Year 4 Wednesday 20th May 2020

Hi everyone,

So, today for English please look at yesterday's lesson: Tuesday 19th May – it focuses on formal and informal language.

- We use **formal language** when we are communicating with people we don't know very well, and/or people we want to impress and be respectful towards. Think how you would speak to Mrs Swaysland, a police officer or even the Queen!
- We use **informal language** when we are communicating with people we know well, are relaxed and comfortable with, and who we can be casual with. Think about how you talk with your close friends, family, maybe even how you communicate via text, if you have a phone or device you can message on.

Here is the link:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmnvgwx

There is a video clip to watch and then four activities:

Activity 1: Identify whether the sentence shown is formal or informal.

Activity 2: Write a short paragraph about something you are interested in (a sport, a hobby, an animal or area of interest for you) but **write it informally**, like you were writing it to a friend. Think about how to include **nick names**, **abbreviations**, **jokes** and **funny words and phrases**.

Activity 3: Now write the same paragraph again, but can you change the tone of it by **using formal**, instead of informal, language? Think what words and phrases you would change to make the paragraph something you would consider suitable to show the Queen!

Activity 4: Read both your paragraphs out loud to yourself (or a helpful member of your family, if they have time). How does your vocal tone and facial expression change when you read the different paragraphs? How about your body language? Think about how the paragraphs sound and whether you pronounce anything differently, or in a different way. Why do you think you have found these differences? Can a member of your family tell the difference between your two paragraphs and identify what makes them different?

Have fun with this task – can you put on your poshest voice for your formal paragraph? How different do you sound from your normal self? 😊