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Hi gang

Here we are again! Still home learning and doing the best we all can in these strange times. This week I had a great tip on learning the time from Aaron CS who has used his trampoline as the clock face and his Star Wars Lightsabers as the minute and hour hand. What an original idea! I've also seen that lots of you have started producing some work about 'Our local area' to send to the children in Cyprus. Please keep it coming and we can put something great together as a class. I'm also super impressed with the Snails leaderboard although we have some work to do on the PlayLive division board.

When school closed one of the big maths areas of learning we would have covered is telling the time and I know that lots of you have been working hard on this. If you are struggling with this, let me know and I can email you a few sheets to try to break down the telling of time into small simple steps. They might help to get your head around it! Here's a few great links for some online practice:

https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/116/telling_the_time#

https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/118/adding_time_word_problems

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<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/time/teaching-clock>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?a=activity25>

Not only do we need to learn how to tell the time in analogue, digital and 24 hour time but we also need to be able to compare how long different things take to do and time differences. To help you with this I've done a video link for a game called '60 or bust!'. You can play this yourself or with a member of your family. The idea is that you pick an activity and estimate how long it will take you to do, eg. How long will it take to score 5 baskets in your basketball set? How long will it take to roll a 6 on a dice? You then start your phone stopwatch and without looking at it, complete the task. Stop the time as soon as you have finished the task and find the difference between how long you took and your estimate. Write this down. The aim is to keep your score as low as possible so your estimate must be really accurate. Can you complete 5 tasks without going over a score of 60 seconds? If you are playing with someone else, who can stay under 60 for the longest time? They are the winner. Check it out on the school Youtube videos.

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For a really challenging version of finding time differences check out this clocks game online: <https://www.novelgames.com/en/timedifference/>

I have put another art lesson on our Facebook page and our Youtube videos which requires paint if you have it and is all about the artist Monet. I hope you enjoy having a go and please share your work via email or on our Facebook page. Yesterday I emailed your parents with a few website links. The 1st one is a site where you can read books online for free and if you're feeling lazy you can click on the audio version so someone reads the book to you while you follow along. The second link was to the Premier League Rising Stars website where you can do all sorts of home learning activities. I like the online spelling game but as this is Premier League, I chose the Leicester City players as my avatar, which didn't go down too well with my family who are all Derby County fans! Of course I would have chosen Derby if I could but their chances of Premier League action have been slim of late!

I'm going to go now but remember that each day is about small wins – about trying to achieve at least one thing that moves you forward. Don't worry if you can't complete all the suggestions and activities I am setting online but if you can complete something, whether a school based task or helping out in your home, it will give you a sense of achievement and well-being which can't be felt by drifting through your day without focus. Some days you will just want to curl up and read a book or watch a movie and that's fine but other days you will feel more energised and ready to blitz some work. Take care of yourselves and just do your best!

Missing you!

Mrs Carr