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# HOME LEARNING

Dear parents/carers,

The most recent Government guidance states, "schools have a duty to provide remote education for state-funded, school-age children...remote education provided should be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school and will include both recorded or live direct teaching time, and time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently. The amount of remote education provided should be, as a minimum:

Key stage 1: 3 hours a day on average across the cohort, with less for younger children.

Key Stage 2: 4 hours a day."

We have combined these directions with the home learning feedback that you have provided us with over the past few months and developed a home learning offer that we feels best meets the needs of our school community. The children will get daily Maths and English lessons with weekly sessions of other curriculum areas and where possible, we will follow the same curriculum that the children would have received if they were in school. We have tried to provide children with work books where appropriate to make home learning easy to access and easy to follow, even if you have limited or no use of the internet.

The home learning offer in the first 2 days of a bubble closure may look slightly different while staff get learning packs prepared for longer closures.

We have taken the decision not to live stream lessons and send parents pre-recorded videos.

## Your child's learning pack consists of:

- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Maths book
- ✓ English book
- ✓ Exercise book(s)



If you need any other stationary or if you need additional exercise books etc., please contact the school office and this can be arranged for you.

## What will my child learn each day?

Each day, staff will upload either 3 or 4 (year group dependent) videos to Class Dojo which will be 5-15 minutes long. Videos will vary in length depending upon the age group they are for and the nature of the intended activity. The decision to provide pre-recorded lessons instead of live lessons has been made so that families can

access them when it is convenient to do so and to avoid timetable clashes with other siblings. They can also be replayed as a supportive measure.

**Daily, there will be:**

- ✓ English lesson (this will include phonics, spellings or SPaG activities)
- ✓ Maths lesson
- ✓ Another curriculum subject
- ✓ Clip of staff reading your child's class text.

For our younger pupils in Nursery and Reception, you will receive shorter videos which will often require more 'hands on' learning. Remember in EYFS, a lot of learning is through play and developing key skills.

In Key Stages 1 & 2, videos will provide a short teaching input, linking to a learning objective and a specific page(s) within the workbooks/exercise books/ worksheets provided.

**REMEMBER: Please do not allow your child to work through the books at their own pace. They should not complete pages in the book unless instructed to do so by their teacher in the video or phone call.**

Below is a table of what the weekly timetable for your child might look like - you could create one of these with your child so they know what to expect each day. Obviously, we realise that some days, this will be unmanageable, but try to aim for that 3-4 hours of learning daily if you can.

Day	9.00- 9.30	9.30- 10.15		10.30- 11.15	11.15- 11.30		1-2		3-3.15
<b>Mon</b>	Spelling shed	English	10.15-10.30- Break	Maths	Class story	11.30-1.00- Newround then lunch	Topic/ Science	2-3: Daily exercise	Reading
<b>Tue</b>	TT Rockstars	English		Maths	Class story		Topic/ Science		Reading
<b>Wed</b>	Maths shed	English		Maths	Class story		Topic/ Science		Reading
<b>Thurs</b>	TT Rockstars	English		Maths	Class story		Topic/ Science		Reading
<b>Fri</b>	Spelling shed	English		Maths	Class story		Topic/ science		Reading

**How will my child access learning?**

Your child will need to access their Class Dojo page each day to see their 'To Do List' for the day. Their tasks will be uploaded to the portfolio for the children to complete. In order to assess how the children have found the learning, we ask that you upload pictures of their work to the portfolio to be marked.

**What if my child can't access the learning online at home?**

We have a limited number of devices in school that can be loaned to families if they do not have access to appropriate technology. Please call school if you would like to discuss this. We also have Wifi Sim cards and codes that can support you.

## Supporting our pupils with SEND:

We understand that some of our pupils with SEND may not be able to access the year group remote learning without support and we acknowledge the difficulties this may place on families. To support you and your child we are doing the following:

- ✓ We have created work packs which link specifically to your child's learning level or stage of development. These will have a selection of resources in to support their learning from home.
- ✓ We have shared your children's learning plan with you with their specific targets on them.
- ✓ You will receive regular phone calls or messages from either a Teacher or SENDCo to discuss their progress.

## Incentives:



We want to reward your child for engaging in their remote learning, so they will be given dojo points for handing in work. Each week we will record a Celebration Assembly where one child from each class will be selected to receive a special certificate to acknowledge their commitment to learning. This will be posted out to you. In addition to this, we will be awarding one family an extra special prize when school reopens fully- they will receive a tablet for 'respecting their right to an education' throughout the lockdown.

## Engagement & feedback:

In order to get the most out of the experience, it is important that you upload pictures of your children's work to the Class Dojo Portfolios daily. This will allow staff to give feedback to the children and see if they need to go over learning objectives again. They can then see any children who may need additional support as well. You can also message staff on Dojo to share positives, or inform the teacher if your child is finding a task tricky and staff will respond directly to you. If your child is a little bit older and quite competent on their device, they should be able to log into their Dojo account themselves and take responsibility for uploading their work on their tablet/ phone.



Please make us aware immediately if you are having difficulty accessing remote learning by either messaging your child's class teacher or, if you don't have internet access, ringing the school office. Whilst this is being reviewed, you will receive phone calls from a Teacher or Teaching Assistant as a means of support.

## Remote Education if your child is self-isolating, but school is fully open

Once schools return to full opening, there may still be occasions when your child has to self-isolate if they have been a close contact of suspected or positive case. On this instance, remote education will look different. As all class teachers will be working in school with their classes, you will receive a work pack that your child can work through daily. They will not receive daily recorded lessons.






### Top tips for making home learning work for you:

- ✓ Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day, and to keep to their timetable (you might want to create one with them & make it into a fun activity).
- ✓ Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, and make it clear when the school day is over, to separate home and school life.
- ✓ Plan breaks and exercise into the day to help keep your child active.
- ✓ Use a reward chart or some form of incentive to acknowledge your child's hard work and engagement.



### Additional learning opportunities:

Don't forget...if your child is keen to learn even more, the following online platforms are a great way of keeping their learning moving forward.

- ✓ **Oak National Academy:** has online lessons for all age groups & subjects. 
- ✓ **Oxford Owls:** You'll have access to 1000s of online books to ensure your child reads daily whilst at home and they already have their login details. 
- ✓ **CBBC schools:** daily televised sessions from 9am every morning. 
- ✓ **pehubportal.co.uk:** has sessions to help you keep your little one(s) active during lockdown and give them some much needed brain breaks in between activities. 
- ✓ **Twinkl home learning hub:** This has 1000s of resources and activities for you to do with children of all ages whilst you're at home. 
- ✓ **Times Tables Rock Stars:** daily times table practise will be excellent for all children (please contact class teacher if you need your log in)
- ✓ **Spelling shed:** online games to support with spelling (please contact class teacher if you need your log in)
- ✓ **Maths Shed:** Online games to support with maths learning (please contact class teacher if you need your log in)

We hope your child enjoys our interactive approach to learning whilst at home and we can't wait to see examples of their fantastic work!

If you need any support or have any further questions or queries in relation to your child's home learning, please contact either of the Deputy Head Teachers (Miss Okorie/ Miss Straker) either in school on: 0161-498 9508 or on class Dojo.

Alternatively, if you have any safeguarding concerns, please ring school and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team.

Thanks for your ongoing support and take care,

Ms Okorie/ Miss Straker  
Deputy Head Teachers