



20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear parents and carers,

### **Supporting children's learning during a period of school closure**

Thank you for your support during this period of change. We want to do all we can to support children's learning remotely during the period of school closure but understand that the provision will be very different to normal. We know that for each family the coming weeks will look different and so there is no 'one size fits all' approach to the work children will be doing. This letter serves as a starting point, signposting families to a variety of home learning opportunities, so please choose those which are of most interest. Class teachers will be in contact with you regularly in the coming weeks, checking how you are getting on, and giving further guidance and suggestions of work.

#### ***Spring Term Reports***

In the coming weeks, we will send Spring Term Reports for all children by email. This will give you information about your child's learning and progress. Following this, we are planning to offer phone consultations with teachers and we ask for your patience whilst we arrange this.

#### ***Learning opportunities at home***

Please find below a range of suggested learning opportunities for children. This is not an exhaustive list and we hope that it will be a useful starting point for you to support your child's learning at home. We appreciate that the circumstances of each family will be different so we have provided a range of suggestions for you to choose from to best suit your family.

### ***Online homework platforms***

We encourage all children to access our online homework platforms:

**Maths Shed** (all year groups): <https://www.mathsshed.com/>

**Times Table Rockstars** (Years 2-6) <https://trockstars.com/>

**Spelling Shed** (all year groups) <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>

**Read Theory** (Years 4-6) <https://readtheory.org/>

Children have login details for these platforms but please let us know if you need more.

### ***Home learning packs***

Twinkl has a huge number of resources available about just about any topic you think of.

Parents have the opportunity to sign up to the website for free at [www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer)

using offer code CVDTWINKLHELPS. Twinkl's **parent guide** is available at

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-par-82-twinkl-parent-free-user-guide>

Twinkl have also produced helpful packs and activity ideas for learning at home:

[https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/extra-subjects-parents/school-closures-category-free-](https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/extra-subjects-parents/school-closures-category-free-resources-parents/school-closures-free-resources-parents)

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### ***Further Home Learning packs***

<https://www.tts-group.co.uk/home+learning+activities.html>

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/>

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

## ***Opportunities linked to specific subjects***

### ***Reading***

**Oliver Jeffers** is sharing **stories** online from 6pm via Instagram / Facebook each night

**Reading books** can be read for free online via: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> You can also sign up to access more ebooks by signing up at [https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/sign\\_up.html](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/sign_up.html)

**Reading Realm** activities - Learning packs available for free: <https://thereadingrealm.co.uk/>

CBeebies **bedtime stories** are found on iPlayer

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>

You can listen to **stories** read online using: <https://www.storylineonline.net/>

This site has **books to read and activities to complete** related to them:

<https://thebookwhisper2.wixsite.com/mysite/post/free-resources>

### ***Phonics and Spelling***

**Alphablocks** games and some episodes can be found on:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks> with a full range of episodes viewed on

YouTube via: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_qs3c0ehDvZkbiEbOj6Drg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_qs3c0ehDvZkbiEbOj6Drg)

'Mr Thorne does **phonics**' has lots of **grammar** and phonics short episodes at:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sW4j8p7k9D\\_qRRMUsGqyw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sW4j8p7k9D_qRRMUsGqyw)

**Phonics** play has free online learning phonics and grammar games:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> The Obb and Bob games are particularly useful for year 1

More **phonics** games are available at <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

**Spelling** <https://www.spellingshed.com/>

**Phonics books** <https://www.speld-sa.org.au/services/phonic-books.html> (ebooks linked to different sounds)

### ***Writing***

Use <https://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/> or <http://www.pobble365.com/> to find an interesting image. What do you think is happening? Can you describe what is happening?

Can you **write a story** about it?

Some more resources to support **Writing** are available at

<https://www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb#resources>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/5-7/fun>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/7-11/fun>

<https://litfilmfest.com/playlists/>

## **Maths**

**Numberblocks** episodes can be accessed on BBC iPlayer

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>.

**Numberblocks activities** and some episodes can be accessed via

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

**Mathletics** have produced a great set of **learning packs** for each year group

<https://www.mathletics.com/uk/resources/fun-engaging-student-workbooks/success/>

Whiterose **parent packs and support videos**.

