

Friday 20th March: Scouting Skills

This week the plan was to practice essential Scouting skills, such as basic knots, fires and, our favourite, all the ways we can use a knecker!

Some of these can be done at home, so have a look at some of the challenges we've set below. Let us know how you get on, feel free to ask an adult at home to email some pictures to Rohan, Bob or Krissy and if they say it's okay, we may even pop them on our website!

We've included space for you to write below, but you can always type in the spaces instead.

Knots

Knots are an important part of Scouting, traditionally and now! From uses on camp, outdoor activities and even First Aid, they can be really useful. Some of them may seem complicated, but with a bit of practice you'll be tying them in no time!

Before reading on, how many knots can you name?

Which ones of those can you tie?

Can you find out what outdoor activity/sport uses the figure of eight knot?



Have a look at some of the knots on the Scouts website (always ask an adult before using the internet): <https://www.scouts.org.uk/activities/?name=knots>

How many of these can you learn to tie? Send us your photos! Perhaps you can show them to us when we're next able to meet at the Scout Hut.

Fires

Please don't try and light a fire at home, unless your adult says it's okay and they supervise you! As you know from Fire safety a few weeks ago, fires can be very dangerous if not controlled properly.

Have a look in books and on the internet for all the different ways to start a fire. Which one's hadn't you heard of before?

Now look for the different ways to set up a fire. Why might you build it in different ways? Are there any interesting ones you might like to try at Scouts in the future?

"Backwoods cooking" is one of the names given to cooking over a fire. Have you cooked anything on a fire before? What recipes did you like? Can you find any more recipes that you'd like to try in the future?



How many ways can you use a Scout knecker?

There's no definitive answer to this! How many can you think of?

Have a look in a book or on the internet and see if there are any other uses you can find. Have a go at some of them (if it's safe to do so) and send us your pictures!
