

# Strike Day Work, April 2023

We recognise that families may do other activities in this time, so there aren't set expectations about the amounts of work you do. There are no tasks that take particular priority over others.

We have provided a variety of work. First of all you will see a range of tasks, some with more creative work – this is not age-specific.

Lower down, you will see some links to work which is specific to Years 7 – 10.

## Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April

### Earth Day

#### English: Poetry

Digital Theatre Plus <https://edu.digitaltheatreplus.com/>

Parkside student login: (Username: login.11031 and Password: value@2674)

- Read Margaret Atwood's Poem *City Planners* [here](#) or [here](#)
- [Listen to it being recited](#)
- [Watch the short lecture](#) about *City Planners*
- How does Atwood present ideas about the environment and the way humans interact with it in this poem?
- **Extension:** Create a piece of artwork inspired by this poem
- **Further extension:** [Read this essay that explains what ecocriticism is.](#) Use ideas from this essay to deepen your interpretation of the poem. Consider how you could approach other texts you have studied this year through the lens of ecocriticism.
- **If you find *City Planners* too difficult,** you could read [Child's Song in Spring \(1895\)](#) by Edith Nesbit instead. Look up images of the different trees that she mentions in the poem. Perhaps you could see if you can spot those trees in a walk outside? What impression is she giving of each type of tree? You can find [free downloadable tree identification sheets](#) on the Woodland Trust's website.

**Forestry England: Cutting carbon emissions KS3 activities:** [Cutting carbon emissions KS3 activities | Forestry England](#)

**WWF resources for Earth hour:** [Earth Hour 2023 ACTIVITY PACK small.pdf \(wwf.org.uk\)](#)

Page 4 has different suggestions about how to take action for nature. Watch a documentary, go for a nature walk, build a bug hotel, plant your own vegetables, etc.

## Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

### History project for the school.

History of the Coronation

Students log onto this weblink:

[A history of coronations | Westminster Abbey \(westminster-abbey.org\)](https://www.westminster-abbey.org/education/learning-resources/a-history-of-coronations)

Tasks:

- a) Who was the first Monarch crowned in Westminster?
- b) List three important things that occur during the Coronation ceremony. Why is this done?

### Click on Coronation stories

- a) Investigate 5 stories that interest you. Write up what happened. What is surprising about these stories? What do they reveal about the problems of the monarchy in England throughout history?

**Extension:** Charles will be the third crowned Charles in England. Who were the other two? Investigate the stories of Charles 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Go to this weblink to help you:

[The execution of Charles I - The English Civil Wars - KS3 History - homework help for year 7, 8 and 9. - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/history/england_17th/17th_civil_war_01.shtml)

[BBC - History - Charles II](https://www.bbc.com/history/england_17th/17th_charles_ii_01.shtml)

Final writing task: What have been the main challenges faced by English monarchs throughout history? Read this article to gain some ideas:

[EC3B5E64-5056-907D-8D00-8D963A6FA025.pdf \(digitalbell-bucket.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://www.digitalbell-bucket.s3.amazonaws.com/EC3B5E64-5056-907D-8D00-8D963A6FA025.pdf)

Think about problems of **religion** (how religion justified a monarch's position), **legitimacy** (who could claim to be a king) **authority** (how much was respect important to be a monarch) and **power** (who could be kind because they had the strength to be so)

Write no more than a single side of A4 with a picture as well showing the key problem.

### Music - Anthems

Music is often used to express a groups pride in their culture, achievements, values and community. This can be very formal, for example music at the upcoming coronation, national anthems etc. Or it can be very informal. These songs are often called anthems.

I have included a list of three very different Anthems used to express pride in some way. Versions of each Anthem can be found on Spotify, Youtube and other streaming services. Listen to each piece and try and understand what meaning and emotions the composer is trying to express. You can also consider how effective the piece is in communicating 'pride'.

### **Zadoc the Priest by Handel**

Zadoc the Priest is a piece of choral music composed by Handel for the coronation of George II in 1727. It has been sung at ever coronation since then. You might think it sounds familiar, that is because it was used as the basis for the Champions League Anthem.

Handel had a talent for the dramatic and theatrical. This piece seems to sum up the pomp and majesty of a coronation.

## **Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau (Land of my Fathers)**

Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau is the National Anthem of Wales. It is most famous for being sung at the start of rugby games. The words are written by Evan James and the melody was written by his son, James James.

## **We Are the Champions – Queen**

This song is used for many occasions and by many groups to express their pride in an achievement, especially sporting. Member of Queen said that when composing this song, they "wanted to get the crowds waving and singing. It's very unifying and positive."

It is a very positive message and heroic lyrics mean it remains popular 45 years after its first performance.

Is there a song that you feel would be a good Anthem for Parkside? One that expresses our values and our achievements. If you can think of one, please let Mr Crane know your idea.

## **Year specific learning resources**

[Year 10 Geography Online lesson resources](#)

[Year 10 History Online lesson resources](#)

[Year 9 English Online lesson resources](#)

[Year 9 French Online lesson resources](#)

[Year 9 Science Online lesson resources](#)

[Year 8 English Online lesson resources](#)

[Year 8 Geography Online lesson resources](#)

[Year 8 Science Online lesson resources](#)

[Year 7 Art Online lesson resources](#)

[Year 7 English Online lesson resources](#)

[Year 7 Science Online lesson resources](#)

