

Dear parents/ carers

As you are aware, the situation with the Coronavirus is changing daily. In the event of school closure, we have set up an online learning platform for our pupils.

It is called Seesaw. Children are able to log on with their individual login details (see attached letter), and can access work assigned to them by their teachers.

Examples of work could be:

- How many different shapes can you find in your living room?
- Count your stairs.
- Open your window and write down a list of things you can hear
- Design a superhero costume etc

Activities will be set and changed every few days so you need to keep logging on.

In addition to this, your child may come home with some printed work, as well as a couple of extra reading books, morning work and a few more sheets in their word books.

We appreciate having to stay at home with your children is not ideal, but we don't want them to miss out on their education. The activities will be short, snappy and fun to keep them engaged.

There are lots of activities and games out there to access as well as Seesaw.

www.twinkl.co.uk

Twinkl is any excellent resource that we use a lot in school. They are currently offering FREE home learning packs. All you need to do is go on their website, and at the top of the page is a blue bar that says 'Home Learning Packs.

Click on 'click here' on the right hand side. It will take to another page where it might ask you to sign up. If it does, put your details in with the code UKTWINKLHELPS and you will have access to lots of free games and activities for your child to play.

There are home learning kits from Nursery to Year 6.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Another great website!! We use this every day in phonics.

Go on to the website and on its home page it has the login details for FREE access to its games.

Username: march20 password: home

There are lots of fantastic games for phonics on this website. A few of our favourites are Pick a Picture and Buried Treasure.

When you have logged on, on the left hand side there are the different phonic phases.

Nursery children: Phase 1.

Reception children: Phase 2 or 3.

Year 1: Phase 5.

Year 2: Phase 6.

Please don't be tempted to skip ahead to another phase, as your child hasn't been taught it yet.
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Phonics play also has a sister site: www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk

This website has lots of FREE comics for your child to read. Click on Comics and scroll down for the different phases.

Reception: Phase 2 or 3.

Year 1/2: Phase 4 or 5

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies

We're sure your child loves to go on the cbeebies website and play the games and watch the iplayer.

This is a good website if they are wanting to play games, and you know there are no adverts that pop up and is completely safe.

Apps

There are lots of apps for your children to use at home for phonics.

- Readwithphonics (FREE)
- Mr Thorne does Phonics (lots of good videos on YouTube. Apps £1.99 each)
- Phonicsplay (99p)
- Nesy Learning Limited (Range from FREE to £3.99)

Other Activities

There are also lots of other fun activities you can do with your child, without them even realising they are learning. Card and board games are fantastic. They teach them how to take turns, problem solving, winning and losing, and even maths - adding, and subtracting.

Baking is another fun activity - weighing out ingredients, writing a shopping list or instructions etc.

Go for a walk to the park and look at the environment. Can they find different plants/ trees? Have a discussion about plants that are growing and what they can see etc.

We really hope you find this useful and your child enjoys using the apps/websites and keeps learning!

We appreciate these are worrying times but remember:

Have Courage
&
Be Kind

Thank you for your
continuing support.
The Early Years Team.