



Round up: Issue 06

Primary

Welcome to our school newsletter where this week's theme is **'What games are we playing?'** Also in this edition, as it is the **75th Anniversary of 'Victory in Europe' (VE) Day on 08 May**, we are having a look at the types of games children were playing all those years ago. We hope you will enjoy this then and now view of games!

Do keep sharing everything that you have been doing and, next week, we will look forward to hearing **How are we keeping in touch with each other?** (remember the 'stay safe' e-safety rules). You can email contributions to events@wiltshire.gov.uk

Please ask your parent/carer to share with us any pictures (attach the picture as a jpeg to your email) and a few words on what you've been up to during the current times and we'll do our best to put them in the next edition or share them on our social media. You can email your contributions to events@wiltshire.gov.uk but please do so by 5pm each Tuesday. Any pictures sent over will only be used in the newsletter or our social media but photos are stored for two years and then deleted.

It is wonderful to see how many of you have been having a great time creating activities to play either online or around the house with family. Also, it's fantastic to see the traditional board game favourites, like Monopoly, still being played!

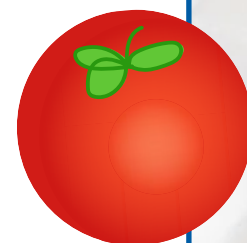
Games are not only good fun but some can teach us about getting along with each other with all players having to follow the same rules and some games which allow us to improve with practise. The best games by far are the ones that give us endless hours of enjoyment, whether on our own or with friends, help us learn a new skill and often come with lots of laughter!

Games can include many activities including puzzles and crosswords. Here is an activity where you can be creative, cook and test your braincells at the same time.

Here is a recipe for tomato soup. Can you change the amounts needed of each ingredient for different numbers of people?

To make tomato soup for 4 people I need:

6 tomatoes
1 potato
1 onion
2 tablespoons of olive oil
2 pints of vegetable stock
1 carrot
4 pieces of bread



- What is the recipe for 8 people?
- What is the recipe for 6 people?



Update

Pippa and Ella (Corsham/Neston)

Here are our last letters for the alphabet activities that have kept us busy over the past month. Thank you for joining in with us! Here we are having a 'uniform day' at home~ It's been fun doing little tasks at home as if mummy were the teacher!

Umbrellas (think paper dolls but make umbrellas)

Vlogs and videos (film your toys playing in garden)

Washing the windows (outside!)

X marks the spot (make treasure map for garden)

Yucky/ Yummy (blindfold taste challenge)

Zoo animal finger prints (draw faces on prints)



V for Video – Pippa filming her Dolly on the swing using her iPad

X
Y
Z



Jokes

What do you say when you lose a Wii game?

Punchline: I want a Wii-match.

Why can't Cinderella play soccer?

Punchline: Because she's always running away from the ball.

What animal is best at hitting a ball?

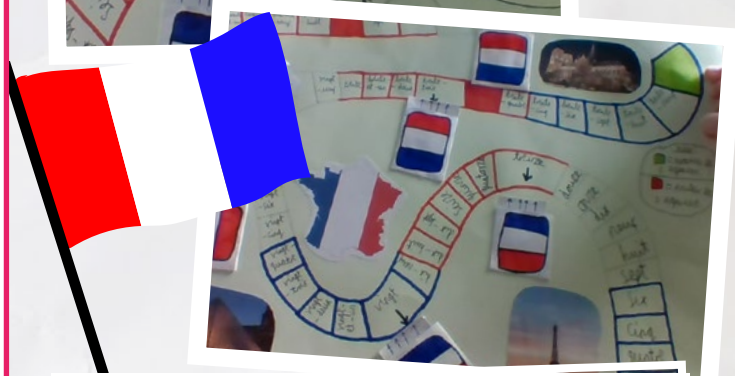
Punchline: A bat.

Why couldn't the pirate play cards?

Punchline: Because he was sitting on the deck!



Très Bien William et bonne chance à la famille!



