

Assembly Resource

Read through the information below, which looks at the #PlayApartTogether campaign. Do you think it is a good idea? What other ideas or advice would you give to help keep people busy whilst they are spending a lot of their time inside?

Games industry companies have a global audience - we encourage all to #PlayApartTogether.

Through this unifying hashtag, companies will encourage conversation within their games and on social media. I thank the games industry for stepping up to help bring an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ray Chambers, The World Health Organisation's Ambassador for Global Strategy

What is the #PlayApartTogether campaign?

The campaign encourages people all around the world to play video games together! People are able to interact with others and have fun whilst staying inside.



Alongside video games, here are some other games you can play inside (some of these you can play virtually with friends too!):

- Snakes and ladders or other board games
- Card games
- Hide-and-seek
- Simon Says
- Pictionary
- I Spy
- Indoor treasure hunt

Can you think of anymore?

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The World Health Organisation have explained the importance of social distancing and staying inside as much as possible in current times.

Playing computer games, either on our own or with family and friends in their own homes, is a good way to do this.



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at Home

27th April 2020

What's going on this week?



The World Health Organisation (WHO) have partnered with technology companies around the world campaigning to show how gaming can help fight coronavirus and 'save lives'. The WHO and computer game producers have come together to work on the #PlayApartTogether campaign, which aims to spread the importance of WHO guidelines, that will slow the spread of COVID-19, including staying inside, to the global audience of the gaming industry.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🤖 Have you ever played on a video or computer game? If so, what was it? Did you enjoy it? If not, would you like to play on one?
- 🤖 Why do you think video games are as popular as they are?
- 🤖 Do you prefer video games, or real-life games? Talk about why.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

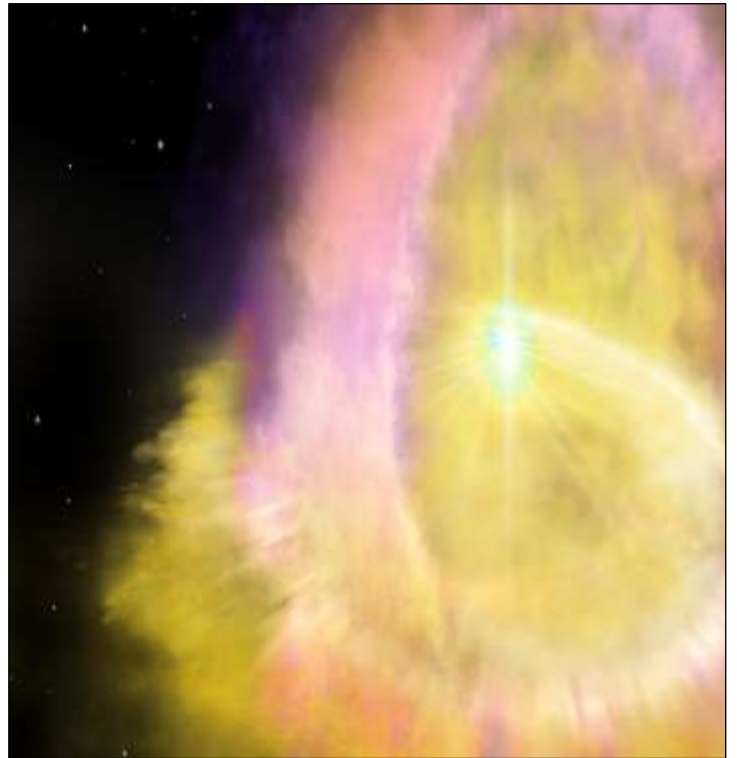


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Most powerful supernova in the universe

A mammoth star explosion known as SN2016aps, which occurred about 4.5 million light-years away from Earth, is the brightest supernova ever seen, an international team of astronomers have reported in a new study. The brilliant new supernova shatters cosmic records for brightness, energy, and also mass. It was between 50 to 100 solar masses, which is much greater than the 8 to 15 solar mass explosions typically seen. It was 500 times brighter than a typical supernova and much more energetic, releasing about 10 times more energy than the sun will emit in its entire lifetime! Dr Matt Nicholl, lead author of the study and lecturer at the University of Birmingham School of Physics and Astronomy, said "We found the radiation was five times the explosion energy of a normal-sized supernova. This is the most light we have ever seen emitted by a supernova!"



