



Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I hope the second week of the school closure is going ok for you? A few parents have asked this week about our expectations on the work the children do. Different schools are setting different expectations for work. Mine is that the work is there to support the children's learning and to help keep them occupied. I am not expecting you as parents to be teachers and to teach new concepts to the children, most of what we are giving you is revision and practice. The more you can do the readier for school restarting your child will be and the less impact this current situation will have on their learning long term. Having said that there is no point stressing yourself and your child over any learning, that won't help in the long term. So please do what you can, don't worry if you don't get it all done and have fun with it as much as possible. There is no expectation from us on how much you need to do, you do what is right for your family. Please remember we are here to support by email or by phone, so do use us.

For the next two weeks, which are the official Easter Holidays, things will be a bit different. Teachers won't be sending work home or responding to emails. However, I will still look at my emails and if you are in any difficulty please do get in touch and I will do everything I can to help.

We will be able to continue the lunch boxes over Easter and we will continue to send text messages out as we have been for the past two weeks.

I am currently planning on the school still being shut after Easter but we have had no confirmation from the Government about that. We find out the information at the same time as the rest of the country so as soon as we get the announcement we will be working flat out to get school reopened. As anything changes I will let you know what the plans are.

As we will not be sending work out I have attached a list of different resources that you may find useful in keeping the children entertained while still stuck in the house.

While all of these websites have been checked it is not possible to check every link or pop up. Please remember children should always be supervised while online. If you would like more advice to ensure children are staying safe online then Internet Matters www.internetmatters.com has lots of great advice on keeping children safe.

National Literacy Trust Family Zone

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/5-8/>

This has lots of reading resources and ideas for reading to support your child.

White Rose Maths

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

Lots of different ideas for maths learning. A lot of teachers use this so you may recognise some of the activities already.

Twinkl

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/covid19-school-closures>

This is normally an annual subscription but they have opened up some free resources for parents to use. This has resources for most curriculum areas.

Oxford Owl

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

This free resource has resources for reading and maths. There is also an ebook library where the children can read interactive books.

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

You want to click on the England KS1 box which will then take you to a page with lots of different school subjects. Clicking on them will take you to different games that will support children's learning.

Super Movers

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

Fun activities to get you learning and moving at the same time, this is definitely one to have a look at. Lots of dance videos where children can move and learn some simple English and maths facts.

Art for Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ArtforKidsHub>

This is a YouTube channel that teaches children (and adults) how to draw.

Woodland Trust

https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/03/kids-nature-activities-self-isolation/?utm_campaign=526771_ES174%20%E2%80%93%20Teacher%2FParent%20resources&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Extravision%20on%20behalf%20of%20Playforce%20Ltd&dm_i=4U2G,BAGJ,3BRHL7,19864,1

Ideas to support as much outdoor learning as possible, while still staying at home.

Take care and we look forward to seeing all the children back at school as soon as possible.

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