

The Canterbury Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and your children are enjoying the home learning activities that have been sent home so far.

As we know that this lockdown period will last until at least the end of term, we have re-evaluated our home learning offer. We hope that this will further support your children at home.

Your child's class teacher will be uploading activities via Class Dojo as we did before, there will be different subjects on each day. They are as follows:

Day	Subject		
Monday	Reading	Writing	
Tuesday	Maths	Foundation Subject	Additional Activity
Wednesday	Science	PE	
Thursday	Reading	Writing	Additional Activity
Friday	Maths	Foundation Subject	

Work will be uploaded at 9.00am and 10.30am, and on Tuesday and Thursday an additional activity will be uploaded in the afternoon.

Each day, you will be sent a pre-recorded video of your child's teacher explaining one of the tasks. This may include: teaching an element of a lesson; sharing examples of work; setting a challenge; asking questions. These videos can be stopped and started so the children can work at their own pace. They can be watched at any time during the day and can be re-watched if need be.

On a Tuesday and Thursday, there will be an additional video uploaded in the afternoon. This might be a game, a challenge or an extra learning activity. Keep an eye out for additional games and challenges which will be sent out over the course of the term.

I want to reiterate that you are, and always have been, your child's primary educator. You know your child best and will be able to determine how much or how little they will be able to complete each day. Their wellbeing is the main priority and if there are some days when the home learning is not completed then please do not worry.

We understand that some of you are working from home, have other children and have family members to look after as well as trying to complete home learning tasks. This is a challenging time for everyone and the tasks and activities that are set are there to support your child's learning and are not compulsory.

In the first lock-down, we really enjoyed seeing all the alternative activities you completed with your children such as; baking, walking, exercising, building things. Some other ideas for keeping your children occupied are:

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- Reading every day (independent, or to them, or via audiobook etc.)
- Times tables and spellings practice
- Some free writing now and then. If they'll keep a diary or something, great. If not, would they draw a comic?
- Practical, hands-on maths, be that via cooking, cleaning, outside, or some maths games (physical or digital)
- Some fine-motor skills' work: Lego, cutting, playdough, tidying up small toys.
- Physical exercise everyday
- Some art/music where possible through the week. This does not have to be guided by an adult.
- If they are old enough, getting them to independently work on a project. Get them researching in a book or online and putting together something to present to you or family.
- If younger, lots of imaginative free play, the more independent the better.

We would really like to see your photos of all of the wonderful things that you do at home with your families, so please continue to send them through to your child's teacher.

Throughout the course of the term, we will be sending out additional resources and websites that can support your child at home. We will also send out some hints and tips of what works well. If you have any ideas for these, or would like to share any websites or resources you have found, please email them to Miss Wilson (bwilson@canterbury.kent.sch.uk) so we can share them with everyone.

Your child's teacher will be responding to your messages on dojo regularly and will give the children feedback on the work they have completed. They will give the children hints and tips for how to develop their work further and praise and encouragement for all of the activities that they do.

Resources

In the first lock-down, we supported parents with resources. We will be doing the same this week to further support home learning. These will include:

- Paper
- Pencils
- Rulers
- Rubbers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Exercise books

The collection times will be as follows:

- Years R, 1 and 2 – Friday 8th January 9.30 – 11.30
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Friday 8th January 1.00 – 2.30

In order to follow government guidelines, please observe social distancing when collecting the items and come on your own where possible. You will enter the school one at a time and a member of staff will hand resources through the office hatch. You will also have the opportunity to change your child's reading book during this time. Please bring your child's current reading book so that it can be changed.

From next week, we will have regular weekly slots for our resource collection. The times for these are as follows:

Years R, 1 and 2	Monday 9.30 – 11.30	Tuesday 1.00 – 2.30	Thursday 9.30 – 11.30	Friday 1.00 – 2.30
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Monday 1.00 – 2.30	Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30	Thursday 1.00 – 2.30	Friday 9.30 – 11.30

If you have specified on the survey that was sent out that you would require some support with home learning, for example, by the loan of a laptop, then I will contact you individually to arrange this.

Please let us know if there are any other ways we can support you and your families this term.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Wilson

Head of School