



Year 1 Home Learning Information

Dear Parents,

I have put together this pack of activities for your child to do in the event that the school is required to close due to the Coronavirus. In this pack you will find a timetable, an activity grid which includes English activities and other activities to support different areas of the curriculum. I would encourage you to complete all English activities and would advise you to choose a different activity each afternoon from the grid. I will provide additional Maths, English and Phonics activities each week.

Electronic Pack

Timetable

This is based on our class timetable. You may find that it helps your child to have a consistent routine during their time off school so that they differentiate time they are 'Learning at Home' from being on holiday. This situation is new for us all and so I have tried to provide you with as much information as possible for you to support your child's learning at home.

In the same document as the timetable I have provided an activity grid. The first row gives you a sequence of English activities which are based around African Animals, which the children have been enjoying learning about in Science. You will need to follow the activities step by step. If I were doing this at school I would do one step each day but you could spread it out over the two weeks if you would prefer by doing shorter sessions and maybe doing extra phonics games. In the second row there are different activities which you could do in the afternoons.

Phonics

In the Phonics folder you will see it's divided into Phase 3 and Phase 5. You will see on the front of the paper pack which phase of phonics your child is currently doing.

Choose one game to play each day. The children are familiar with these games and so will be able to explain them to you. There are more games than you will need, but some came in a PDF document and could not be separated. These can be used in Week 2.

Choose one of the worksheets to complete each day these practise sound recognition, reading and writing. Start with number 1 then follow in numerical order.

You could also incorporate games on the Phonics Play website from the appropriate phase, but please don't replace all other activities with internet based games. Alphablocks is a great programme to reinforce the sounds if your child is struggling to retain a particular sound. Please choose the correct programme and watch / discuss together. If your child is struggling with blending the sounds in longer words the 'Reading Robot' game on Phonics Play is a great way to help with this, particularly the Year 1 Screening Check section.

Maths

The activities I have provided are all based on Measuring. The activities for Week 1 are based on Mass and Week 2 are based on Capacity & Volume. Please try and explore each area practically first. In the folder, you will see a document called 'Maths Adult Guidance'. Please read this first as it will give you all of the information you need and gives you lots of questions which you can ask your child as you are working together.

Week 1

Collect objects from the house and compare the weight of each item. What is the heaviest? Lightest? If comparing more than two items, talk about which is heavier / lighter than the other and put them in order from heaviest to lightest or lightest to heaviest.

Then move on to the worksheet based activities. At school, we would do these one-step at a time using the equipment first. At the end of the week try to apply what they have learnt by doing some simple baking. Encourage your child to measure the ingredients carefully. Looking carefully at the scale on the weighing scales and thinking about what each line represents.

Week 2

A great activity to do in the garden or bath! Give your child different small containers and a selection of bigger ones. Practise adding different amounts of liquid and describing the volume e.g. empty, half full, nearly full, nearly empty, half-empty. Which two mean the same thing?

Then practise measuring the capacity of each large container with a smaller one e.g., how many eggcups of water it takes to fill a glass, a saucepan, a bowl etc... I am sure they would happily spend all week doing this!

Can they put the items in order from the one with the smallest capacity to the largest?

Paper Based Pack – This should already be with you

In addition to this electronic pack the children have also brought home, a paper based pack, which includes some resources and activity sheets. This pack includes:

- A copy of the most recent phonics assessments we have done with your child. This shows the sounds they recognise and the ones they need to learn next. A full set of cards is provided (also provided electronically). Please cut these up and use this to practise their sounds on a daily basis.
- A copy of a 'Phonics Screening Check' assessment we completed this week with each of the children. This is from a past paper. This is for your information. It shows the words they read correctly and if they did not read the word correctly, it shows what they said. Errors at this stage are usually due to the children not recognising all of their sounds or struggling to blend the sounds in longer words. Practising the sounds daily, doing the daily phonics activities and listening to your child read on a daily basis will all help. We will then complete another phonics assessment when the children come back to school, so that we can identify the next steps we need to focus on before the Phonics Screening Check at the beginning of June.
- Reading Comprehension Sheets for some of the children who are reading at higher levels.
- Two additional reading books. Please also read any other books you have at home. Most of the children will now be able to read picture books to you with a little help.

Useful Websites

Many websites we use at school for activity ideas, worksheets etc... are making their resources available for parents to access free of charge during school closures. As you'll see from the sheets you have been provided with Twinkl is one we use a lot. This covers all areas as well as the fantastic mindfulness colouring the children all love (one set included in emailed resources)

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/covid19-school-closures> (use offer code UKTWINKLHELPS)

Other useful websites include:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk (Particularly Maths Games)

