

Dear Parents and Carers,

The decision has been made by the government to shut the school in an attempt to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. We understand that this is a difficult time for us all and we hope that you will all stay well until we see your happy smiling faces again – hopefully very soon!

As class teachers we understand that children will not be able to complete their learning for 6 hours a day but we expect them too:

- 1) Read for 15 minutes a day and when they finish a book to write some sentences about their favourite part of it.
- 2) Complete 15 minutes of **Times Table Rockstars** everyday.
- 3) Practice spellings by choosing two of the spellings from the Year 2 list and write a sentence using these words.

In addition, we have set activities for English, Maths, Geography and Science on Purple Mash. We will be regularly monitoring this and will set new tasks as appropriate.

Not all learning has to be done sat down. Children could help you with the household chores; learn how to make a simple meal; go on nature walks or run your daily mile; create projects using household recycling or play board games.

On the back of this letter, there is a suggested timetable of what a day could like, while your child is not at school. There are also some other useful websites that could help maintain children's learning during this time.

The children have been sent home with the following:

- an exercise book for spellings and book reviews and any other written work
- a pencil
- Year 2 spellings
- Login details for **Timestables rockstars** and **Purple Mash**

We hope that school will reopen soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tyers

Breakfast	Help with household chores	Timestable Rockstars	Go for a walk/Arts and crafts	Help make lunch	Learning tasks: -online - writing - spelling	Reading	Play a board game.
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Useful websites:

Twinkl – free learning packs.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/search?term=school+closure>

Classroom secrets

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/>

Hamilton

<https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/blog/learning-home-packs/>

Muddy puddle

<https://themuddypuddleteacher.co.uk/>

KhanAcademy

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.

TedEd

<https://ed.ted.com>

All sorts of engaging educational videos

Paw Print Badges

<https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk>

Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional.

Nature Detectives

<https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetect.../>

A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location!

Oxford Owl for Home

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

Lots of free resources for Primary age

DK Find Out

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/...>

Activities and quizzes

Blue Peter Badges

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

If you have a stamp and a nearby post box.

Try this link to CHANGE4LIFE – The Great Indoors

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities/indoor-activities>