



Home Learning – Foundation Stage

Dear Parents/Carers,

In these uncertain times we have to try to look to the positive and the school closure is a unique opportunity for you and your children to enjoy learning together. The Foundation team will endeavour to facilitate as many rich and valuable learning activities as possible for you while the school remains closed.

Reading

It is very important to continue sharing stories, reading books that are above your child's own reading level so that they can hear exciting vocabulary and storytelling which will motivate them to read and inspire their reading and writing. Ask your child questions (something called "dialogic" reading) ask your child to participate in the story, before turning the page, ask your child what they think will happen next, ask what other way the book could have ended and see if they can spot words that they can read (either 'red' high frequency words or words that they can use their sounds to decode). Each week via Tapestry we will send home Read Write Inc books for your child to read. Alongside these books we are hoping to be able to issue Read Write Inc e-books that have been banded to match your child's reading level.



Writing

It is vital that the children continue to draw, colour and write to maintain their pencil skills. We will be sending home your child's writing books so that they can continue to work through the books alongside their reading book of the week. This will involve some handwriting practise, writing key vocabulary from the reading books and a 'hold a sentence' to allow your child to practise the skills involved in writing sentences. **Please only work on the pages related to the book we have given your child.** We will also be able to give you a Topic related task each week that will provide opportunities for writing.

Maths

Working from home allows a myriad of opportunities for children to explore the wide world of maths! For their first week of number exploration we would ask you to go on a number hunt in your home or to the shops or out in the street (if you are allowed!). What is your favourite number and why? What is the biggest number you can find? We will be sending home your child's Power Maths booklet for you to work through over the forthcoming weeks, which you will be able to return to school when we reopen.

Topic & Tapestry

Every week we will share with you a topic challenge via Tapestry. This will be one Tapestry post shared with every child. *When posting your child's work, please do this as a new, separate observation rather than adding to the group post.* Our first topic is going to be **dinosaurs**, so we would ask you to research dinosaurs and respond in any way you choose (a report, a model, a painting, the choice is yours!).





Online Learning Opportunities -

Purple Mash

Finally there are a great number of fantastic online resources available. We will be sending out a login for Purple Mash and specifically Mini Mash which is a virtual classroom where the children can complete numerous learning tasks. We have pinned work for baby animals, mini beasts and farm animals but please make use of the myriad of games and other activities to explore. If your child creates work on the site they can save their work to their online tray (every child has had a tray set up for them).

<https://www.purplemash.com/>

There are also many games your child can play that will help with phonics and maths.

Phonics – these games are great for polishing up your phonics skills:

<https://www.ictgames.com/phonicsPop/index.html>

<https://www.starfall.com/h/word-machines/>

http://vtcpsa.hwb.wales.gov.uk/learn_y4/main.asp?lesson_path=year_4/word_machine_c-v-c/&lesson_file=lesson.swf&language=eng

http://resources.hwb.wales.gov.uk/VTC/16022007/wordmaker_vowels2/lesson.html

http://www.literactive.com/Download/live.asp?swf=story_files/hanging_monkeys_US.swf

Maths - these games will also help you practise your number skills:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots>

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/preschool/animals/farm/animalfarmgame.htm>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering>

Health

Looking after our physical and mental health will be vital over the coming weeks so here's a couple of links that should help with this –

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1> - Joe Wickes workouts for all the family

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mindfulness+for+children&safe=active

<https://homelearning.primarypassport.co.uk/> - PE Passport home learning access

We hope this information is of help. Remember to have fun with your learning, stay healthy and we look forward to seeing all of your fabulous work on Tapestry.

The Foundation Team