



Re: PS/VN 03/04/2020

Update April 2020

Dear Year 1 and Year 2 Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all bearing up during this difficult time and are at least managing to have some fun with your children at home! Thank you so much for helping the children with their Purple Mash home learning – everyone has clearly been very busy!

After the Easter break we will be using Google classroom to send home weekly learning for Maths and English. On there, you will find lesson content for each day and will notice that a lot of the work requires the children to make marks or write on documents. We fully appreciate that this would require a lot of printing each day and is really not necessary. Please feel free to adapt the planning to suit your needs and encourage your child to present their writing anyway they wish.

Here are a few tips that might help you:

Maths

When you are working through the daily activities try to use real life counters to help with counting and visualising quantities, for example, counters, dried beans, apples – whatever is close to hand! As well as the daily activities we will send out a quiz linked to their learning on a Friday. This can be completed online within Google classroom and will also self-mark. We will be able to see how the children are getting on and if necessary offer help through Email if they are struggling.

English

As already mentioned the children will be sent a range of lovely activities to complete daily with links to websites to access story books as required. If you work through these and keep copies of any writing the children have done then once a week we would be grateful if you could upload a photograph of the piece of learning that your child is most proud of. We will look at this and make comments that you can then share together.

As teachers of young children we cannot emphasise enough the need to keep your child reading during this time at home. We would really appreciate it if you could access Oxford Owl and choose books that correspond to your child's reading band colour. They all should know what colour they are on as it is the colour band they bring home through Reading Gives you Wings. Any queries with this please email one of the Key Stage 1 teaching team. Please have a look at the link below :

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>

It is also important that Year 1 children keep practicing their phonic sounds as this will make an enormous difference to their ability to read. We understand that phonics can be extremely daunting for **most adults** so we have found a link that could really help. Ruth Miskin is the creator of ReadWrite Inc so the daily videos she has produced will appear in the same way that we teach phonics at school.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/help-during-school-closure/>

There will be a new schedule for these daily sessions posted on the 20th April so please keep an eye on the website.



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Weekly checklist for parents

Year 1

- Watch daily phonics video
- 10 – 15 minutes daily reading
- Work through daily English and Maths activities
- Upload a photograph of your favourite piece of writing onto **The Work I am Proud Of** document by Sunday evening each week.
- Complete the Friday Maths quiz.

Year 2

- Minimum of 20 minutes daily reading, remembering to ask comprehension questions to help your child to understand the text.
- Work through the daily English and Maths activities on Google Classroom
- Practice the weekly spellings on Google classroom – learn these in your own time and feel free to test at home.
- Upload a photograph of your favourite piece of writing onto **The Work I am Proud Of** document by Sunday evening each week.
- Complete the Friday Maths quiz.

All this may seem a little over whelming and we fully appreciate that everyone will have different issues with access to computers etc. Please don't worry we are here to help as much as we can. If you could do as much of the learning as you can it will certainly make sure that when we eventually return to school the children will be ready to carry on.

Good luck and we hope to see you soon!

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