



William Cobbett
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning at home is going to be an important part of your child's day during the period that schools are closed due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) in order to minimise impact of the closure on their progress. Unfortunately, we do not know how long this is going to be for but we are fully committed to supporting you and your child on an ongoing basis.

Do reassure your child that their teacher is still their teacher, they are just teaching in a different way during this time. Miss West will continue as the teacher for Robin class and Miss Vicary will take over responsibility for the home learning for Bullfinch. Miss West and Miss Vicary will work together on the learning for Goldfinch.

ONLINE LEARNING:

To enable learning to continue, we are subscribed to a number of online learning platforms. Your child should have their log in details to the relevant sites in their homework book. If they have lost them, please contact your child's teacher for a replacement.

[Purple Mash](#): all year groups

[MyMaths](#): Years 1 to 6

[Times Tables Rockstars](#): Years 2 to 6

[Languagenut](#): Years 3 to 6 (mainstream only)

[Lexia](#): for selected pupils currently using this in school (parents already have details)

Links to all of these, along with further details such as our MyMaths parent and carer guide, can be found on the [school website](#) under Curriculum/Home Learning.

Teachers will be setting suitable learning activities for each class. They won't necessarily use every site every week but more will be added as time goes on so please support your child to check back regularly. We may add more sites and learning tools in future.

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Purple Mash: There are a wide variety of tools and activities for the children to explore and enjoy on here across the curriculum. In addition, teachers will set certain activities which the children will be able to access using the '2Do' tab. When children have completed a '2Do' activity, they can write a message to go with it for their teacher and could even add a short voice recording.

MyMaths: As well as setting homework tasks to practise concepts learnt already, new learning will be introduced and taught via MyMaths so children should generally complete the Lesson before attempting the Homework. If they do not get 'green' feedback at the end of the homework, they are not yet secure with the concept and should revisit the lesson then try the homework again. Each time they access a homework task, the numbers and questions will vary so they can try as many times as they need to in order to have gained secure understanding and green feedback. However, we would recommend that if they are finding the concept too hard after a couple of attempts it would be better to leave it and let their teacher know so something more suitable can be set to help them overcome this. MyMaths will be new to years 1 and 2 so please support them, particularly to start with. Children also have free access to a variety of games on MyMaths to help them practise their skills.

Times Tables Rockstars: Keep practising those tables. Y2: 2, 5 and 10 x, Y3: as Y2 plus 3, 4 and 8, Y4 onwards: all tables up to 12 x 12. Mr Wicksey will be challenging each year group weekly and looks forward to them trying to beat his score.

Languagenut: Mrs Haynes will set French tasks on here for each year group (Years 3-6) to build on learning so far.

Twinkl: Twinkl have a wealth of resources to support learning across the curriculum and are offering free access to all staff and families for a one month period:

www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS.

In their weekly update, teachers may suggest activities from Twinkl.

Is all their learning going to be online?

We appreciate that learning on-line will not always be possible in every family, with parents perhaps working from home and needing the family computer or more than one child needing access. We hope though that the vast majority will be able to access at least some of the learning set for the week. Remember that these sites can also be used on a tablet.

Of course, there are also lots of other ways to support your child's learning at home away from technology and we encourage you to spend some time doing at least some of these:

- reading books and talking about them
- practising spellings

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- handwriting
- number facts and times tables
- Maths bags for Years R to 3
- Cornerstones Home Learning ideas
- using everyday activities to support e.g. measuring, cooking, gardening
- relevant workbooks that can be purchased from bookstores or online
- watching educational television programmes
- art and crafts
- if they are learning a musical instrument, regular practice
- board games and card games
- talking and playing together

How will I know what my child needs to do and how will I keep in touch with their teacher?

Each year team will be e-mailing you a weekly update of learning ideas on a Friday afternoon for the following week. We are working hard to get the first of these ready for you and the learning for next week (w/c 23rd March) will be with you by Monday morning at the latest.

Teachers will be contactable through their usual e-mail addresses during normal school hours. As many of them will be involved in providing cover for the children of key workers and vulnerable children, please do not expect an immediate reply. Replies should be within 2 working days.

Your child's teacher will be monitoring how the children are getting on with their online learning tasks and will give them some feedback.

Mrs Campbell and Miss Payne can of course still be contacted through their e-mails as normal too if you have any concerns or queries.

How much time does the school expect my child to spend on home learning?

Home learning will help the children to keep up with their learning and could help to add some normality to their day. It may be helpful to create a schedule for the day and/or week with your child. We recommend trying to spend around three hours a day on home learning activities.

We are sending them home with a new Maths and English book to work in and also their Cornerstones books to add any topic work to; we look forward to seeing these when they return to school. If your child has not been in school this week, let us know if you would like to collect their books at some point next week so we can get them ready for you or anyone collecting on your behalf.

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What is happening about statutory national curriculum assessments?

The Secretary of State for Education announced on Wednesday that the 2019/20 national curriculum assessments will not take place.

This means the following assessments are cancelled:

- end of key stage 1 (Year 2) and key stage 2 assessments (Year 6) including tests and teacher assessment
- phonics screening check (Year 1 and Year 2 retakes)
- multiplication tables check (Year 4)
- science sampling tests (Year 6)

We thank you for your support and hope that we can all work together to minimise the impact on learning for every child.

We wish you and your families well during this challenging time and look forward to seeing you when school re-opens.

Kind regards,



Mrs Campbell and Miss Payne