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It was bizarrely nice to be “back at school” again and pick up that contact with the whole school community. Though when I record my assemblies I am rather self-consciously standing in the garden talking to myself (!) I do know that you’re out there somewhere and I find that very reassuring! The term has got off to a busy start in all classes and I know how pleased the teachers are with the way the children are approaching their learning at home. Thank you as ever for all that you are doing to support the children’s learning. We understand that every family is different, with differing challenges and differing roles to juggle. We also know that “teaching” your child/ren at home is not easy, even without everything else you may be trying to do at the same time; teachers spend 3+ years training for a reason! But with the children likely to be off school for a considerable period of time, everything you can manage to do with them will help, with a focus on quality not quantity and a focus too on ensuring that it remains enjoyable!

Mrs Miles Recommends...:

On that note, here are some fabulous music and art resources that I recommend:

[SingUp at Home](#)—a huge range of great songs with warm up videos etc

[Out of the Ark at Home](#)—again, a huge range of uplifting songs

[Yumu from Charanga](#)—Angela has sent everyone login details this week —online music lessons, with recorder lessons too. We use this at school and the children (and staff!) all love it.

[BBC Ten Pieces at Home](#)—A lovely resource, using music to inspire children’s imagination. There is a weekly piece, with video clips and an activity for the children to do.

[Access Art](#)—why not try their “Ten Minutes Five Times a Week” drawing activity—parents could join in too!

Eco-Team:

I had a GoogleMeet with members of the Eco-Team this week. They are working very hard to achieve the Bronze Eco Award, which they hope to do in the next few weeks. Attached is their first Eco Newsletter. Well done to all of them for their enthusiasm and ideas, and to Isabelle, our Eco Ambassador, for putting the newsletter it together. Lots more from them to follow!

Young Art Oxford—2020 Vision:

The children have done incredibly well in the Young Art Oxford competition and I’m thrilled to be able to tell you that the following children will have their pictures exhibited in the digital exhibition coming up in May.

Reception—Cecily, Lara, Octavia

Y1&2—Cash, India, Oscar

Y3&4—Evelyn, Freya, Lyon, Meredith

Y5&6—Aliena, Lucy H, Oscar, Sophia FF

Even more exciting is that this year, four of these children have been chosen by the judges to win awards for their work:

Commended: Oscar EP and Lyon

Highly Commended: Aliena

3rd Prize : Sophia FF

The digital exhibition starts on 7th May—flyer attached.

Family VibEs—Values at Home:

We spend a lot of time at school focussing on values and it would be lovely to be able to continue this while we are away from school. **Values Based Education** have produced a family resource, [Family VibEs](#), which I very much hope you’ll have a look at. There are lots of simple, enjoyable activities to do, focusing on a value of the week, with the first week’s value being “TRUST”.

Stars of the Week—Star Learning:

It is almost impossible for the staff to choose children for Star of the Week at the moment, as so many of them are working incredibly hard at home, and all the children are managing their new routines with positivity and enthusiasm.

Have a look at the gallery of [wonderful learning](#) on the website

