

KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) School closure advice

While the school is closed we expect children to still access learning which can be done in a number of ways. Please check the school website on a daily basis as more ideas for activities will be added on a very regular basis. You will find this under the '**Curriculum**' heading and then select the appropriate Year group on the left-hand side menu.

We have sent home a home learning pack that includes an exercise book but you can use any paper available.

Activities that should be done on a daily basis are:

Reading: as well as their reading book, children recently received 5 new books from Wood Street Mission so this will be a good start! Remember you can read the same book more than once! Complete book reviews. A sample has been put in your home learning pack.

Phonic activities: good free interactive games can be found on <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/> and phoncsplay.com – just sign up!

Writing: write a story or a piece of news everyday with pictures. You could start a diary!

Handwriting practice: see website for each letter to be done. Do one page a day.

Spellings: choose a word from the Year 1 or Year 2 list that your child can not spell and write it into 5 different sentences. This can be called 'Word of the Day' and you can challenge your child to use it in their conversations as much as possible too.

Maths: count in different steps e.g count in 1s, 2s 3s 5s and 10s. Start at different points on the 100 square. You can add and subtract numbers, recognise shapes around the home (both 2D and 3D shapes), complete a tally and learn to tell the time. We have sent a clock for you to make.

Play board games: we have sent a game of snakes and ladders with a dice and counters to get you started! You can also play 'I spy' and make up your own games.

TV learning: You can watch TV shows such as Blue Planet and Planet Earth on BBC iPlayer. This fits in well with our Science and Geography curriculum.

Off line fun: see the sheet 25 activities that you do not need to do online. Do one a day (or more if you like!). This is also a good opportunity for children to spend time practicing how to tie their shoe laces, zip up their coats and knowing how to look after themselves. Again, you can repeat activities too.

Online learning:

Espresso – for activities across the curriculum. Link will appear on the school website.

Purple Mash – find 2code to complete computer coding activities. Link will appear on the school website.

Mangahigh – for maths. Logins are in the children's home learning packs.

BBC School Radio – listen to stories and talk about them. There are other learning resources available too. Just search for this online.

BBC Bitesize – for learning across the curriculum. Just search for this online.

Twinkl – for activities across the curriculum. There is free access to this at the moment. Just search for this online.

Classroom secrets – for activities across the curriculum. Just search for this online.

ICT games – games from across the curriculum. Just search for this online.

Times tables Rock Stars (Y2 only) - logins have been provided.

Pobble – for story writing ideas. Just search for this online.

Supermovers/Go noodle/Cosmic Yoga - for exercise if you can't get outside!

There will also be additional activities/projects added from teachers on the website. You do not have to print off the activities as you can easily record them into the exercise book provided or onto a blank piece of paper.

Take care of your well-being

The evidence remains; an active life brings huge benefits to people's physical and mental well-being, particularly during times of stress and anxiety. Being active, eating well and taking good care of ourselves is vital for our resilience. At a time where we are not able to connect in the same ways in the physical world, we need to stay socially connected within our homes, more than ever and ensure our collective wellbeing.

The mental health charity, 'Mind' promotes five positive actions for well-being, using the acronym CLANG:

Connect with people (within your household)

Keep learning

Be Active

Take notice of what is around us and our family members

Give; be kind to each other.

We would like to take this opportunity to express how much we all care about your children and your families and will support you as much as possible with continued learning.

Many thanks for your patience and co-operation during this unprecedented time.

Stay safe and keep well,
The Key Stage 1 Team