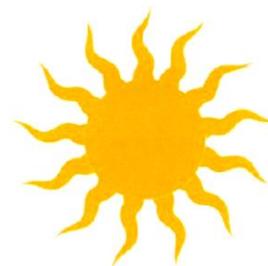


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English Home Learning

Dear Parents & Carers,

Just yesterday, the BBC launched a new bitesize daily lessons initiative. We wished to explore the quality and content of these and upon further investigation by ourselves and other teaching staff, we found them to be well structured and linked closely to the curriculum.

Below are details on how to access these lessons:

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons

1. Click on the year group of your child.
2. Click on the English activity for that day.
3. There is a short clip to watch and some information for your child to read.
4. There are then a choice of 3 activities to complete, normally with a worksheet to download.

These daily lessons also have a maths activity and topic activity. Your child is free to complete these activities if they wish to.

We hope that these English lessons provide structure for your home schooling, providing your child with the input they need to complete the activities afterwards. Please continue to use the Powerpoint presentation that is uploaded online on your class page, as these are great ideas for inspiring children's independent writing. In school we spend a lesson planning their ideas first and when writing allow children to write with calm music playing in the background to support their concentration for longer periods of time - you may like to try doing this at home.

Children can continue to upload work onto their seesaw page - we love to see so many of you doing it! Teachers will be continuing to access the work completed and will communicate with your child about what they have done. Please be aware that if a teacher is unwell, they will not be required to respond with any comments.

As this situation develops, your child may be reacting in different ways and their wellbeing is most important. Where possible, we encourage the following to be used as guidance for the amount your child should be completing each day:

- 1 Maths and 1 English activity (These could be replaced by a different activity e.g. a task from the creative home learning sheets)
- Reading/Phonics for 10-15 mins
- Times Tables or Number bond practise for 10-15 mins
- Spellings/Handwriting for 10-15 mins

Spellings

Please be aware that the school no longer subscribes to Spelling Shed. Please check Seesaw for your child's weekly spellings and handwriting activity. Your child should be encouraged to copy the words out neatly once a day and complete the challenge over the course of a week.

Reading

Below is a list of websites that offer free ebooks to develop your child's reading fluency and love of reading at home.

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

<https://nosycrow.com/free-resources/>

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/21465.Best_FREE_Kindle_Ebooks_for_Children

https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/free-ebooks/nook-books/kids/_/N-ry0Z8qaZtu1

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen> are also offering free access to children's audiobooks

Reading a wide variety of books whilst at home will help develop your child's fluency. Encourage your child to read as many books as they can from their reading matrix. These are attached below but can also be found in your child's reading diary.

KS1 Reading Matrix



KS2 Reading Matrix



Developing Comprehension

To further support your child's comprehension, question your child using our canine helpers question bookmarks that can be found on your child's class page of the school website under the heading 'Effective Question Types To Ask Children When Hearing Them Read'.

Share A Story Reading Challenges

Some children managed to complete many of these reading challenges during book week. Encourage your child to complete more of these at home, you could upload photos of your child's completed challenges onto Seesaw. Can they complete them all?



Developing Vocabulary

The 'Vocab Ninja - Word of the Day' app is a free app that can be downloaded onto devices at home to explore the meaning of new words, similar to what we would do in school with our 'Word Of The Week'. In school at the beginning of each week, we would encourage children to research the meaning of the word and think of synonyms (words with a similar meaning) or antonyms (words with the opposite meaning).

Thank you for your continued support with your child's home learning.

Yours Sincerely,

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