



Home Learning

This is your home learning book. Please feel welcome to record any learning you complete during school closure in here. It doesn't have to be tasks directed by school it can be any written learning you choose to complete whilst school is closed.

Parents and Carers: you are the teachers now! Please feel welcome to mark your children's work as you go along: instant feedback is really beneficial to children. Remember to give plenty of positives as well as next steps!

You are welcome to bring this back to school on your return, we will be really pleased to look at your work together as a class.

We hope that our approach to home learning will maintain momentum across the closure period with a daily dose of learning. We hope it will be manageable for parents and carers. We are not planning on sending new learning; it will sustain skills the children have already been taught. We are also hoping that our daily email will help children to feel teachers are keeping in touch with them (believe it or not teachers will miss their class). This is a very new position to be in, there are no tried and tested 'perfect' systems but let's try....

Daily:

Each evening (during term time) you will receive an email from your year group team giving you learning tasks for the following day. Where possible they will sign post resources to help parents so that you have some time to prepare your knowledge!

Technology will provide a great resource for home learning and it will help children to engage. Please don't rely on technology for everything and try to avoid too much online gaming.

We understand that being at home for an extended period is going to be challenging. Our recommendation is to build a timetable for your day. An example could be:

9 – 10am	Home learning activity provided by school
10-11am	Family activity: board games, household chores etc.
11-12pm	Home learning activity provided by school
12-1pm	Lunchtime (involve your children in preparing the food?!)
1-2pm	Reading time
2-3pm	Outdoor time: play in the garden, possibly a walk if allowed.
3-4pm	Online time: educational game e.g. TTRS

Many of you will have to work at home: perhaps plan in your work times into this timetable so your children are clear when you are expecting them to occupy themselves.

In addition to the daily tasks consider:

- Reading: a range of texts, independently and aloud as often as possible.
- Times Tables Rockstars
- Writing to/emailing friends and family that they have reduced contact with at this time.
- Any 'revision style' guides, activity or puzzle books you have at home.
- Web links provided on our website to a range of resources many of which are currently available for free.

Take time to talk... spending time each day talking about thoughts and feelings with your child will be invaluable to their wellbeing.

Twenty Things to Try at Home!

<p>Homemade gifts. Encourage your child to make a gift for someone or a greeting card. There are many ideas and instructions online, start searching</p>	<p>Get baking. Bake some cakes or biscuits. Have them help you in the kitchen! Who doesn't need a great helper?</p>	<p>Reminisce. Sort through old photographs, make a scrapbook of memories. It might sound a bit old fashioned but it's so therapeutic and you get to spend quality time with your kids</p>	<p>Organise. Get your child to sort through their belongings and throw out what they don't need. Ask them to organise their room.</p>	<p>Draw or create a family tree. Why don't you even make an art gallery at home and show of your child's artwork?</p>
<p>Chat. Let your child spend time with their friends on Skype or phone. Teenagers especially, truly feel isolated if their aren't in contact with their friends.</p>	<p>Treasure hunt. If you are lucky enough to have a garden create an exciting treasure hunt with clues and home-made treasures for your kids to find.</p>	<p>Get gardening. Show your child how to take care of plants and let them garden, too. If you live in apartment, go to your balcony plant some flowers in pots.</p>	<p>Movie time. Having a family 'film day' is a great way of spending time together watching favourite movies. To make it educational, ask your child to write a film review or draw a movie poster.</p>	<p>Show time. If your children like performing, go through carnival/halloween outfits and help them to put on a show for the family. They can even work on some literacy skills in a fun way by writing a play script and act it out.</p>
<p>Puppets. Make finger puppets and help them create their own puppet show. Make a theatre out of a box and get creative.</p>	<p>Read. Start a family book club. Discuss what your favourite characters and what part you liked best and why.</p>	<p>Picnic time. Have a family picnic indoors, on the balcony or in the garden.</p>	<p>Create. Make potato stamps, stamp paper or even a shirt.</p>	<p>Adventure time. Go camping in the garden or the living room.</p>
<p>Sports. Make your own mini-golf course in the living room. There are many online ideas you can easily recreate.</p>	<p>Homemade games. In the evenings get the kids to design a game that you can make the next day – give them ideas to keep it simple such as a paper boat race in the bath or homemade skittles using a tennis ball and empty toilet rolls.</p>	<p>Origami. All you need is paper and instructions which can be found online, will keeps kids amused and they will learn a new skill.</p>	<p>Theatre. Encourage the kids to put on a play or a magic show. They could even use the dress up with clothes and props from around the house. If you have a camera, you can even film it to watch later or for some great memories.</p>	<p>Games. Play board games and card games</p>