

14<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

Well done to everyone - to all staff, parents and children for having worked so hard over the past half term. Tough as it can be to plan, teach, support, motivate and execute all the components of home learning, everyone congratulate themselves for working as hard as you have to make it work as well as it could. Six weeks ago the children, and many of us, did not have the technological skills that we have today. This is one positive thing that we can take away from the current situation.

With all of the news that we have been hearing about the roll out of the Covid19 vaccine, it is highly likely that the process of all of the children returning to school before the end of the Spring Term will take place. We await the government announcement after half term as to how and when school will fully re-open.

We hope that you and your children were able to participate in some of the Safer Internet Safety Week activities that took place last week, as now - more than ever - we need to be ever vigilant about how safe the children are online. Screen Free Day was very successful in school. Not once did any of the children ask to use a computer or tablet throughout the day; lots of board games were played and some beautiful art work was created.

This week coming is half term and there are potentially more opportunities not to be looking at a screen. For example, there are many websites where books of all genres can be selected for reading, but there is nothing quite like holding a book in your hand and becoming absorbed. Please encourage your children to take the time to catch up with their reading during this break. There are possibly also interests, hobbies, crafts, games etc. that could be rediscovered next week.

Below is a short list of websites that have examples of activities, just in case you are short of ideas.

Art Activities:

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/article/family-how-to-plastic-bag-weaving>

<https://www.darrellwakelam.com/downloads>

Science Activities:

The Crick have posted some fantastic family resources for the Half Term. Please take a look and have a go:

<https://www.crick.ac.uk/whats-on/public-events/family-zone>

During half term daily tasks will be set via the @Clarencehouse Instagram page and on the website below. The aim is for each challenge to encourage children and their families to grab their wellies and engage in the Natural World.

<https://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/prince-wales-encourages-children-take-closer-look-nature-half-term-pownaturechallenge>

Dates to remember

**Kung Hei Fat Choi - HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all of our Chinese families



**Shrove Tuesday**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February



Don't eat too any pancakes!

**Book Week/World Book Day**

Week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> March /Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

**Red Nose Day**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

We return to school on **Monday 22 February**.

Wishing you a safe, happy and healthy week ahead.

*Anne*

Anne Fontaine

**HANDS**



Let's keep each other safe!  
**FACE**



Three simple words that mean so much.

**SPACE**



Below is some lovely creative work by Year 3 and Year 5.

### River poems by Year 5

I am a river, as strong as can be  
I seek for prey among the fish  
I take over towns and flood cities  
I push over rocks that get in my way  
I have gloomy, murky, swirling water like dust in my bank  
I never fail to tell a tale as I cannot be seen  
I push the waves with my force  
I make a whirlpool with strength  
I conjure up a storm  
And when I come to seek a crab...  
The sand sucks me up.  
By Ayaan

I meander through bushes.  
I swallow land from you.  
I pull rocks, I pull trees down.  
My force breaks stone.  
I swoosh mud in between me.  
Bang, Bang, Crack  
I kidnap fish and munch them up.  
I build up then attack.  
I calmed down then shot back up  
I don't care that you say stop  
Oh no I'm gone I'm merging into the sea.

By Bella

**I once rolled a grand boulder through my streams,  
I once moulded the earth like a pottery jar,  
I once eroded the banks on my side and broke down the rocks,  
I once nurtured a village's farm and watered the wildlife,  
I once bounced pebbles across my banks,  
I once swept up a dog in my streams but let it go,  
I swished and I swung and I rolled and I shone  
I am a river and my journey has just begun**

By Ben

I devour lands and destroy what is in my way.  
I seek revenge and betray trees,  
A shower of hunger runs through me,  
When I make the end, I form an ocean,  
I am a creature that can demolish.  
More and more water grows  
Deeper and deeper it runs,  
I will take over.

By Deon

**You wonder where I meander. Where I surely roam. Where I take my nomad seeds on their journey home. I start on a mountain as small as a bead, as petite as a baby, *that used to be me*. Fresh icy rain made my body glow, I began to trickle down the mountain full of solid snow. Down, down, down, the bigger I grew, the braver I got, this adventure was new. So I explored through the dirty deltas, marshes, mudflats, crevices and cracks, bubbling with happiness that my mountain won't come back. Then I spot this salt water river glimmering in the light but I *love* my clear water. I'd better go hide! The v shaped valleys crushed their pride and before I do anything I merge with them *why?* But now I'm big but fragile, bubbles seep through my arms, fish are swimming happily and they know I do no harm. Now it is time for the mouth before the great waterfall, I swirl, swish and splat in the ocean once more my head feels full of water and I'm out of control! Now I have a group where I meander where I roam where I take nomad seeds on their journey home.**

By Eden

I am a lion.  
I pounce at shores and  
roar at rocks  
I swoop past rocks,  
making them erode  
Humans litter on me, so  
I just play with their ghastly  
things.  
I am the river, and it doesn't  
matter, whether you like me or  
not, you just have to deal with me  
Sometimes I can be as calm as  
A still rock, sometimes  
I have a job to make humans flout  
on me when they jump from sand  
to water  
I am the river

