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Whitewater Vision

Developing values and skills of the Christian faith
Including everyone
Nurturing everyone's talents
Life long learning

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Home Learning: Year R, 1 and 2

Please find below information to support your child with their learning while schools are closed. Please also refer to our class pages and our letter of 19th March 2020.

Stay In Touch

Miss Edwards will be sending a letter via Parent Mail with more information about staying in touch with your child's class teacher via our new class blogs. You will be able to comment on blog posts to let us know how your child is doing with their home learning and the fun things you've been doing at home.

Daily Tasks

- Please read with your child for ten minutes every day and ask them questions about what they have read. Please note that many book banded books contain questions at the end. Your child may choose to read comics, magazines, eBooks or home books as well as their book banded reading book.
- Refer to the suggested daily activities on our class pages and try some out.

Ongoing Project

Your child's ongoing project over the next two weeks is to learn about our class animal. Find out more about your class animal's diet, habitat, babies and special skills. You can share your learning through a presentation, a booklet, a model, a work of art or anything else you can imagine! You may choose more than one way of presenting it.

Science and the World Around Us

If we were at school we would be starting the Summer Term and observing how our seasons change, including the weather. We would like you to do some scientific enquiry by keeping an eye on the weather each day for a week, more if you would like to. It would be best if you can look at it at the same time every day. You might want to do it as soon as you wake up, at lunch time and maybe before you go to bed. You can do it in a variety of ways, as a chart, in picture form writing a description or even pretending to be a weather presenter and get someone to video you giving a weather report! Look for examples of weather charts on your class page.

Phonics and Reading

- Teach Your Monster to Read: <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>
- The BBC has a bank of stories for children to listen to for free: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/eyfs-storytime/zdv4vk7>

Spelling

Please see the list of words for your child's year group on the class pages on our website.

YR: Phase 2 and 3 Tricky Words; Y1 and Y2: Common Exception Words

- How many can your child learn to read and spell? Remember to learn to read them first, then move onto practising spellings.
- Use the 'Spelling Soup' PDF on our class pages for fun ways of learning spellings!



Writing

- Please help your child to complete the Talk for Writing English unit for their year group:
<https://mailchi.mp/talk4writing/home-school-booklets>

Mathematics

- Hampshire Education Services have put together some extremely useful home learning resources. Please have a go at some of the activities with your child:
Practical Counting:
https://maths.hias.hants.gov.uk/pluginfile.php/5597/mod_resource/content/0/Practical%20Counting%20at%20Home%20Guidance%20and%20Ideas.pdf
Mathematics in the Garden: <https://maths.hias.hants.gov.uk/course/view.php?id=287>
Practical Mathematics Tasks in the Home:
https://maths.hias.hants.gov.uk/pluginfile.php/5522/mod_resource/content/1/Practical%20Mathematical%20Tasks%20in%20the%20Home.pdf
- NRICH have selected some of their favourite activities and games from their collection that are ideal for working on at home without a teacher: <https://nrich.maths.org/14600>
- Please practise times tables, number facts, number bonds, etc. Your child has been given a Number Bots login to support with this: <https://numbots.com/>

Let's Get Moving

- Cosmic Kids Yoga: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>
- Go Noodle: <https://app.gonoodle.com/>
- PE with Joe: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

Emotional Support

Some children are naturally feeling more anxious during this difficult time. Please explore the following resources with your child:

- 'Emotional Support for Children' PDF saved at the bottom of our class pages
- 'Coronavirus: A book for children': https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus_ABookForChildren.pdf
- Mindfulness for children: <https://www.nytimes.com/guides/well/mindfulness-for-children>

Outdoor Learning

Try some of the activities suggested on the sites below. Please ensure you choose an appropriate activity as some may not be suitable for the current situation.

- Learning Through Landscapes: <https://www.ltl.org.uk/free-resources/>
- Outdoor Classroom Day: <https://outdoorclassroomday.org.uk/resources/>

On return to school we would love to see the work that has been produced and would like to celebrate that learning with the children. We will not be formally marking the work but will be sharing verbal praise with the children. We hope that you and your children stay safe and healthy, and we wish you the best during this time.

Yours sincerely,

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