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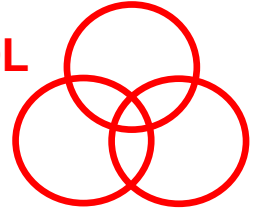
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Home Learning for children in the Year 5 class

Dear Parents,

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 is disrupted as little as possible. Therefore, teachers will be sending work home every Monday morning, 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 us on our school email address class5@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk so that we 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.

Please remember that during the school day, the children have outside breaks and run around the daily mile track so in between sessions spent learning online or writing in their books, it is important that your child also has time to play outdoors, exercise, spend time with you, listen to stories, play games and pursue their interests, read 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. We do not want children to become stressed or upset. If you are having difficulties, please do let us know.

Reading remains the most important priority for Year 5. We give the children time each school day to enjoy reading their own choice of book and we expect them to read for at least 30 minutes at home each day. Please do share books with your child, hear them read, read to them, talk to them about what they are reading on their own and let them see you enjoying books as well.

With this letter we will send home an exercise book for the children to work in. We would very much like them to keep a diary about these historic times and write their thoughts and experiences down. They can also record any work we set in their exercise books. They will bring home their handwriting





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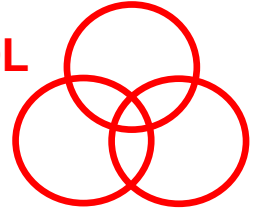
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book to write their spellings in. They are also bringing some Home Learning ideas and some resources on paper for them to use over the coming weeks.

On Monday morning, you will receive an email with a planning sheet with 5 days' worth of work. There will be one activity a day for Maths and English, and one activity a week for the other subjects. For some of these activities, you will need a worksheet or another resource such as a PowerPoint presentation. These worksheets will be included in your weekly email. Once completed the children can choose from their Home Learning ideas sheet if they wish and update their diaries.

Class teachers will continue to work whilst schools are closed. Please share with us what your child has been doing. There are two different ways that you can do this:

- You can email us at class5@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk and send photographs or scans of your children's work.
- Your child can add to the class blog in 2Blog in Purple Mash, telling us what they have been doing and/or include work or photographs.

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.

We will miss your wonderful children so much over the next few weeks! We look forward to welcoming them back as soon as we are able.

We wish you and your families good health.

Please stay in touch!

Best wishes,

Mrs. Attridge and Mrs. Graham





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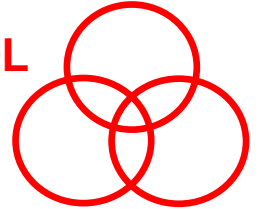
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Links to Year 5 online home learning resources

Joe Wicks (The Body Coach) is streaming PE sessions for kids for free - live work outs every morning 9am on his YouTube channel

<https://www.google.co.uk/amp/s/metro.co.uk/2020/03/19/joe-wicks-holding-live-pe-classes-keep-kids-fit-school-closures-uk-12424288/amp/>

BBC Supermovers

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks2-collection/zr4ky9g>

Audible books for free

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

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.

BBC Bitesize KS2

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> Lots of fun games to play, songs to sing, stories to listen to – linked to children's favourite TV characters/programmes





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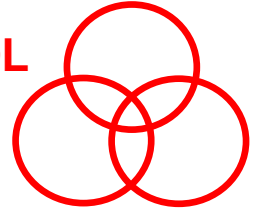
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Nature Detectives

<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!

The Artful Parent

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

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

Twinkl – <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

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

Top Marks

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

Free streaming of the Theatre show - The Wind in the Willows

https://www.whatsonstage.com/london-theatre/news/wind-in-the-willows-coronavirus-stream-free_51205.html?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=17march2020&fbclid=IwAR2PFFSBfhmazp7fRLiU0wvrVTSirBDI-QaLaurL6fMfWAGzyZaj5ZFHQFQ

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