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Thematic Home Learning Packs from Lancashire MIT Teaching and Learning Consultants

Dear Schools, Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to **week 9 of the thematic home-learning packs**. We have **been** busy putting together the pack and are **buzzing** about what is in it. This week's pack is all about bees! We hope you enjoy the learning as much as we have.

These packs are constantly evolving with the aim of making them as useful and accessible as possible.

- Each week there will be a **new theme** so families can share ideas and learn together
- The '**Theme Ideas' sheet has an overview of all the learning** for the week and then extra resources are included in the packs
- The learning activities are planned around KS1 (Y1&2); Lower KS2 (Y3&4); Upper KS2 (Y5&6) – **pick the activities which are appropriate for your child's/children's level of learning**
- As the activities are around a theme, **there may be activities** (eg. art and design, music, some science etc) **which children of different ages in the family can do together**
- Each sheet has a **key text** around which the activities have been planned. Sometimes there is an activity to do **before** reading/following the text. We are doing our best to find texts which are engaging for the children and which can be downloaded to a hard copy. This sometimes limits what we can use but we will continue to do what we can
- **The texts are now included in the packs**
- We know that sometimes it is difficult to get online for learning. **Most of the activities in these packs can be done without access to online learning**. However, there will be some links to show where resources have come from and links to some of the extra activities - if you are able to access them. However, **resources for most of the learning will be in the packs**
- There are sometimes 'challenges' in the packs. These are designed to be completed **after all the other activities for that particular subject** have been completed
- Children can complete the non-challenge activities in any order and colour the boxes when complete – the sheet is **designed to be flexible** in order to support parents/carers with managing the home-learning experience **as positively as possible**
- If following links online, **parents/carers should monitor that children are sticking to that page only and are keeping safe online**(eg. some of the texts are You Tube

links). We have tried to avoid links with adverts, but this is not always possible – another reason why adult supervision is necessary

Schools please note:

- As we are working from home, finding accessible texts to support the learning can be challenging. We are also mindful that, for many families, it is a challenge for all children to have access to online learning and resources. We have, therefore, tried to make some of the learning more generic and, where possible, have included PDFs and learning activity packs
- These are intended to be learning **support** packs only, so schools are expected to use and adapt appropriately for the needs of their children
- There is such a lot of possible content linked to this theme so we have added in an extra ideas sheet for schools – we hope you find it useful.

Yours faithfully,

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