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

'Hit the button' game that can be used to practise **maths facts**:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Master the Curriculum **maths resources**: <https://masterthecurriculum.co.uk/>

Primary Stars Education have produced a home learning **maths pack**:

<https://primarystarseducation.co.uk/>

**Maths games** are available at <https://www.mangahigh.com/en-gb/games>

Ideas for practising **times tables** <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/times-table-activities/>

**Maths games** <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>

## ***Computing***

Online **programming** skills: <https://blockly.games/>

Practice **computer programming skills** using:

<https://www.scratchjr.org/>

<https://www.icompute-uk.com/>

## ***Science***

**Natural world** - Find out information and take quizzes using:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>.

Lots of age appropriate **Science videos** can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids?fbclid=IwAR0yACr7fKjpwKRm7gdUpvme-Cx--WrYqKRWf-XJ5rY7sGes1oouXcafaYE&app=desktop>

Some of these activities could be completed in the **garden**:

<https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/?fbclid=IwAR13E8FK3cRITbEMP2JkxGbsHD8Zoyso3G6jVE2Fm-c-uL9-Qr8BNVQRuk8>

## ***RE***

**RE resources** can be found at [http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/?utm\\_source=emailmarketing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=free\\_home\\_learning\\_resources\\_for\\_you\\_and\\_your\\_pupils&utm\\_content=2020-03-19](http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/?utm_source=emailmarketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=free_home_learning_resources_for_you_and_your_pupils&utm_content=2020-03-19)

### ***Other learning opportunities***

<https://www.studyladder.co.uk/games>

**Research** site:

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR0nbvBBEH2vHCHwJre6ASTzjuYFlcsi-71sJnH4MPQ9GpTagG7beYEPdzw>

The **British Museum**, London, is offering a virtual tour through the museum:

<https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>

**Things to do** - organised by year group: <https://playhooray.co.uk/blogs/news/play-for-all-ages>

**100 things to do indoors** <https://www.spreadthehappiness.co.uk/product/100-things-to-do-indoors/>

Top Marks has lots of online **games and learning activities**: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

ICT games has lots of online **games and learning activities**: <https://www.ictgames.com/>

**BBC bitesize** contains lots of different curriculum activities and games:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p>

**Pawprint badges** activities for children to complete:

<https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR3cp-Qa8maImRKkgutDEDzB22Pq5hj9Zn5tB7u5JBGGdzLIVQx7ZZudINU>

Listen to the **CBeebies radio**: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio?fbclid=IwAR0-](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio?fbclid=IwAR0-TMpvqJs92IrsUxEWmjCjzObkoaN7VoCFUJL0qx1BHx2_z-8ko1VKmj4)

[TMpvqJs92IrsUxEWmjCjzObkoaN7VoCFUJL0qx1BHx2\\_z-8ko1VKmj4](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio?fbclid=IwAR0-TMpvqJs92IrsUxEWmjCjzObkoaN7VoCFUJL0qx1BHx2_z-8ko1VKmj4)

There are lots of **activities and games** here:

<https://toytheater.com/?fbclid=IwAR0OOzaXDRXfNLpvgvDyHb5P7I8mFcgitmTsKHekKgCnb-PBLSbzZA7yuG6k>

## **PE**

Go Noodle have some **fun movement videos** for children: <https://www.gonoodle.com/>

Joe Wicks has **active videos** aimed at school children:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyCLOpd4VxBuxu3sLztrvWFehzv-LnR2c&fbclid=IwAR1J4CmCmFiSX666JMjDIE1H7SJ82tGZN2utZv0hH4UFKzHmlk2yextGPwU>

He also has a live Youtube active session each morning at **9am**.

**Cosmic kids yoga** <https://www.cosmickids.com/category/watch/>

## **Spring Topics**

*The topics that children have been learning about in school are:*

<b>King Class (Reception)</b>	Knights and Dragons
<b>Bell Class (Year 1)</b>	Castles and Dragons
<b>Braille Class (Year 2/3)</b>	Superhumans
<b>Hopper Class (Year 4)</b>	Incredible Inventions
<b>Jackson Class (Year 5)</b>	Lost in Space
<b>Gutenberg Class (Year 6)</b>	Crime and Punishment

### ***SATS (Statutory assessments)***

A whole range of past papers for Reading, Phonics, Maths, Grammar, Spelling, Science, Writing, 11+ and more can be found at <https://www.sats-papers.co.uk/>

### ***Other ideas***

Create a **diary** to share with your class when you are back in school - You could write in a book, draw pictures, record a video diary or make a diary in another form of your choice

Write your **own story**

Set yourself a **challenge to learn something new** or practise a skill e.g. playing a musical instrument, drawing, craft, dancing.

### ***Thoughts for parents***

Whilst there may be a temptation to design full timetables I would urge you to be realistic in your expectations, be kind to yourselves, give plenty of time and space to deal with the emotional impact of this change. Follow your child's interests where possible and consider how to make the most of time together, with arts and crafts, baking, board games, sharing books, watching family films and enjoying each other's company as well as engaging with academic activities. Judge when your child has had enough of an activity and be prepared to move on or come back to it later. We massively appreciate the work you are doing.

Thank you as always for your fantastic support, you are not alone in this and we are still here to serve our community.

Yours sincerely



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