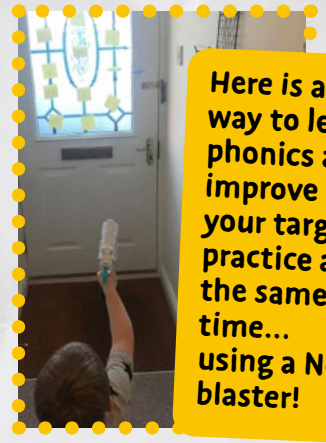
Hullavington Primary School

William (Year 5) rose to the challenge set by his teacher to not only create an exciting board game but make it in the French language. Not only has William learnt lots of new vocabulary, his family will also be joining in the fun and having to learn French too!

Lego Challenge

Build a tic-tac-toe board in Lego and then play a game with it. Instead of noughts and crosses, use two different coloured 2x2 Lego squares to act as your counters.

Children at The Grove have been getting very creative with their games during home learning. They have done an amazing job of combining their learning with a range of fun games. Some of the younger children have created their own giant board games and Google 3D has been a popular choice for some imaginative, animal based role play. They look like they're having lots of fun!



Here is a fun way to learn phonics and improve your target practice at the same time... using a Nerf blaster!



Someone is concentrating hard playing with their Lego. I wonder what he is building?



These two are busy making a huge 'Snakes and Ladders' game. Good luck with avoiding those snakes!



Did you know that the much loved classic board game, Monopoly, has been around since 1904 and was most probably played by your great- grand-parents or even great- great- grand-parents!!

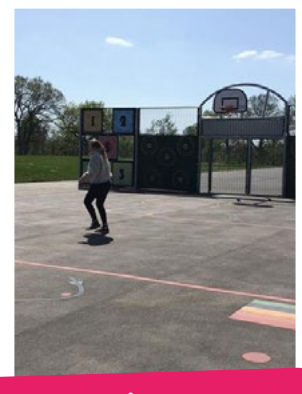


'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' This young lady is very brave. She better hurry up with preparing the tea, that tiger looks very hungry!! Luckily, it's only a 3D image.

What have the children at Castle Mead been up to?

Children at Castle Mead have been really creative coming up with some fantastic new games to play on the playground whilst still social distancing! Shadow tag is a massive hit whilst the sun is shining. The rules are similar to tag, but in order to tag someone you must step on their shadow - harder than it looks! If you are sneaky and can find somewhere to hide your shadow, then you can be safe from the taggers.


Relay challenges are also a popular choice with different children challenging the group to get from one side of the court to the other in a certain way - skipping, running, jumping. The first person back to their spot (2ms apart on the start line) gets to choose the next challenge.



The children have also enjoyed treasure hunts; trikes have been great for extra speed! Shadow What's the Time Mrs Wolf? and Granny's Footsteps have also been popular!

At home, children have been playing and creating all sorts of games – positivity board game, mindfulness games, St George's Day game and a whole variety of maths games!



$1 \times 5 =$	$5 \times 5 =$	$9 \times 5 =$
$2 \times 5 =$	$6 \times 5 =$	$10 \times 5 =$
$3 \times 5 =$		$11 \times 5 =$
$4 \times 5 =$	$8 \times 5 =$	$12 \times 5 =$

Finn the Fish Miss Elliot's Number Zoo

Dice instructions:

- 1 - counting on by drawing counters
- 2 - counting on by using number line
- 3 - drawing tens and ones
- 4 - column method
- 5 - part part whole
- 6 - chose your favourite method

24	19	7	32
81	58	93	13
36	4	45	50
22	69	77	17
14	21	33	2

It was a great game.

It's not only the Castle Mead children who are having great fun playing all these fantastic games – the staff have also been enjoying a weekly quiz!

Balance Challenge

Here's a challenge for children of all ages (and adults!)

Balance on something at home.

Here is Thomas, from Abbeyfield School, balancing on apples and (precious!) toilet rolls.



Games

Games that are played in other countries:

Armenian children pit hardboiled eggs against eggs in a traditional jousting competition. Firstly, eggs can be coloured with designs of the players choosing.

Players: 2 or more, ages 3 and up

Items needed: A labelled hardboiled egg for every participant

How To Play: Everyone picks one hard-boiled egg from a basket, and the battle begins. In a knock-out tournament, several players gently hit their eggs against each other, first bottom-to-bottom, then when bottoms are broken – top to top. When a player's egg is cracked on both sides, he or she is eliminated. The game continues until one player remains with an intact side of their egg, and he or she is proclaimed the winner.

[website link](#)

Riddles

What Am I?

I'm rolled but I'm not a ball.
I have several faces but I'm not a group of people.
I'm covered in spots, but I don't have acne.
I'm sometimes blown on but I'm not hot.
I'm a cube but I'm not made of ice.

What Am I?

I have kings and queens but I'm not a chess board.
I have 52 elements, but I'm not weeks in a year.
I'm mostly red and black but I'm not Darth Maul.
I have diamonds, but I don't shine.
I have aces but I'm not a tennis match.

VE day

75th anniversary of 'Victory in Europe' (VE) Day

VE Day marks the day that World War II ended in Europe. On a public holiday, 8 May 1945, one million people celebrated in the streets of cities, towns and villages in the UK. Crowds gathered in London to see Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, and King George VI make an appearance on the balcony of Buckingham Palace. Did you know that the war lasted six years from 1939?

[Download our VE day toolkit here!](#)

Here is a picture of the Elliot family children Robin, Polly and Oscar, re-enacting the famous speech made by the Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain on the radio telling the country that England was now at war, 03 September 1939! The attention to detail in the video is amazing!



The Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's declaration of war speech started with these exact words:

I am speaking to you from the cabinet room at 10 Downing Street. This morning the British ambassador in Berlin handed the German government a final note stating that unless we heard from them by 11 o'clock that they were prepared at once to withdraw their troops from Poland, a state of war would exist between us. I have to tell you now that no such undertaking has been received, and that consequently this country is at war with Germany.

VE day challenge

VE Day celebration challenge

To celebrate VE Day, using things from around your house and garden, can you make a really, really big version of the Union Jack?

Some children had a go and used clothes from their wardrobe (don't forget to put them all away afterwards though!)

We would love to see your photos when you are finished.



The Elliot's have loved learning about World War II and, as you can see, have been very creative.

And here is a short passage from Sofia's story 'A Tabby Cat's view of VE Day' in 1945 (Year 6, Hullavington School)

"In the morning, Charlotte fed me a quarter of her breakfast (the last of the bacon) and then she turned the box with the voices on. I don't know why humans like these boxes but the tomcat nextdoor reckons it has something to do with the reason the human food has been, in their words, rationed. Then Charlotte screamed. I don't know why, but then tomcat and his human came round and asked if Charlotte heard the news. Turns out that a war was going on in a place called Europe. I think that's what they said. Now the war was over and the humans were going to hold a big party. Then Charlotte said, "That must mean the evacuees will come home!"

Join in the VE Day 75th Anniversary celebrations

We'll be celebrating safely at home to commemorate VE Day on 8 May.

Why not do the same? Decorate your house red, white and blue and celebrate with members of your household.

Why not enjoy:

- a garden afternoon tea party
- baking, crafting or playing games
- sing-a-long or dancing

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**75th Anniversary
Victory in Europe Day**
At home party toolkit
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Download here!

Lots of VE day activities in our toolkit!

Answers

- 1) What am I? - Dice
- 2) What am I? - Deck of cards

Next week...

Next week we are asking you, '**How are we keeping in touch with each other?**' (remember the 'stay safe' e-safety rules) so please let us know by emailing events@wiltshire.gov.uk

Keeping safe and who can help

Even though you may not be in school at the moment, everyone at your school wants you to know that they are still thinking about you.

If you have questions, or need help, then the information below may help you.

Childline, call for free on **0800 111** or get in touch online at: www.childline.org.uk