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Home Learning for School Closure – Year 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following Mr. Wanford's letter sent out earlier today about the closure of the school in the short-term, I am writing to be able to give some advice and support of how your child's learning can continue whilst the school remains closed.

We appreciate that this is an unprecedented situation and it is difficult to replicate the school environment at home. Whilst we wish to ensure that your child has activities and opportunities to continue their learning at home, it is simply not possible and unrealistic to provide worksheets or resources for all lessons for children to take home where they have not had the opportunity to have some teaching input from myself or the other adults about what to do and what they need to know. We also recognise that you yourselves might find it difficult to sit with your child to support them with their learning, with your own work and family commitments during the day.

As such, we are providing the following activities/options for each child in Year 1:

- Extra home reading books. Please ensure you read daily with your child.
- Exercise book with some suggested writing tasks inside
- Phonics sound and tricky word flashcards
- Year 1 high frequency words
- Phase 3 home learning challenges
- Phase 5 home learning challenges
- Cracking Number bonds sheets to 10
- Cracking Times Table sheets to 5
- Encourage your child to keep a weather record each day, what do they notice? Are there any more signs of Spring each day?
- Encourage your child to keep make healthy food choices. Can they keep a diary on what they eat each day? What do other family members like to eat? Who is the healthiest? Can they do a survey on your family's favourite foods?

There are plenty of ways to keep your children active at home; You can set your children mini challenges such as; how many sit ups, lunges, hops, squats, push ups can you do in a minute? Alternatively, you can use a number of instructional fitness videos. Simply search any of the follow names into a search engine. Joe Wicks Kids, Cosmic Yoga, Jump start Johnny and GoNoodle.

We recognise that this list is not exhaustive and there are many other online tools and resources you can find. We have drafted a timetable of you parents/carers may wish to divide the time at home – this is only a suggestion and of course, you will know what will work best for your child and their routine.

Activity	Suggestions	EYFS	KS1	KS2
Wake Up	Breakfast routine, make your bed, get dressed, put your washing in the basket.			
Spelling or Handwriting	Practise the spelling words and handwriting	5 mins	10 mins	15 mins
Morning Exercise	Family walk, exercise video or yoga if it's raining			
Academic Time	Complete some of the school's set learning activities	30 mins	45 mins	1 hour
Break	Play with Lego, play in the garden, have a snack and a drink, iPad time, etc.	20 minutes		
Academic Time	Complete some of the school's set learning activities	30 mins	45 mins	1 hour
Lunch	Set the table, eat together as a family.			
Chore Time	Clean up after your lunch			
Quiet reading	Enjoy a book alone or with a family member	15 minutes		
Academic Time or Creative Time	Complete some of the school's set learning activities Bake, paint, draw, build, design, etc.	30 mins	45 mins	1 hour
Afternoon Fresh Air	Bikes, walk the dog, or play outside, etc.			
Spelling or Handwriting	Practise the spelling words and handwriting	5 mins	10 mins	15 mins
Dinner				
Free time	Free time to play, watch TV, have showers, etc.			
Bedtime				

Copies of the worksheets given to your children today and further information can be found on our website for guidance under: <https://www.greenridgeacademy.co.uk/year-one/>

If your child has been absent from school today and has not received a hard copy of the resource pack, these will be available **between 3.45-4.30pm this afternoon and between 9.00-10.00am on Monday morning** (23rd March); they will be placed just outside the main reception foyer area, labelled into classes.

If you have any questions about the tasks and activities set, then please do drop the school an e-mail at admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk

Twinkl

Some of you may already be aware of the online Twinkl resources which is sometimes used by teachers and schools as resources to use for all sorts of different curriculum areas. As part of the school closures, Twinkl has very generously agreed to give all teachers and parents/carers in England a one-month ultimate membership, completely free of charge. The resource will give you access good-quality learning and resources during this time of disruption.

To access the resources, please go to: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer> and use the code UKTWINKLHELPS

There is a plethora of resources available on this website; due to the sheer number of things available, we are unable to print and send these homes with your child, but you are free download and use as you wish.

Other useful website links

We have also compiled some other suggested websites which may be of use for additional activities, should you require them over the page. We recommend you check each website and its content first to ensure that it is appropriate for your child and their own learning needs/styles.

Thank you for your support with this. We will update you further during the school closure should additional activities/work be needed.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. N. Mackie and Mrs. A. Brant
Year One Teachers

Subject	KS1
Maths	https://numbots.com/ https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/earlymath/BalloonPopSkip.htm https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/students/students-5-8/coin-cruncher/ https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10 https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/116/telling-the-time
Reading	https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/
Phonics	https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ https://www.nessy.com/uk/
Spelling	https://www.spellingcity.com/spelling-games-vocabulary-games.html
Writing	https://www.poetry4kids.com/topic/family/ https://appytherapy.com/handwriting-heroes/
Other	https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/ https://www.twinkl.co.uk https://www.youtube.com › user › CosmicKidsYoga https://2simple.com/purple-mash/ https://www.123homeschool4me.com/home-school-free-printables/ http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/ https://www.pearson.com/uk/educators/schools/update-for-schools/primary-support.html