



# Easter Activities



It's the Easter holidays so time to stop and relax for a little while!

Pupils have been working really hard to complete the paper copies of work that were sent home with them two weeks ago or the work set daily on School360. This work will still be there but we feel it is important for pupils to take a break and to not feel the pressure of having to keep up with the work being set daily. There will be no more new work set until the end of the planned Easter holidays. We will start setting work again on school360 on Monday 20th April.

However, we do realise that during these strange times you won't be able to do the usual Easter activities and days can be difficult to fill, especially with children. The OMS team have put together some of their favourite tried and tested activities they have used over the past couple of weeks. Hopefully these activities will help structure days and enable you all to enjoy the Easter holidays as much as possible in these difficult times.

## Websites!

If you would still like to do some subject based work try out some of these websites:

**Maths Factor**—<https://www.themathsfactor.com/> - Free to subscribe. Lots of fun games and activities led by Carol Vorderman

**Art**—Visit our very own amazing OMS art channel created by Mr Cole—lots of fantastic lessons on how to draw a range of different things. Brilliant for children and adults—only basic art equipment required.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDLIaNojtFuKG5ZOQRSCXOA>



## Get Outdoors!

With the weather warming up, if you've got an outside space use it!

**Bird Watching**—You can do some birdwatching in your garden or just out of a window in to the street. If you are new to this you could use the RSPB site to help identify what you are seeing <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/identify-a-bird/>. You don't need a bird feeder out to do this. Keep a record and tally of what you have seen.

**Hedgehogs**—With fewer cars on the roads it could be a good year for hedgehogs. If you have space you could build a hibernaculum/sleeping station. You don't need to build a fancy wooden one if you don't have the materials to hand. There are lots of designs on the internet/YouTube made out of recycled materials.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNnbvPdVYRU>. Get adult help or advice!

Or, you could build a hedgehog feeding station and watch for them coming out as the sun goes down. Again, there are lots of designs out there. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nE1kSc8girc>. Dry cat/dog food is good to use. The feeding station stops cats from eating the food. Get adult help or advice!

**Daily exercise** —When out for a walk look out for specific things - signs of spring, or try to identify one thing using each of the senses, or even try a more structured scavenger hunt (sheet attached) .

**Plant some seeds!**

**Play hide and seek**—It's amazing how children of all ages love this and never get bored of finding different hiding places.

**Tennis ball challenge**—Throw a tennis ball into the air and try to touch your head, shoulders, knees and toes before catching it again!

**Easter Egg Hunts**—If you manage to get hold of some chocolate eggs, hide them around the garden then send the children (or adults) out hunting for them! If you can't manage to get chocolate eggs it's just as much fun hunting for paper ones!



## Rainy days!

If it's a rainy day and you're stuck inside or you've had enough of the garden try one of these activities!

**Hide and seek**—You can still play it indoors—it's amazing how many different places can be found even inside your house!

**Painting**—Paint some rainbows, smiley faces etc to display in windows or if you're feeling really brave paint directly on the window!

**Salt dough**— If you have a little spare flour and salt you could make Salt Dough. You could use it to make jewellery or fun ornaments. Even draughts pieces or chess pieces to make your own board game.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5w52cFxDBww> . Get adult help/supervision if drying the dough in an oven.

**Tower building competitions**—Use lego, paper cups or whatever you can get your hands on to build the biggest tower you can.

**Colouring**— It's amazing how relaxing spending time colouring can be (indoors or outdoors).

**Easter crafts**—There are loads of exciting Easter crafts to make—just google Easter crafts.

**Easter egg competition**—The local group - OviFun - was organising a fun day at Easter which has obviously been cancelled. Instead said they are having an **Easter egg competition**. Children and adults need to decorate eggs and then send a photo to [loumoore74@gmail.com](mailto:loumoore74@gmail.com). Categories are: under 7, 8-13, 13-18, 18+ and entries need to be in by 6pm on Friday 10th April. Include name, age and contact details. Go on give it a go!

**30 day lego challenge**—see attached PowerPoint

<https://pawprintfamily.com/product-category/free-resources/?orderby=date> —This website is run by a couple who were part of Girlguiding and Scouts. It has lots of free, printable resources and challenge badge packs. You can choose a badge, download the pack, work through activities, and then order badges later (You don't have to be a member of Girlguiding or Scouts.).

## Virtual Reality!

If you are missing the culture in your life don't fear there are still plenty of ways to get it!

**Virtual museum tours**—<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours> - experience tours of famous museums from your own sofa!

**Escape rooms**—<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/136211/digital-escape-room-harry-potter/> - work as a family to escape this Harry Potter themed virtual escape room.

**Theme Park rides**—If you fancied a trip to a theme park during the Easter Holidays then why not try <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/entertainment/g31977949/virtual-disney-rides/> and go on a virtual ride instead.

**Theatre screenings**—The show must go on! Following the closure of UK theatres many producers and companies are making their work available to watch online. <https://www.thestage.co.uk/features/promoted/2020/where-can-i-watch-theatre-online-coronavirus-and-theatre-streaming/>

**Musicians doing concerts from their own living rooms**—<https://gigs.guide/live>

**Quiz**—Set up your own Kahoot or Zoom family/friends quiz to keep families connected. Or join Jay Flynn for his weekly pub quiz every Thursday at 8 p.m.

## Keeping active!

**Joe Wicks** - Join Joe Wicks for his daily P.E. lesson at 9 a.m. every morning, if you miss his time slot catch up on YouTube.

**Keep dancing**—Join Oti for her daily dance lesson—[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC58aowNEXHHnflR\\_5YtTP4g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC58aowNEXHHnflR_5YtTP4g)

**Just dance**—kids (and adults) love Just Dance—if you haven't got the official game just google it, there are plenty on YouTube.

Hope you enjoy trying some of these activities—please send any pictures to [Hi5oms@ovinghammiddleschool.net](mailto:Hi5oms@ovinghammiddleschool.net)

Please remember, we aren't used to being so close together for such long periods of time and it's important to give yourself some time and space. Don't feel guilty if you aren't entertaining children every minute of every day.

**Happy Easter!**