Pictured: A image of a supernova. Source - Royal Astronomical Society's Twitter page.

Passenger accidentally ejects himself from jet



Pictured: A Dassault Rafale jet plane taken by Gerard van der Schaaf.

A 64-year-old man was given a surprise gift of flight in a Dassault Rafale (meaning burst of fire), a French twin-engine, canard delta wing, multirole fighter aircraft, by his colleagues to celebrate his retirement. Just after the jet had taken off at Saint-Dizier 113 air base, the passenger was ejected from the back of the plane. An investigation into the incident which has just been released by France's Bureau of Enquiry and Analysis for Civil Aviation Safety, has confirmed that he was so startled when the plane took off that he accidentally grabbed the handle that releases the Martin-Baker MK16 ejection seat to steady himself! This caused him to self-eject with his seat, being thrown from the aircraft, he then parachuted down to the ground and landed safely in a field. The pilot performed back-up actions and was then able to land the plane.



Rosie the penguin turns 30!



Pictured: A pair of penguins at Sewerby Hall taken from their Twitter page.

Rosie, the Humboldt penguin, is one of the UK's oldest penguins and has just celebrated turning 30! Even though Sewerby Hall and Gardens, where she and her penguin pals, Dion, Pingu and Penny live, is currently closed, Rosie celebrated in style behind the scenes on the 20th of April. This is a big achievement as Humboldt penguins have a life expectancy of between 15 and 20 years in the wild. The penguins are classed as vulnerable to extinction due to changes in climate and overfishing of their preferred prey. Rosie, who was bred in captivity, came to live at the hall in 1990 and has successfully hatched chicks, playing a vital role in the zoo's breeding programme. "We are genuinely excited that Rosie is about to reach her 30th birthday," said John Pickering, head zookeeper, before the big day.

Your thoughts on the news...

I think that we are ALL responsible for the welfare of the animals. However, I do believe that the hunters need to stop hunting and killing animals because it is not fair, and they deserve a life as much as we do.

Freya James-Shaw - Age 9



It is everyone's job because without animals, the world wouldn't be the same. Every living creature should be treated the same, otherwise they might feel sad and ignored. For example, if a wild animal is injured and somebody notices it, they should go and help it.

Safiyya Rose- Age 7

It is everyone's job because it is everyone's world and we should help out as much as we can to keep our earth a good place.

Abbigail Davenport- Age 10

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I think it is everybody's job to protect animals in the wild. It's their planet, not just ours.

James Ashworth - Age 8

/ think...



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**Are video games the next
best thing to our real
lives?**

Resource 1

Look at the resource below, which explains what a video game is and shares examples of when some children have played them.

A video game is a game where a player uses controls or buttons to control moving pictures on a screen. This could be a computer, television, mobile phone, tablet, laptop etc. Sometimes we call them computer games.

I play a game on my dad's mobile phone. You have to move a snake around the screen making sure you don't bang into any of the other snakes!

Lily



I use my laptop to play lots of games to help me with my times tables and mental maths.

Steffan



I have an Xbox 360. I really enjoy playing a football game and I can join up and play with my friends too. We can chat whilst we play.

Tabinda



Have you ever played a video game before? What was it? What did you play it on? Who did you play it with?

Resource 2

Look at the resource below which shows examples of some of the different types of game we might play.

Board games

- Snakes and Ladders
- Monopoly
- Guess Who?



Sports games

- Netball
- Cricket
- Tennis
- Croquet



Imaginary/role-play games

- Cops and robbers
- Superheroes
- Space travellers



Card games

- Uno
- Pitt
- Rummy



Tag games

- Hide and seek
- Blockie
- Stuck in the mud



Have you ever played any of these games before? Can you think of any other examples?



Video games

- Minecraft
- Slither.io
- Mario