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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

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

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

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

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

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=IwAR0OOzaXDRXfNLpgvDyHb5P7I8mFcgitmTsKHekKgCnb-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:

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