



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

## Remote Learning

This letter outlines our plans for remote learning in the event of school closures, or partial closures. As I am sure you will appreciate, we have not had much time to prepare for this situation and simply do not have the technology / resources available to be able to replicate the learning experiences the children would receive at school. However, we have put together some suggested activities that the children can do at home to keep their brains active and continue with their learning.

We understand that families will all have very different circumstances over the next few weeks if schools do close. Some parents may be able to support their child with home learning; others may still be out at work/ working from home, or trying to juggle looking after other family members as well. As a result, we have designed a programme of home learning intended to have the flexibility to fit in around your own circumstances - we do not want to add any extra pressure to parents at this time. As such, we have divided the home learning tasks into four different categories:

- **‘Essential’** – key tasks we would like all children to do daily as far as possible
- **‘Recommended’** – tasks that can be done as frequently as is feasible, perhaps a few of these per week
- **‘Supplementary’** – suggested tasks for those families who are in a position for their child(ren) to complete more activities
- **‘Extra-curricular’** – optional tasks that may prove to be helpful for parents trying to think of ways to keep the children entertained over the forthcoming weeks.

The suggested activities are as follows:

<p>Essential Tasks</p> <p>Guide - complete daily</p>	<p>Maths: EYFS - Practise counting forwards and backwards to 20; Y1-Y6 Times Table Rockstars <a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a> (all children should already have their log in details).</p> <p>Daily reading for all children, using school reading books and books at home – please continue to log details of their reading in their reading record. A wide range of Ebooks for ages 3-11 are available at <a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/">https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/</a> (parents can join for free).</p> <p>EYFS &amp; Y1 - Phonics activities from <a href="https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/">https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/</a> (free website), and practise teddy, penguin and rocket words.</p> <p>Y2-Y6: Spellings practice: use the ‘look, say, cover, write, check’ method (on paper) to practise the spelling of 5 different words from their year group list each day, practising until they can spell the word from memory (these lists will be sent home in reading records). Children should also find out the meaning of any unknown words, and put the 5 words into full sentences.</p>
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<p>Recommended Tasks</p> <p>Guide - a few of these activities per week, or more frequently if able to</p>	<p>Activities from Twinkl home learning packs, covering a range of subjects.  <i>To access these, you will need to create a FREE Twinkl account at <a href="https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer">https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer</a>  Use this code to get 1 month FREE access: <b>CVDTWINKLHELPS</b>  Once you have an account, visit our school's website: <a href="https://www.owlsmoorprimary.com/">https://www.owlsmoorprimary.com/</a> and click on your child's year group. A colourful PDF file will open up which is labelled with days of the week. Each colour block is a link - click the box and it will take you to the relevant activity for your child's year group, you will need to download them to access.</i></p> <p>BBC Bitesize maths and English games (and other subjects if you wish to use them) for KS1 and KS2 <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary</a></p> <p>English and maths activities, including interactive games, available on Oxford Owl website <a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/">https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/</a> (parents can now sign up for free).</p> <p>Y4-6 - Mathswatch: online maths video tutorials and activities (with additional worksheets along with answers - can be printed or displayed on screen) <a href="https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/">https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/</a> (children will be given their own log in details).</p>
<p>Supplementary Tasks</p> <p>Guide - only if you have time</p>	<p>Watch BBC learning clips (short videos spanning several different curriculum subjects)  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1vYCLNIGK2wdM8R9FqhVxhV/class-clips-primary">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1vYCLNIGK2wdM8R9FqhVxhV/class-clips-primary</a> (or Google 'BBC Learning Clips')</p> <p>Complete personal projects - some suggestions below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A poster/ presentation on someone who inspires you, or one of your hobbies/ interests</li> <li>- Finding out about WW2 (ahead of VE Day anniversary)</li> <li>- Write a book review</li> <li>- Creative writing - write a story/ poem / song etc from your own imagination</li> </ul>
<p>Extra-curricular Tasks</p> <p>Guide - just for fun</p>	<p>Art/ crafts/ sewing activities</p> <p>Cooking/ baking</p> <p>Write letters to friends/ family members</p> <p>Jigsaws / puzzles etc</p> <p>Learn new games - cards, chess etc</p> <p>Stay active e.g. going for walks, playing in the garden, or using online 'workouts' videos for children - some suggestions are 'The Body Coach TV for Kids' and 'Cosmic Kids Yoga' which are both available on youtube, as well as Super Movers <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers</a> and Go Noodle <a href="http://www.gonoodle.com">www.gonoodle.com</a></p> <p>Please see the '100 thing to do inside' poster overleaf for further ideas.</p>

I hope you find the above information helpful. To reiterate, we understand that the amount of work your child is able to complete will be dependent on family circumstances; there is no expectation from the school for children to complete all of the tasks above. How much your child is able to complete will also be affected by their age and ability, and older pupils may well be able to complete more than younger pupils. Please note - if you find your child is struggling with any of the content for their year group and you are not able to help them, it may be advisable to look at content for younger year groups or select a different activity.



If your child has an EHCP for additional learning needs, it may be appropriate to look at the resources for a younger year group or alternatively you may wish to contact our SENDCo via the school office or email [senco@owlsmoorprimary.com](mailto:senco@owlsmoorprimary.com) who will be able to discuss some appropriate home learning arrangements for your child.

To be able to complete their home learning as detailed in this letter, you will need the following items:

- Several reading books
- Paper and pens/ pencils
- Internet access and a device such as a tablet, laptop or computer
- A printer (if wanting to print the Twinkl home learning packs and/or other worksheets)

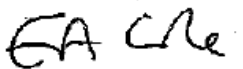
Please talk to your child's teacher ASAP (or contact the school office) in advance of us closing if you are not equipped with any of these items at home, as we may be able to provide them or provide suitable alternatives. We do not want resources or equipment to be a barrier to children continuing with their learning at home.

Assuming schools do close, children are welcome to bring in their home learning to share with their class and their teacher when we do return.

Please speak to you child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding home learning. We would advise you to try to keep your child in some form of routine as far as possible, so it may be worth creating a timetable with your child to plan out when their home learning will take place and which activities it will involve each day, and when they will have 'free time'. We will keep you updated with any further information regarding home learning by email and/ or on the school website.

Thank you for your support and understanding over the exceptional circumstances we find ourselves in. Please take care of yourselves and your families.

Yours sincerely,

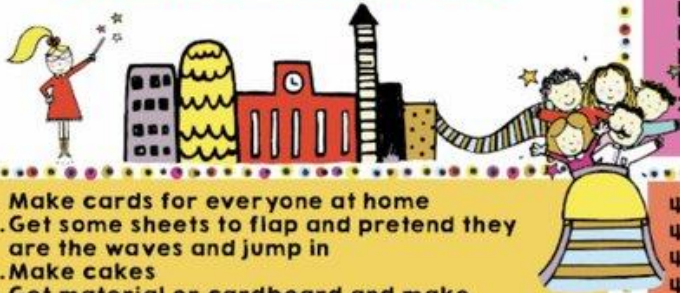


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# 100 Things to do indoors

[www.spreadthehappiness.co.uk](http://www.spreadthehappiness.co.uk)



1. Make non-cook playdough, then have a Dough Disco
2. Paint 'our families' portrait
3. Write and make a book
4. Draw flowers or the fruit bowl
5. Learn some laughter yoga [www.robertrivest.com](http://www.robertrivest.com)
6. Finger paint
7. Make a band from kitchen pots and pans
8. Footprint paint
9. Have a dance alarm every 30 minutes
10. Have a karaoke
11. Send a video message to family and friends to get them busy
12. Have a birthday party for a pet or cuddly toy
13. Have an indoor picnic
14. Discover your favourite story and share it together
15. Order books alphabetically
16. Have an indoor treasure hunt
17. Dress up in adult shoes
18. Find a fairy door in your house or garden
19. Do the Hokey Cokey
20. Take a selfie through a toilet roll tube and pretend you are on the moon



21. Make cards for everyone at home
22. Get some sheets to flap and pretend they are the waves and jump in
23. Make cakes
24. Get material or cardboard and make mermaid or merman's tails
25. Get all the chairs together and make a bus, play conductors and drivers
26. Make a camp in your bed
27. Make a dark den and use a torch
28. Write a letter to a neighbour or friend
29. Colour in a colouring book or draw a picture
30. Make wool or string hair over a chair
31. Have a pamper day
32. Have a crunched up paper fight (from recycling)
33. Make ice lollies with cordial and water
34. Make sandwiches in strange shapes
35. Make a pretend car from boxes/furniture
36. Learn a rhyme or poem
37. Make paper aeroplanes
38. Have a pirate adventure, make boats from boxes or furniture
39. Blow bubbles and catch them
40. Make a number frieze for the wall, decorate



41. Read Pirate George series available on Kindle
42. Make a papier mache sculpture over a balloon
43. Keep a balloon up in the air game
44. Play a board game
45. Play hide and seek
46. Play dominoes
47. Learn a card game
48. Make smoothies
49. Perform a puppet show
50. Make shadow puppets
51. Make finger/sock puppets
52. Choreograph a dance or learn a dance routine
53. Have an upside down meals day, lunch for breakfast etc.
54. Learn a sing-along for Spread the Happiness TV
55. Learn to cook something new
56. Learn Brilliant Beast Song on Spread the Happiness TV YouTube Channel
57. Leave happy notes all around the house
58. Make a fitness routine and put your family through their paces
59. Using vegetables, make characters
60. Dance and sing to Knees up Mother Brown



61. Play I spy
62. Open your windows and sing out a song
63. Learn Days of the Week Song
64. Play musical statues
65. Learn a Beatles song
66. Learn a Queen song
67. Make an indoor restaurant and serve your family
68. Have a toy's tea party
69. Roll balls down the stairs
70. Be superheroes with capes
71. Eat cereal with a gigantic spoon
72. Have an ice cream party
73. Enter an online competition to win a prize
74. Vacuum your home
75. Polish your home
76. Fold up sheets
77. Use a sheet as a parachute to fluff up and hide under and play parachute games
78. Make binoculars with toilet rolls and look out the window at the birds
79. Make yoghurt pot telephones
80. Make a junk model rocket as large as you can



81. Create a comedy show
82. Pretend to conduct an orchestra to music
83. Hike up your stairs like it is a mountain, so so high
84. Roll around a large space in your home
85. Hop around like a bunny
86. Learn to play sleeping bunnies
87. Learn and act out 5 Little Monkeys
88. Find as many collections of 10 things in your home as you can
89. Dance in the shower
90. Sing in the shower
91. Squirt shaving foam in your hands
92. Make a scrap book of your favourite things, people
93. Play Jack in the Box in a large cardboard box
94. Have a themed party
95. Stay up late to look at the stars with a night time picnic
96. Play apple bobbing
97. Jump on the bed
98. Bash a pinata
99. Do coin rubbing with paper and crayons
100. Play pass the parcel



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