

Dear Parent/Carer,

We understand at the difficult time that you would like to keep some routine to your day for home learning, so I have compiled a list of activities for you to do with your children over the following weeks.

Reading-You can read anywhere and at any time. You can read newspapers, online reports, online books, books from the library and access books form Oxford Owls. You can read to your children a text that they would find tricky if reading alone. This type of modelled reading has been proven to develop your child's own fluency too. We are currently reading The Midnight Fox-Betsy Byars (chapter 7). Here is a list of books the children may like to read:

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/reading-list-for-year-3-pupils-ks2-age-7-8/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-4-pupils-ks2-age-8-9/>

Maths-Our children can access their Purple Mash account on their devices at home with their login details. They can practice their multiplication skills on the monster multiplication and work on topics such as area and perimeter and measures. Our next topic should be time and fractions. Twinkl has a parent sign up offer at present as does Classroom Secrets and Maths Frame.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/year-4-school-closure-home-learning-resource-pack-t-e-2549913>

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

Writing-Alongside the basics of reading and Maths, you can ask your child to write diary entries, settings, description, stories and poems.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-c-1104-teaching-assistant-ks2-writing-intervention-pack>

HOME LEARNING - KS2

A list of websites for children to access daily Some activities are best when printed - others are interactive.

<https://nrich.maths.org/primary-upper>

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

<http://www.exquisite-minds.com/idea-of-theweek/blooms-taxonomy-critical-thinking-skills/>

<http://www.timeforkids.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/problem-solving>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>

Advice for parents and carers when using nrich:

Nrich is a brilliant website packed with problem solving activities created by Cambridge university mathematicians. First you'll need to find a problem that you find interesting. Read the problem together with your child making sure you discuss the getting started tab. Allow time for your child to get stuck - this is an important part of problem solving and where most learning takes place. Rich learning will have taken place even when a satisfactory conclusion to a problem hasn't been reached.

The children will also benefit from time spent doing gardening, making food in the kitchen, painting pebbles, playing with toys and being arts and crafty.

<https://www.mrsmactivity.co.uk/>

Thinking of you all at this time of unknown
Stay safe and well
Miss Head and the Owl Team