

Leeds Castle Learning

Make History at Home



History is not just about people that lived a long time ago and events that happened centuries ago. Yesterday is history too. It is gone and we will never live through it again!

This worksheet is for you to record the history that you have been making over the last year. In years to come, children at school will learn about the pandemic of 2020. They will learn how the virus emerged, where it came from and what we all did about it. If you have children of your own in the future, they will want to know what you remember about it. This is your opportunity to record it now, as it is happening!

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Have you studied history? The Saxons? The Vikings? The Tudors? The meaning of the word 'history' is 'the study of past events' which means that yesterday is history. Your life until now is history, the discovery of the COVID-19 virus is history. As we live through this pandemic, with all the changes to our lives, we are making history.

This workbook is not just an activity, it is also a record for you to keep. When you are grown up, maybe even with children of your own, you can look back on it, knowing that you were part of a major historical event in history.

My name is

I am **Years old**

I go to **School and I am in Year**

In the space below draw a self-portrait, or if you have a camera take a selfie and paste it here.



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Think back to when you first heard about the virus. Can you remember who told you? How did you feel? What did it mean for you? Write a few sentences describing the beginning.

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Now think about the first lockdown and how you felt about it.

Lockdown began on

I was happy **or sad** **that I couldn't go to school**

If you were at school how was it different and did you like it with fewer children?

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Did you do any online learning? Was it easy or hard?

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Write a few sentences about the different things you did during lockdown. Did you like them? Were you bored? Write some adjectives on different feelings that you had:

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Acrostic

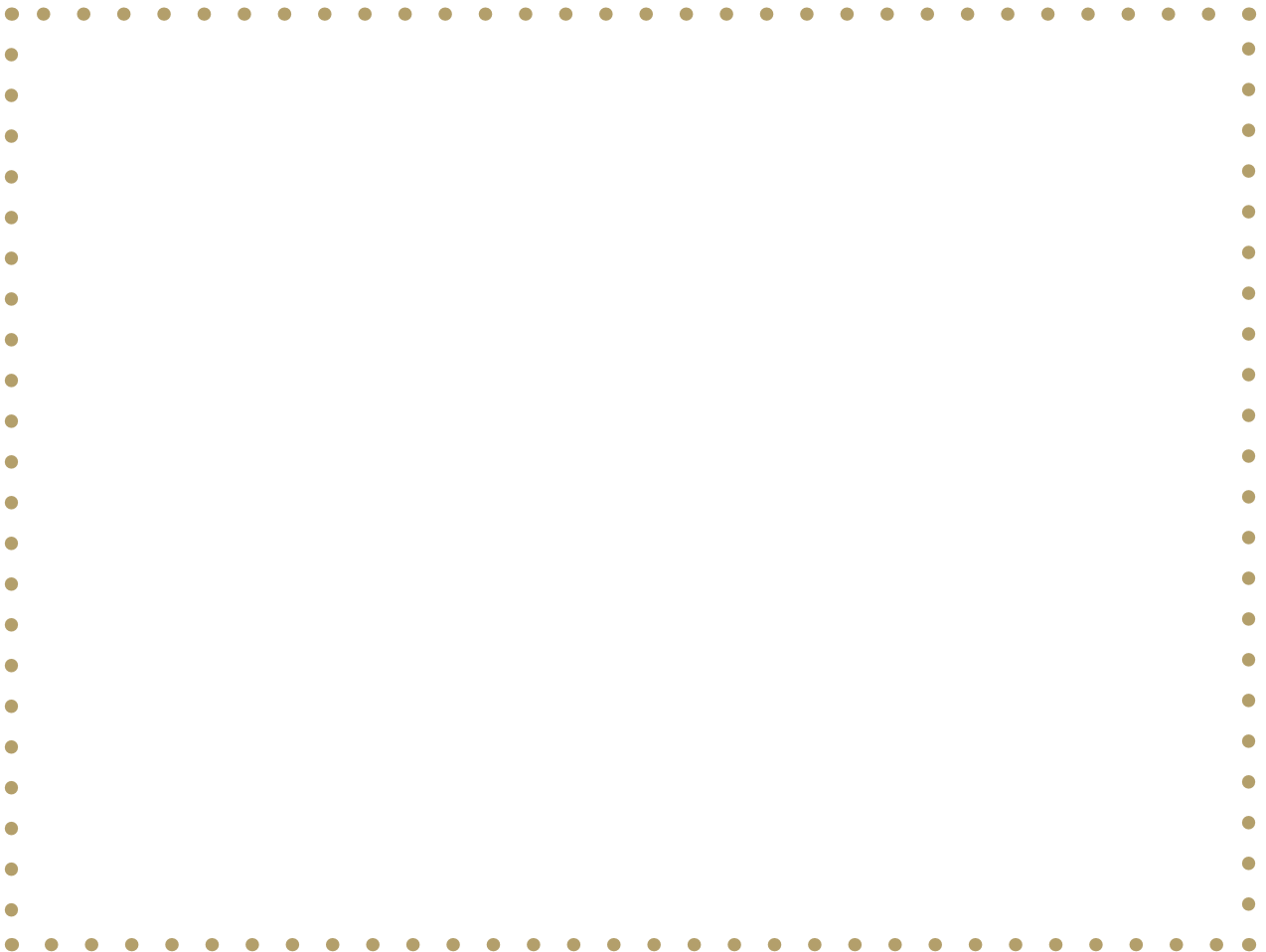
An acrostic is a poem in which the first letter of each line spells out a word or message. Choose a word that is related to the virus and write your own acrostic. There is an example below using the word virus, but you should choose a different word.

