



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

Apologies for the second communication of the day but, due to the ever-changing situation regarding the Coronavirus, we may reach the point at which school closures are implemented and I know that several of our families have already chosen to self-isolate for the foreseeable future due to these uncertain circumstances. I would like to stress that, at the moment, it is business as usual at school but we would like to be prepared for all eventualities. Should the schools close, or should our children be absent due to the new measures put in place relating to extended social distancing for vulnerable groups and medical conditions, you may find it useful to have access to work from home in order to maintain the progress and learning that they have been undergoing within school. We appreciate that every circumstance is different so please note that the work underlined below is completely optional and is designed to complement what the children have been learning in class. We fully recognise that every child is different so, if your child finds the work suggested below challenging, please do not feel that it all needs to be completed and please only access what you feel is relevant and appropriate for your child's needs or for your current situation.

Please note that the work below does not need to be accessed for those children currently still in school.

We have set up a dedicated email address which staff will try to access at intervals during the hours of 9am and 3pm on weekdays if staff are working from home during a school closure. If you have any questions relating to your child's work, please feel free to get in touch and a member of staff will contact you using this email address. The email address is: homework@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk. Any other queries can be directed through our normal email address.

Suggested tasks to access from home:

1. **Maths.** Each child in Reception to Year 6 has been given a 'Maths Workout' book which includes activities relating to their year group curriculum. We would advise that children complete approximately two pages per day. Removable answers can be found at the back of the book so as children can self-mark and learn from any errors they may have made. These books are designed to challenge the children so, if you feel that your child is not yet ready to use these, please do not feel that you have to. **If your child is currently absent from school and you would like them to receive a copy of the book, please feel free to contact us and we can try to arrange a pick up from outside the school office or an alternative arrangement.**
2. **Maths Whizz.** All children from Year 2 to Year 6 have a login to Maths Whizz (whizz.com) which they can use to access personalised maths activities.
3. **Spelling Shed.** Children in Year 1 to 6 also have an individual login to Spelling Shed (spellingshed.com) where children can complete activities relating to phonics and spelling rules.
4. **Times Tables Rockstars.** Children in Year 4 to 6 can use Times Tables Rockstars (trockstars.com) to complete online games to rehearse multiplication facts.
5. **Reading.** All children benefit from regular reading at home, whether that be independently or with an adult. Children are welcome to read books from home as well as their school reading books and we have made Accelerated Reader accessible from home between 8.30am and 4pm during this period so as children can quiz on their books if they currently use Accelerated Reader in school. To do so, the children need to visit ukhosted12.renlearn.co.uk/2235799 and then login. If you wish to find out the Accelerated Reader level of any of your home books to see if a quiz is available, arbookfind.co.uk is a useful website.
6. **Tapestry.** For children in our Reception class, Miss Rennie will use Tapestry to share some practical activities and games that the children have been doing in class that they could do at home. If you have forgotten your Tapestry password, please get in touch via the homework email and Miss Rennie will be able to reset it for you.

The login details for any of the above have already been sent home with your child on a separate slip. Please use the above-mentioned homework email address if you have any problems accessing the activities.

Some other useful websites that contain educational activities and games are:

www.mathszone.co.uk

www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

The school resource website 'Twinkl' is also offering parents their one-month ultimate membership free of charge in order to allow parents to download packs of work and resources during any school closures. To access this offer, you can visit www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS.

In addition to this, each class has been given an open-ended research project which the children can respond to in any way they wish. They may like to create a poster, an ICT presentation, a piece of drama, some artwork or anything else that inspires them! These can then be shared within their classes when we return to school. The project titles are as follows:

Reception: Endangered animals

Year 1: Animals we find in our gardens

Year 2: Castles

Year 3: The Romans

Year 4: The Vikings

Year 5: Lifecycles

Year 6: The human circulatory system

We will, of course, keep you up to date with any changes or updates relating to the current situation. We will also be exploring other options relating to home learning and will contact you if we add any further resources to the list above. We very much appreciate your support and understanding and hope that the above information is useful.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher