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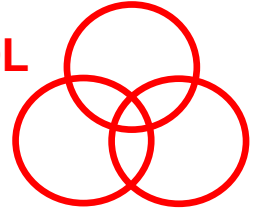
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19th March 2020

Home Learning for children in the Year 2 class

Dear parents and carers,

As you will have heard, school will unfortunately be closed for most children for the foreseeable future.

While your children are at home, it is important that their learning continues in order to prevent large gaps in your child's knowledge forming. This will also help them retain what they have already learnt and keep some form of regular routine so they don't find the transition back into school difficult once we reopen. Therefore, all teachers will be sending work home every Monday morning via email, during normal school term times, for your child to complete over the week.

It is entirely up to you to decide what the best way is for your child to complete their work. Some parents may find that doing a couple of hours of schoolwork each day helps to keep your child in a routine. You may like to concentrate on schoolwork each morning and allow your child time to play, do some activities with you or relax in the afternoons. You may need to be more flexible so that you can fit your child's learning around your own work commitments. Some parents who have several children of different ages may be able to adapt the activities sent home so that all of the children in the family can work together.

If you are finding this difficult and need some help, please do not hesitate to contact me on our new class email address Class2@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk so that I can suggest some ideas. Please ask if there are any tasks set for the children that you don't understand or don't know how to complete.

There is no expectation that your child will sit at a table working for a whole school day or pressure from me for them to complete all the activities set. I am providing a selection of work to support you at home, but I realise that circumstances will be very difficult for many of you, so please use what I provide in any way that works for you. It is equally important that your child has lots of time to play outdoors, exercise, spend time with you, listen to stories and relax.

Please also be aware that, like the rest of us, many children will find this unusual situation very unsettling and may take some time to get used to being asked to work at home. I do not want children to become stressed or upset. If you are having difficulties, please do let me know.

Your child will be coming home with an initial pack of work booklets that include answers, a lined exercise book and their handwriting book. They should already have their spelling book which can be used to practise spellings. I have also included their log in's and passwords for TTRock stars, Purple Mash and My Maths.





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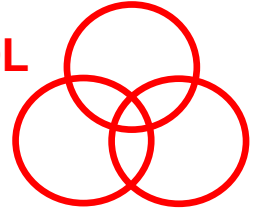
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Each Monday morning, you will receive a planning sheet with 5 days' worth of work. There will be a variety of activities each week to support Maths, Literacy and the foundation subjects. Some of these activities will include an online link, others you will need a worksheet or another resource such as a PowerPoint presentation. These resources can be found in the 'Resources Folder' which will be included in your weekly email. There will also be some suggestions for additional learning activities that do not require online access.

Class teachers will continue to work whilst schools are closed. Please share with me what your child has been doing through email at Class2@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk and send photographs or scans of your children's work. I will not be able to mark work but I want to keep up communication with the children so I will give feedback anything sent or completed on Purple Mash or My Maths. I will give them updates on what is going on with me too. I will try to respond to emails as quickly as possible. Please bear with me, as all of this is just as new for me as it is to you and it may take me a while to get provision right so please let me know what worked well or what didn't!

In response to the Corona Virus pandemic, many companies who provide resources for schools have kindly agreed to share their resources for free with parents. A list of useful online resources is included with this letter. I will also send any more through email as I come across them. Links are also included on the school website <https://st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk/information/curriculum-information/helpingathome/>

I am extremely upset that we have had to close and that I will not be able to see my fabulous class for the next few weeks. I will miss them all and I look forward to welcoming them back as soon as possible.

I wish you and your families good health, you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Please stay in touch

Kind Regards,

Lauren Boodell





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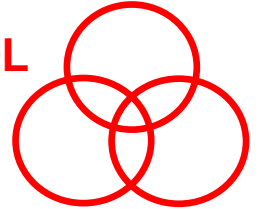
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Links to some online home learning resources

BookTrust

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

Interactive stories and games.

Chatter Pack

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning> – lots of links to resources and guidance

National Geographic Kids

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

Activities and quizzes for young children.

The Kids Should See This

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com>

Wide range of cool educational videos

Crash Course Kids

<https://m.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids>

You Tube videos on many subjects for a younger audience

Paw Print Badges





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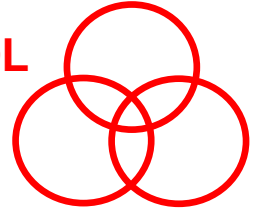
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<https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk>

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

Cbeebies Radio

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio>

Listening activities for the younger child.

Cbeebies

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

Lots of fun games to play, songs to sing, stories to listen to – linked to children's favourite TV characters/programmes

Numberblocks

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>

Fun ways with numbers. Including: counting, adding on, subtraction.

Nature Detectives

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

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





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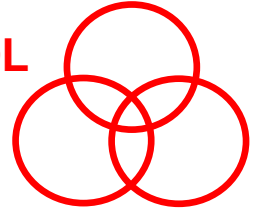
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The Artful Parent

<https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/>

Good, free art activities – you need a Facebook account to access the page

Red Ted Art

<https://www.redtedart.com>

Phonics Hero (For school-aged children): Over 850 fun, varied and motivating games take a child step-by-step through the 44 sounds, the reading and spelling of words, and how to conquer sentences. <https://www.phonicshero.com/>

Teach Your Monster to Read (For school-aged children): Covers the first two years of learning to read, from matching letters and sounds to enjoying little books, designed in collaboration with leading academics. <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

Navigo Game (For school-aged children): Focuses on developing skills that underpin reading, including phonics, letters and sounds, designed by UCL Institute of Education and Fish in a Bottle. <https://iread-project.eu/game/>

Fonetti (For school-aged children): The world's first 'Listening Bookshop' interacting with children by giving visual cues in real-time as they read aloud and highlighting where the most support is needed. <https://www.fonetti.com/>

Five Minute Mum

<https://fiveminutemum.com/>

Lots of fun ideas. Provides an outline of how parents/carers could structure their day. In addition, she is planning to provide a video a day on what games to play.





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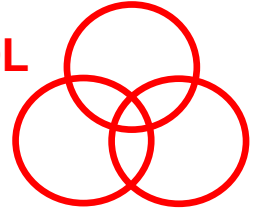
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Instagram

@oliverjeffers – Reads a story every night 6pm

Interactive Phonics Resources

PhonicsPlay.co.uk – Free resources for all Phases. School subscription £120/year. Also available as an app £0.79 (Phase 2 only. Phase 3 to follow soon). **FREE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PERIOD** <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

TESiBoard – Free resources available for all curriculum areas. iboard+ £11.99/year.

<https://www.tes.com/articles/ict-games-interactive-whiteboard-resources-and-activities-primary-and-secondary>

Twinkl – App covering all Phases £4.99 (lite version available for free) <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

Oxford Owl website – useful information for staff and parents. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home>

Coosi box: Creative Drawing & Share Imagination <https://www.educationalappstore.com/app/coosi-box-creative-drawing>

Bizzibrains I Learn: interactive storybook allowing you to add your own photos to the main characters <https://literacyapps.literacytrust.org.uk/bizzibrains-i-learn/>





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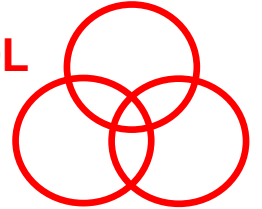
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ABC gurus – <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/abc-gurus/id932417099>

Hairy phonics – My Story a simple book creator app, great for making multi-modal texts. Children can insert photographs, clipart, saved images. They can also record their voice and there are a range of mark making tools for them to write and record their ideas. <https://www.nessy.com/uk/apps/hairy-phonics-1-2/>