Very different world we are in today
Isolation, visitors sent away
Rainbows painted to say thank you
Until we have beaten the horrible bug
Stay safe, wash hands, protect the NHS

Here are some suggestions for words you could use.

Pandemic – corona – covid – lockdown – vaccine – shielding – rainbow

Use the space below to create your acrostic.



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Are you still in lockdown? Unable to go to school? Are you bored?

Here are some activities you can do at home!

Build a Fairy House

- Build a 'fairy house' in the garden, park or even on the base of a tree on your street.
- Collect materials from hedgerows, parks and flowerbeds to create a tiny home for imaginary creatures.
- Get creative by adding touches like a carpet (moss) and a washbasin (an upturned shell).

Build a home for wildlife

Lots of bugs and insects love to have a dry, safe place that they can hide away in, so why not use sticks to create an insect hotel? Collect twigs, grass and other dead material from the ground like leaves to make yours.

Try to build your hotel in a tucked away spot where it will be safe and won't be trampled upon.

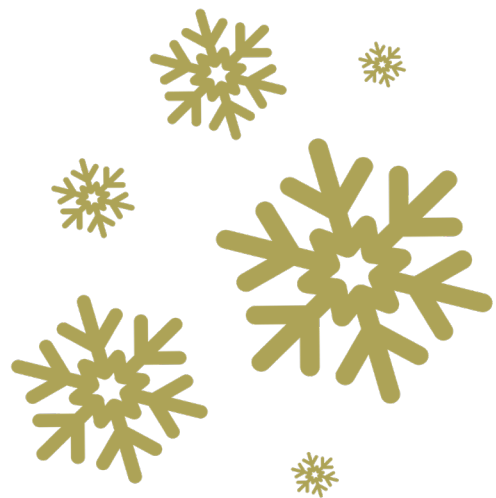
Make paper snowflakes

You'll need:

- Paper (make sure it is square). You can trim a piece of regular A4 paper so that it is square.
- Scissors (please be careful)

What to do:

- Fold your square in half diagonally.
- Fold your triangle in half – again diagonally.
- Fold paper in thirds ... one side to the front, the other to the back.
- Trim the extra piece of paper off the end of your small triangle.
- Around the outside of your triangle, cut some fun designs
- Unfold your paper to reveal your winter masterpiece



There are some more fun activity sheets on the Leeds Castle website including a scavenger hunt and puzzle book, with more being added each week.

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Fun! How many words can you find in the wordsearch below?

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A F G D U R I P R E M O H N U
W U G B E O Z D N S U C O M C
B Z H X E R X W L K E R V E V
B R A I N B O W S E O S I C A
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C P N C M K E C D M E P S G N
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G N I P P A L C X N F A Z N C
E F O M L K B X P A I P S G A
R E S I T I N A S P M N U V V
R I I X O T E Q B K X Q G R Z

BOREDOM

BUG

CLAPPING

CORONA

COUGHING

HANDS

HOME

LEARNING

LOCKDOWN

NURSES

PANDEMIC

RAINBOWS

SAD

SAFE

SANITISER

SCHOOL

SHIELDING

VACCINE

VIRUS

WASH

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Your Record

What is the date today?

How many times have we had lockdown?

Did you get COVID-19, and if so, how poorly were you?

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Although you may not have been to school or have been to school but it is very different, you will have learnt other things instead. Here are some things children have learnt about during lockdown, that they may not have had the opportunity to do when in school.

Birds and flowers, cooking, baking, tidying up, cleaning, meal planning, tying shoe laces, new board games, riding a bike, playing with parents, video calls, drawing, painting, writing and new crafts.

In the space below, write down the things you have learnt, the things you liked about lockdown and the things you did not. Record your thoughts and feelings about COVID-19. Which things made you sad and which made you happy?

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What do you hope for the future? This can be next week, next month, next year or even 5 years time?

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