



Mrs Slaters' thought
for the day

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Have you ever seen a flock of geese in flight?



- Look at the picture. Are the geese together, or apart? (It does look as if they are practising social distancing!) Or are they both? Tell an adult your thoughts.
- Is this picture like us at the moment? In a way, we are apart but focusing on the same thing – staying safe.



- Geese work as a team, even when flying apart, as in the picture. The flapping of their wings makes it easier for the birds behind them to fly and they take it in turns to be the lead goose. How might we do this in school, and with the people in our households during this time?
- Geese 'honk' to encourage each other when they are flying in formation, like in the picture. What do you think they might be 'saying' to one another? What words encourage you?
- Geese also look after each other during their migration and if one bird gets too tired or is injured, two other geese will land with it to keep it company until it is fit to fly again. How can you care for the people around you at this time?

Activities you could try at home or in school:

Make origami birds out of paper. You can find lots of origami ideas online.

Have a day where you really try to be encouraging to other people around you: you don't have to honk like a goose unless you really want to! Find ways to encourage people you're not able to see at the moment e.g. by calling them on the phone, or sending them a message.

Make handprint standing geese, with the thumb facing upwards, using paint, or by drawing around your hand: your 4 fingers are the body of the goose, with the fingertips becoming the tail feathers, and the thumb becoming the neck. Add a head and legs – and if you have any at home, a googly eye!

Become a twitcher (birdwatcher)! You may not be able to watch any geese in flight today, but spend some time looking through your window to see which birds visit your outside space. You could even keep a chart of which birds visit and how many times.

- Some children will be joining us back at school this week, and others will stay at home.
- We will all have mixed up feelings about the situation we are in. We need to talk lots and support each other.
- I want to hear about you 'honking' to each other to encourage people to keep going!
- Can you 'flap your wings' in a way which will help others to fly?





In the Bible, Christians read these words:

‘Encourage one another and build one another up’

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Think together about how encouragement ‘builds’ you up.

You could use these words to pray for someone that you love if you wish:

Dear God

Thank you for..... and for all that they do for me. Please bless them. Help me to speak words that encourage them this week.

Amen