Stokesley School & Sixth Form College
Being the best we can be

It's the last week of term and so this is our last weekly bulletin for this academic year. Thank you so much to all of the students, parents and carers who have taken part in the activities and tasks that we have suggested. We know that your summer might not be going to be quite as you'd planned, however, so check your inboxes on Friday for our SUMMER CHALLENGE BULLETIN, packed full of optional challenges to get involved with over the summer break. There's a real range of challenges on offer from all over the school with offers of prizes for winners in September; I can't wait to have a go at some of them myself! Mrs Fox 😊

Word of the week	Imperative - when something is vital or very important

Riddle of the week	You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk, but when you look again you don't see a single person on the boat. Why?You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk, but when you look again you don't see a single person on the boat. Why?

App of the week	If you're into your smartphone photography, there are loads of free apps that will help you to take better photos, or to edit the photos you've taken. One great example is **Snapseed**. We'd love to see some of the photos that you've taken.

Remember that we have access to the online newspaper **The Day** so that you can keep up to date and engaged with the news. The Day are also currently offering The Day At Home, a daily newsletter aimed at families living and working together during lockdown. To sign up for this great resource, follow the link **here**.

Department	What great ideas do they have?
ICT/Computing	1. **Photo Editing** - Did you know that it is estimated that by the end of 2020, 1.4 trillion photographs will have been taken around the world? Pretty amazing! Why not do something creative and use BeFunky's Online Creative Platform to edit, create graphic designs or even collages with your photographs? It's really easy to use, has all sorts of tools and is the closest thing you'll get to Photoshop for free! 2. **Making Music** - Isle of Tune is a unique and fun way to make music. You build little roads with houses, trees, streetlights, etc. that cars can then drive past, making music as they go. It sounds a bit crazy but is so much fun! You can use it online or download it as an app for you iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch. 3. **Create a Game** - Spolder! allows you to create games online. This website provides a range of characters, objects and walls that can be dragged on to the playing surface and manipulated to provide an area for the main character to explore. You will need to think about the different elements that will make a good game. This includes creating a high-enough level of challenge to interest the player, but not too high to make the game impossible, as no one wants to play a game that they have no chance of finishing! 4. **Coding** - Fancy a coding challenge? Then head over to CodinGame which allows you to improve your coding skills by exploring game play and creation. You can practise by solving puzzles, competing in coding battles, contributing to multi-player games, and learning coding in various languages including C++, HTML, Java, Python, Ruby, Swift, and more! The free tutorials make it easy to get started with any coding task! Please feel free to share any of your creations or accomplishments with Mrs Metcalfe (s.metcalfe@stokesleyschool.org), as you know she is a huge geek and would love to know what you have been up to!

English	
	1. We think that 6,000 Words is the best app for expanding your vocabulary, because you get to do it through a game!
	2. Do you want to write strong, simple sentences like Hemingway? You can. The free Hemingway app "makes your writing bold and clear" by highlighting potential edits. Different colors help you spot sentences that are too long or too dense, complex words, adverbs that can be eliminated, and places where you're incorrectly using passive voice.
	3. At the Happy Place Festival, you can listen to the classic bedtime stories read by celebrities (Kieth Lemon and Demot O'Leary) in a new and funny way. In the talk lounge, you can listen to big names talk about anything and everything. Look at how they appear so confident and get their points across. Or you can visit the main stage. Watch online performances by our best musicians and perhaps even write a review.
	4. Our local library has started its Summer Reading Challenge. Sign up here
	5. Fancy being published? Try Paragraph Planet. They publish 75 word stories on their website every day. Just type 75 words and hit enter and you could be published online.
	6. Ever wanted to be like Sherlock? Now's your chance. Follow the link to a free case from acclaimed board game Sherlock Holmes: Consulting Detective. Follow the maps, read the clues and solve the case!
Science	
	1. Since lockdown, the amount of wildlife that has been seen in gardens and local areas has massively increased, from kangaroos bouncing down streets in Adelaide,Australia, through to wild goats window shopping in Llandudno, Wales. What can you do to support the wildlife in your area.? The wildlife trust has lots of great ideas.
	2. The Royal Society of Biology are running their summer exhibition online from July 13th-17th There are loads of events from the secret mind of pets through to antarctic adventures and daily art challenges
	3. Feeling a bit more competitive? Challenge your family to a hovercraft race- you have to make your own craft! We would love to see your photos and videos of these.
	4. And finally, if you're looking to impress your friends and family, show them some cool science experiments you can do with simple kitchen products. Stay safe!

Getting through this time is about everybody doing their bit. Why not email your suggestions for future bulletins to Mrs Fox (l.fox@stokesleyschool.org) and then next week everyone can be doing it!