

Dear parents/carers,

Please find enclosed a pack of resources to help with your child's learning at home while school is closed.

Where possible, the work is based on current topics and the children will be familiar with the processes and strategies to complete many of the tasks.

I have sought to offer ideas for the children's continued learning in terms of practical tasks and activities that do not require significant time or resources to prepare. In both Reception and Year 1, particularly in Numeracy, practical activities are just as beneficial as written tasks. However, any amount of practise with regards number and letter formation is also useful. Of course, it is always worth encouraging your child to experiment with writing, drawing and painting.

One of the most useful things your child can do is to maintain consistent reading habits. To this end, I have included additional reading material and would like to further stress the importance of developing a positive culture of reading at home, sharing stories with your child and giving them the opportunity to read to you. Additionally, regular practise of word/sound "fans" will also be of great use.

You will find in your pack ideas and work relating to Numeracy and Phonics, in addition to information to further our current topic based around the season of Spring. Below you will find a list of websites that are useful for home-based learning in the context of Numeracy, Literacy and Phonics. These websites offer free games and videos, some of which the children will be familiar with.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

There are plenty of really useful games and links on here which the children use in class and enjoy, particularly for maths.

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

A good website with plenty of phonics activities in the sections on the left of the homepage, marked Phase 2 and 3.

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/>

Another good website with a mixture of maths and phonics games. Click on the EYFS tab at the top, or Key Stage 1 (Year 1s) before clicking on an area of the curriculum.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/>

There are lots of videos and games on the BBC's website aimed at children of different ages and abilities.

<https://www.learninggamesforkids.com/>

Although aimed at American audiences, there are some useful games and videos on this website and the children enjoy scrolling through to find something that appeals.

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/>

If you have access to a printer, this website offers lots of free worksheets and activity packs. Choose a subject at the left of the homepage. Then choose an area, e.g. Numeracy ➡ Shape. For Year 1

pupils, look for a red box with a number 1 in it. Unfortunately, there are not as many activities offered for Reception children.

I understand this is a challenging time for many of us but would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the sensible and reasonable approach you have afforded myself and my colleagues.

I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes,

Mr. Sexton