



Dear Parents/Carers,

We really value all the feedback we have received about our 'Home Learning Packs' to date. We also appreciate that this is a very unusual time - a time that none of us has ever experienced before!

Our advice to parents worrying about home schooling is, first and foremost, relax - try not to stress - because it may become stressful. Your children may be scared by things they have seen or heard on TV and children won't learn much if they are stressed.

This is a scary time, but is an opportunity to spend time together, and it may very well be a time that the children look back and remember as one of the good times in their lives.

Before setting draconian timetables for the day, consider cuddling up together and reading. Take turns reading. Do a puzzle. Build a fort. Bake. Set up a tent in your living room and camp out. Build a den. Look at photos of when you were a child and talk about what life was like then. Play board games. Paint. Garden. In other words, don't fret about them forgetting everything they've learned at school - every child in the country is in the same boat and this will end.

Make sure you're relaxed and ready to do the home learning tasks - try not to get frustrated - maybe do it in the tent!?

During term time, staff are all still working, so please remember that you can still contact your child's teacher by email during working hours if you have any questions or concerns and they will get back to you.

Young children are going to remember how their family felt during this time, more than anything specific about the virus. Our children are watching and learning how to respond to stress and uncertainty. Let's work together to wire them with the values of resilience, adaptability, kindness and courage.

As we're sure you'll all understand, our 'Learning Packs' to date were created at speed. We have now had time to reflect and going forward we would like to simplify them to include the following activities. This may appear to be a contradiction with the sentiments above but we're aware that many of you have requested learning so here are some suggestions and signposts to various learning activities. It's important to us that we're looking after all aspects of your child's development - social, emotional, physical, creative, technological and academic.

For Week Beginning Monday, 20th April 2020

Maths: Times tables always need constant revisiting and with 'Time Tables Rockstars' the children have the perfect resource to do this. Mr Gregory and Mrs Dennis will log on every Thursday at 10am and 3pm to play against the children. If children select the 'Arena' tab selection at the top of the page, they will be able to play us and other children in the classes.

For week beginning 20th April, we would like the children to follow Week2 from the Hamilton Trust Website. Please follow this link: <https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/blog/learning-home-packs/> and then scroll down to Year 5 Maths Week 2.

English - Reading and Writing: Please encourage your child to read for 30 minutes a day and get them to record it in their 'Home School Diary'. Once a book is finished, check to see if they can do a quiz on it on the Accelerated Reader website: <https://ukhosted73.renlearn.co.uk/1922487> This site can be accessed from 8am to 6pm. The children could also write a review of the books they have read to share with the class when they return to school.

For week beginning 20th April, we would like the children to follow Week2 from the Hamilton Trust Website. Please follow this link: <https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/blog/learning-home-packs/> and then scroll down to Year 5 English Week 2. On SPaG.Com we have set a quiz for your child to do as well.

For spellings, we were due to start going through the Year5/6 spelling list. This week we will hand out 10 and then 5 each week after. The first 10 are: accommodate, accompany, according, achieve, aggressive, amateur, ancient, apparent, appreciate and attached.

Topic activities for the whole time school is closed

Science: Drop onto <https://www.stem.org.uk/primary-science> and select an investigation to complete at home. Don't feel you have to stay rigid to your child's year group. Explore your interests!

Computing: Drop onto purple mash at <https://www.purplemash.com/login>. We have set some 2dos for children to have a go at but also allow children to explore and show you all the things they can already do. These activities can be completed online without the need of paper and pen.

General topics: BBC Bitesize has a lot of excellent resources and videos relating to our topics taught this year.

Art: Have a look at these links: https://youtube/YA8gmkw_v9U , <https://youtube/HjnRYnSEuG4> and <https://youtube/au6Mq3fkI8o>.

PE with Joe - www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3LPnhIOv-w. This is certainly a workout to get the blood pumping! If you can't do it live, login later to complete when it suits you. Can you create your own routine that we can share with the whole year group to try?

Twinkl is also a very good site to find activities to do: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/covid19-school-closure>

If you need any other help, please email us and we will be happy to help, Mr Gregory and Mrs Dennis.