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Dear Parents,

Home Learning Update

We have spent some time thinking about how best to support our families over the coming weeks with home learning. We have now created home learning projects for each phase of learning. These being, Early Years (Nursery and Reception), Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6). We fully appreciate that the learning projects cannot replace the quality of learning your child receives at school, and so have created a set of projects that all children can access to maximise their learning whilst at home.

What are the aims of the projects?

- To create age specific learning opportunities for ALL children.
- To create a resource for parents that is easy to access and use – the focus is on parents being able to help deliver the content or children accessing it independently.
- Key learning is linked to the National Curriculum.
- To enable children to continue with their learning at home during an enforced shutdown.
- To enable families to focus on a joint topic and theme to promote family wide learning.
- To provide structure and focus to each day that an enforced shutdown occurs.
- To centralise online learning resources and links into an easy to manage format for families.

How do I use the learning projects?

As a parent your first step is to go to the school website. Go to Pupils>Class Pages>Year X. You will see a PDF icon which says 'YEAR X WEEK 1 HOME LEARNING'. Select week 1 and download the pdf document. There are links to games and webpages which provide learning for specific areas as well as a learning project to select activities from. We have adapted resources provided by the Robin Hood MAT and thank them for their support in this.

A possible suggestion is two hours learning each day, which can be broken into smaller chunks across the day. This is, of course, parental choice and you may wish for your child to do more or indeed to do less. There is no expectation for children to complete everything on the list.

What happens if my child finds it too difficult?

Our first piece of advice is that ALL children find elements of learning challenging at times so try not to worry if your child becomes stuck and you cannot explain it to them. If this happens then make a note of what they found hard and move onto another learning activity – the school will cover any misconceptions when we return. The learning projects are based on the National Curriculum expectations for the year group your child is in.

Week	EYFS	KS1	Y3/4	Y5/6
1	My Family	My Family	My Family	My Family
2	Area You Live In			
3	Viewpoints	Viewpoints	Viewpoints	Viewpoints
4	Animals	Animals	Animals	Animals
5	Environment	Environment	Environment	Environment
6	Food	Food	Food	Food
7	Celebrations	Celebrations	Celebrations	Celebrations

The Learning Project Overview

You will see that the focus of the project for each phase is the same. This will ensure that families with more than one child can all have the same learning focus.

Early Years and KS1 Suggested Timetable

Time	Activity
9am – 9.30am	Maths activities – choose from those suggested
9.30am – 10am	Play – outside if possible
10am – 10.30am	Reading and phonics
10.30am – 11.20am	Break – more play and a snack
11.20am – 11.40am	Writing activities – choose from those suggested
11.40 – 12pm	Learning project – choose an activity
12pm onwards	Lunch and play

KS2 Suggested Timetable

Time	Activity
9am – 9.45am	Maths Practice – from the suggested activities
9.45am – 10am	Play – outside if possible
10am to 10.30am	Reading focus: Reading comprehension/shared reading, answering questions and talk about books
10.30am – 11am	Break – more play and snack
11am – 11.20am	Project work – choose from the suggested activities
11.20am – 11.30am	Break
11.30am – 12pm	Writing - choose from suggested activities
12pm – 1pm	Lunch
1pm – 2pm	Project work – choose from the suggested activities

How do I keep my child safe online?

We recognise that, due to the current circumstances, children may be spending more time online than they would do normally. We are aware that children may be using the internet to complete home learning but also to communicate using social media. We think it is important to continue to keep our children safe at this time and to remind you to be aware of App specific age expectations. Please find attached an information leaflet provided by Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership with some helpline numbers and who to contact if you have any concerns. On our website we also have a range of documents and links to websites that can help you with this. Please go to Parents>E-Safety.

The homework email will continue to be monitored by class teachers each day. Please do get in touch if you are unsure about any element of the learning projects or are having difficulty accessing them. We would also welcome any updates or news from the children via the homework email too. Our families in Nursery and Reception can continue to share things on Tapestry.

We do hope that you and your family continue to stay safe and well. We are all missing the children greatly and look forward to when the school can open again.

Best wishes,

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