By Ehsanul

I charge through rocks and boulders  
I charge down the mountain  
I sweep along fish and marine animals  
I conquer villages that are on low land  
I swirl around v shaped gaps  
I flow lazily near the end of the journey  
I provide life for plants  
I unite with the ocean

By Fahim

**I splash, I soak, I sink and I rule the sea,  
Nobody can stop me,  
I take the rocks and stones and bring them to the bottom of my  
waterfall,  
They cry, Oh they cry while leaves come and join them  
twist and bending I am the river,  
So what if I'm shallow, big, or wide  
when animals come, they drink me  
It tickles, rocks, and leaves are free at last  
I'm clear, not full of rubbish, feeling strong again  
Everyone has seen me, right?  
I swirl in excitement making V-shaped valleys  
I rinse the rocks and sticks.  
Accidentally take over the trees,  
I giggle in misfortune  
Everyone has seen me right?**

By Gabby

I have my way  
The world is carved how I want it  
I am calm at sight but I roar at heart  
I seep through the twists and turns  
I dramatically pull the fish along with me  
The force I use is inescapable  
I overflow when there is something I don't like  
But run away as soon as I do it  
The slips and spills help  
Maybe not much but I am fantastic  
I will soon join forces  
I shall then emerge and conquer so everything is mine  
You won't see it coming at you like a lightning bolt  
Because I will look calm and peaceful there with the ocean  
So bye-bye

By Imogen

*I wave over an eagle out of the rocks for one day but let it go,  
I heard a whistling timber and grabbed it with me along the trees,  
I get used everyday nothing is ever new,  
I made a whole tribe cheer in pride as I stroll by,  
I helped a little fish from there to here,  
I emerged with my others eventually turned into a channel,  
I scooped a pebble of the sand and whirl it into the rocks,  
I lifted plastic into the beach,  
I am as blue as the sky,  
I breed a flower into the ground,  
I shift into any place I walk through.*

By Jude

I wail across the wind moaning madly in the rain, I splash against the rapid rocks climbing up the mountain. I drown mother nature's trees in my wet soaking body as it flows down nature. I storm beneath the skies crashing past the humans who try and touch my flowing body. I roar with nature's waves as the storms crash into the oceans and its creatures. I stumble onto my face slowly getting angrier and wilder, my screams clash onto people's tied up bodies, no one can escape me. I am the river, let my almighty waves and water capture you into my presence so no one can try and take me away from mother nature's glory. I will never be tricked again.

By Kaya

I'm drenched in rough waves, muddy muck and freezing water  
I take down the lands and invite my furry friends to come play in me  
I erode the land and form v shaped valleys  
I sliver around like a snake and cover the world like a blanket  
My rough waves wash away any waste land  
I'm as fast as a cheetah and as fierce as a lion  
I'm as slippery as a frog  
I'm as bored as a box

By Lamin

**I give fresh water to the flora and fauna  
I trudge, I trek, I stride pushing the earth's soil aside  
I am battered, bruised and cut by the rocks making gashes and gouges in  
my skin  
I heard the people away as my banks burst  
I draw in the castaways of human nature  
I cave in as the naive nations rapidly ruin my stream of water  
I sprawl out of my mouth and....  
I become merged with the salty, silver water of the sea**

By Lara

I am self-centred. I am beauty. Light, camera action my audience applaud me  
The reflection of the bridge shadows over me with ease as I cut through the ribbon with a snap all the cameras attacked.  
I filtered my way through the nights and showered my waves in tears. I flooded myself in confusion as to why all humans had disappeared.  
I will rise and erupt unexpectedly as I please, then evaporate myself into the sky when I need  
I have collapsed and broken down rocks by washing away the day through the night  
There lies history beneath me waiting for someone to find.....  
As I settle myself down and wait for the sun to reflect I clear my soul and wait to be found once again....

By Malak

**I pulled a tarantula of land one day, but let it sink  
I brought some little pebbles to me, eroded by my power  
I pushed lazy humans as they lay on my clear water  
I hugged some dark trees as I was thrown towards the bank  
I tossed polluting boats around then pulled a face and went  
I soared down the mountain into a river and I splashed and twisted and lay  
where I could**

**By Noemie**

Calm and serene, I meander down the hill,  
Until I crash against a sharp grey rock and explode into a million droplets feeling discombobulated,  
I fly into the cold air and splash back down and start to flow again,  
Twisting and turning around the bank,  
I say, "Hello" to my fellow streams as we join to make a lake we call  
"HOME"

By Raphael

**I once flooded cities  
I have salt  
Then there was a dam that gave me a halt  
Then I went bam I broke the dam I went through  
I flowed through the forest to the city  
I flooded the city and I swallowed buildings and cars and other objects  
I went back into the ocean so I'm was safe from the dams  
They are never to see me again**

**By Rio**

I sway like the leaves on the trees  
I take over the lands  
I push rocks out of my way  
I hypnotize the humans with my swirls  
I flow faster than the wind  
I'm as deep as the ground  
I crash the rock as I pass thro  
I divide the world with my body  
I carry the leaves with my current

By Sadiha

I sleep when the sunset crawls in  
I get fed with pollution  
I wear rocks as my clothes  
I feel the heavy boats stomping on me  
I get revenge and make them sink  
I bubble when I take a shower  
I am salty so don't drink me  
I watch the people stroll along me

By Scarlett

**ANCIENT EGYPTIAN NECKLACES designed by YEAR 3**



Wilder



Adam



Indie



Sham



Maya

**BIRDS by Year 3**



Jie Lin



Houd



Indie



Hana

# Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council

**For the latest information and support from Camden Council and its partners, including updates to services:**

- Visit [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus) – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling news pages at [news.camden.gov.uk](https://news.camden.gov.uk)
- Follow Twitter [@CamdenCouncil](https://twitter.com/CamdenCouncil) and Facebook [facebook.com/LBCamden](https://facebook.com/LBCamden)
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.



**SIGN UP** to the Council's coronavirus newsletter for regular service updates, news and support at [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates)

## COVID-19 vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective, and gives the best protection against coronavirus.

When you're eligible to get a vaccination, the NHS will be in touch, so make sure you're registered with a GP and that they have your most up-to-date contact details. The vaccine will help save lives so please consider having it when it's your turn.

If you're 70 or over or clinically extremely vulnerable and have not yet been contacted, you can now book your own vaccine appointment at a nearby vaccination centre like the Francis Crick Institute or the Royal Free Hospital. Visit [nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine](https://nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine) or call **119** for free. However, if you would prefer to have the vaccine at a GP surgery, please wait to be contacted.



### Vaccine Q&A event

On Tuesday 16 February from 5.30 to 7pm, Healthwatch Camden will host a virtual Q&A with local GPs and Camden's Director of Public Health to answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. Register for the event, accessible via Zoom or landline, at [camden.gov.uk/healthwatchevent](https://camden.gov.uk/healthwatchevent) or phone Healthwatch Camden on **020 7383 2402**. Submit your questions in advance when you register, or email [shelly.khan@healthwatchcamden.co.uk](mailto:shelly.khan@healthwatchcamden.co.uk)

## Help for people experiencing domestic abuse

If you are experiencing domestic abuse and need immediate help, you can now discreetly ask for 'ANI' (Action Needed Immediately) at local Boots pharmacies and a number of independent pharmacies across the UK, including in Camden.

Trained staff will offer a safe and private space for people at risk to go to, and assist in calling domestic violence and abuse support services or the police.

Participating pharmacies are displaying posters in windows and inside.

If you are experiencing domestic abuse, you can also contact Camden Safety Net on **020 7974 2526** or email [camdensafetynet@camden.gov.uk](mailto:camdensafetynet@camden.gov.uk)

Find out more at [camden.gov.uk/domestic-violence](https://camden.gov.uk/domestic-violence)



With temperatures dropping again this week, and the days still short, I know this is a really hard time of year to be living through lockdown. Despite the ongoing challenges we all face, I continue to be deeply moved by the acts of love and care across Camden as our communities support each other.

If you are struggling to access help, from accessing food to struggling with mental health, then please contact the Council to find out what support is available on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

All of us following the rules is making a huge difference to reduce the number of people catching the virus – but people are still getting infected every day in London and in Camden. The vaccine gives the best protection against the virus and will reduce the number of people needing to go into hospital to be treated for COVID-19 – but we still have to do all we can to keep each other safe. I visited one of Camden's vaccination clinics and saw the joy and relief on people's faces on getting their first dose – please do get vaccinated when it is your turn. If you have been vaccinated, please do continue to follow the rules – washing your hands, wearing a face covering and keeping a distance from people you don't live with.

**Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council**

## Support for private renters



The Government's temporary ban on evictions for private tenants ends on Sunday 21 February. If you're concerned about this change or have been asked to leave your home, please know that help is available. If you are facing eviction, struggling to pay your rent because of coronavirus, or you are not sure about repairs and safety checks that your landlord can carry out during lockdown, contact Camden Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)** or visit [camden.gov.uk/private-renters-help-covid](https://camden.gov.uk/private-renters-help-covid)

## Keep Camden Safe

Whether you've had the vaccine or not, it is essential that you continue to follow the rules to prevent yourself catching or passing on coronavirus:



Stay at home as much as possible. If it's essential to go out, act like you and others have COVID-19



Wear a face covering in indoor and busy outdoor public spaces, unless exempt



Keep 2 metres apart from people you don't live with



Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly

For more information on national coronavirus restrictions, visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

## Rapid COVID-19 tests for Camden workers without symptoms

If you have to leave home to go to work, you can book a free Lateral Flow Test at one of four test sites in Camden. These tests identify people who do not have symptoms of coronavirus but may be infectious so could pass it on to someone else. For more information or to book a free test, visit [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest)

If you develop coronavirus symptoms, do not go to a Lateral Flow Test site. Instead, self-isolate and book a free test at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call **119**.