

**Good morning Red Class! Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2020**

It's Tuesday - time to do some handwriting practice, and think about our 'Seed Stories' once again!

And don't forget, you can always choose any activity from the Red Class Home Learning Pack!

## Handwriting

Today we are practising the 'zig zag' family of letters. These all start at the top and then continue with a zig zag either moving down (z) or sideways (w, v):

v	w	z
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Have a look at the next document for some video clips, pictures and support for these letter sounds and how to write them.

Now let's have a practice.

### What you need:

Plain paper, coloured pencils or pens, lined paper if you want to do the challenges!

1. Draw a dot at one side of your paper, and then draw another dot on the other side of your paper.
2. Can you join the dots using zig zags all the way? Try making zig zags sideways and down, maybe making a pattern or a shape with your zig zag line.
3. How about making a zig zag rainbow to put up in your window - make sure you send us a picture of it!

### Time for a challenge!

- Have a try at writing each letter v, w, z. If you are using lined paper to write on, remember that all of these letters sit on the line. Check which direction you need to go in to start your 'z'!
- Can you write 5 of each letter making each one exactly the same?
- Can you think of any words that have these letters? Can you sound them out and write them - remembering how to form your letters too?

After all that brain work make sure you take a break too!

Have a look at my video on the Red Class web page to see me trying it out: <https://www.stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk/red-class-at-home>

## 'Seed Stories' - Soil Scientists!

This term we will be exploring the soil plants grow in - what is soil made of? Do any creatures live in the soil? How does soil help plants grow? What happens to soil at different times?

This week we are going to be scientists! Scientists spend a lot of time looking carefully and closely at the world around them to find out more about how it works - they call this 'observing'. This week we will **observe** what is in the soil that is all around us.

What you need:

An apron or messy clothes, a cupful of soil, some water, a clear jar or plastic box, a selection of stirrers and spoons, some trays or plates, a colander or sieve, a magnifying glass if you have one (if you don't - don't worry!), some paper and pencils.

1. Put your soil into a tray or plate. Using one of your spoons or stirrers, carefully **observe** what's in the soil. What can you see? Perhaps there are some living creatures or parts of plants? (Be very careful with any living creatures, ask an adult to put them back outside when you have observed them.) Can you see stones, twigs, leaves, sand? Use a magnifying glass here if you have one.
2. Next, put your soil into the jar or plastic box and add some water. (Please make sure you have taken out any living creatures first!) Shake or stir - what can you see? Are any parts floating or sinking? Can you see anything you didn't notice before?
3. Finally use the colander or sieve to separate the solid and liquid parts of your mixture! What can you **observe** now?

Scientists also draw and write about what they see - they call this 'recording'. Try drawing and labelling all the different things you have **observed** in your cup of soil - it's a whole tiny world in there!

Extra activity (but only if you want to!):

You've been a Scientist, now try being a Magician!

Use your watery mud-mixture to make a magic potion!  
Ask a grown up what you might be able to collect from the garden to add to your potion. Here are some ideas:

- Petals, grass, leaves
- Sand, stones, gravel
- Seeds, twigs

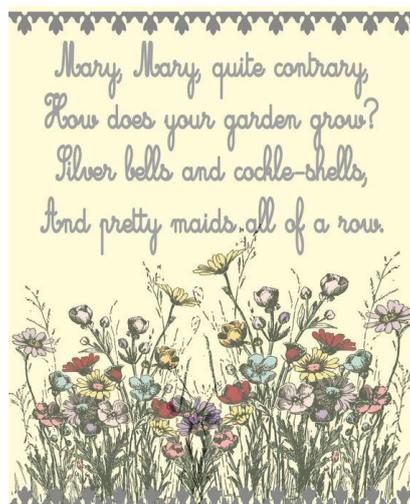
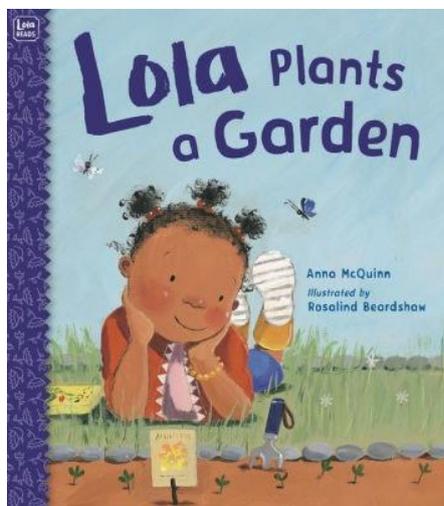
Can you write the recipe for your potion? Or even make up a magic spell!

And finally.....

I love reading stories, and have missed storytime in Red Class very much! To make me feel better I have made my first storytime video for you to watch!

<https://www.stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk/red-class-at-home>

Today's story is "Lola Plants a Garden" by Anna McQuinn, Illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw.



I hope you enjoy listening as much as I enjoyed reading the story out loud!