



## Mapledene News

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### Key dates for May

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May Closed Bank Holiday

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 Empty Classroom Day

Mapledene remains open for children of key workers and vulnerable families only

Visit our web page at [www.mapledenechildrenscentre.co.uk](http://www.mapledenechildrenscentre.co.uk)

### Useful Links

EcoActive <https://ecoactive.org.uk/learning-at-home>

Creative ideas from Hackney Museum that you can do at home  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17NmtV9QdDuB9OAppFrwRh7wmv0g-NssB/view>

Look here for great activities for children 6-12 months of age  
<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/#2>

Ideas for looking after your families mental health during 'Lockdown' <https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/content/mental-health-and-wellbeing-resources> and tips on parenting during Coronavirus <https://ihv.org.uk/families/parenting-through-coronavirus-covid-19/>

### Zoom by Rooms

We hope that you have all been enjoying Zoom with your children. We have taken onboard your comments and suggestions on how to make Zoom great for all ages and stages of development. With this in mind, once a fortnight at 3pm staff in Apples, Palms and Maples room will run separate Zoom sessions catered specifically for the children in that age range. All times and dates will be posted on Telegram shortly along with the ID number and password.

### Termly Theme

This term's theme is 'Friends of the earth', Mapledene's children will learn about the planet and how to preserve it. Activities will focus on recycling, reusing items for other purposes and having a better understanding of how our actions may harm the earth. During the 'Lockdown' period, you can help your children with this theme at home. Take part in this 'Bee Survey' <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/bee-count/bee-surveys-record-bees-and-help-science> This can be done at home in your garden or at the park as part of your daily exercise. Please also take pictures of your child during this activity and email it to your child's key worker, who will happily include them in your child's learning journey.

### Activity Packs

Activity packs are available for your children. The pack includes work samples that are tailored specifically for your child's learning. Staff have been checking up on how things are going, also offering advice on how to support your child's learning while at home. Staff at Mapledene have been busy putting together educational work pack that your children can do at home. Parents can collect their child's work pack from the front entrance. We kindly ask that you do not come into the main building. Your child's keyworker will contact you when your individual packs are ready for collection. Inside each pack you will find a 'Magic Moment' slip, please complete this and email it to your child's keyworker. We would also appreciate it if you would also email pictures and completed work samples to your keyworker. Staff will use this and add them to your child's learning journey book. If you have other pictures of your child's significant learning while on Lockdown please email them too. We are here to help you and your family get through this crisis. If you are claiming benefits and qualify for free vitamins please contact the centre. If you need food parcels for your family or learning resource packs or anything else please get in contact with us. We wish you all well and remind you all to stay within the Government Guidelines to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus. 🌈

### Apple Tree

We thought it would be nice to show you all how well Mapledene's apple tree is developing.

The blossom has now been removed in order for the roots to become established resulting in a health crop of apples

