

Dear Grade 3s and your Parents

A new website I have discovered this week is called **Funbrain**. I don't like all the ads, but don't click on them and just enjoy the stories. I closed the bottom bar of ads first and then was able to read freely.

Grade 3s who are enjoying reading chapter books may enjoy this sample from **Judy Moody saves the world**, by **Megan McDonald**

<https://www.funbrain.com/books/judy-moody-saves-the-world/page/1>

There are other samples of Judy Moody books on this website, and lots of Judy Moody books in the library for when school reopens. Remember our library books are in alphabetical order by the first three letters of the author's surname, so will be on the M shelf with the letters **MCD** on the spine.

I subscribe to the website **Activity Village**, and they have generously offered free packages during lockdown.

They say: **These packs are free***. There's no need to sign up to the newsletter, or become a member of the website. Just download and enjoy, and I hope that they help. And please tell friends, family and colleagues about them and send them to this page.

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/school-closures>

I downloaded the **Southern Hemisphere Activity Pack** for older children has some fun challenges to do with autumn words, and I would recommend trying some to grow your reading and spelling skills.

My third recommendation is called: **Courageous People who Changed the World** and it is written by **Heidi Poelman**, illustrated by Kyle Kershner and published by Familius.

<https://watch.vooks.com/free-access/videos/courageous-people-who-changed-the-world>

I'm sure that there have been times during lockdown when you have had to be courageous/brave. Maybe after listening to these stories of people who showed great courage back in history you can jot down an answer to the question that is asked at the end of the book ... **"What kind of hero will you be?"**

At the moment, even though it involves a huge sacrifice, it seems that the most heroic thing that we can all do is to listen to the government telling us to stay at home, wash our hands, wear masks and physically distance – in order to stop the spread of the virus.

In our own way, each of us can be a hero or heroine by doing just this.

Well done, heroines in Grade 3. 😊

Best wishes for this week of reading.

Love from Mrs Bentley