or shell in turn and feel the edges. Are they rough or smooth?
3. Think about anything that is worrying you. Ask God for help with this.
4. When you are ready put the pebble into the bowl of water as a sign of you giving these things to God.
God will listen to you.



Count Your Blessings

Think about this: 'a blessing is a gift from God'.

1. Find a jar with a re-usable lid. Glue or tape a label onto it saying 'Blessings Jar 'or 'Blessings'.
2. Decorate the jar as you wish - perhaps with ribbon or elastic bands. Then cut pieces of paper, large enough to write on.
3. Place the jar, paper and pencil in a place where you will see them during the day. When passing write or draw a 'blessing', (whatever or whoever makes you feel happy or grateful) and pop it into the jar.
4. Say thank you to God for that 'blessing'.
5. When you want to be reminded of your many 'blessings' - simply remove the papers from the jar and look at them. Then count them.

You will be amazed!

