



7th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Home Learning

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your support at this difficult time. All schools as you know were given very little notice by the Government to close with no planned date to reopen. This is worrying for all educational leaders and their staff as we all want to ensure that learners continue to make progress.

At Featherstone Primary School, so that learning could continue at home, my team of staff rapidly put together learning material for each year group so that children did not miss out during this closure. In addition to this, we also sent out links so that children can go online and use the resources. These included TT Rockstars, Bug Club and other free resources. We are grateful that these organisations made these free as a result of the school closure.

On our school website and on our Twitter feeds, my staff post daily challenges and activity ideas for the children to complete and although these are posted online, nearly all of them are practical and paper-based so screen time will be minimised. The structure of this has been planned so that it gives children a variety of activities rather than just online based. We also shared on our school website a suggested daily timetable to help you structure your days at home; we hope that this has been beneficial to you.

What happens next with Home Learning?

The work booklets that we sent home will eventually come to an end and we want to ensure that all the children continue with their learning. We have looked and planned further into how we can continue to ensure that the children are supported at home. Therefore, from the 20th April, we have tailored learning material for your child and we will notify all parents by email on the home learning work that needs to be completed at home.

How will this work?

The website links to all lessons/activities will be emailed to families on a Monday morning.

What about marking and answer sheets?

The answers to the questions within the lessons will be emailed to families on a Friday afternoon so that you can check on how your child has got on. There is no formality for parents to mark the children's work but we would love to see great examples if you want to so please do email these to us or tweet them.



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Material

What will the school send?

Maths – 4 lessons will be produced and the links emailed once a week. These will consist of an animated, self-explanatory PowerPoint guiding the children through a skill, and a task sheet. These lessons will be a continuation from where the children were in the maths curriculum in school. Mental maths, including number bonds and/or multiplication tables, will be a part of these lessons.

English – 4 activities will be produced and the links emailed once a week. This will include a writing task, spellings or phonics, grammar and reading comprehension.

Non-core – An overall theme or topic will be given and some learning activities planned around this theme. Activities will include subjects such as Science, Art, Music, History and Geography.

EYFS – Daily phonics, sentence work, maths that focuses on adding, subtracting, doubling and halving will all be part of the EYFS learning. There will also be an overall theme or topic with some learning activities planned around this theme.

When will this start?

We will start sending these from the 20th April. Until that time, over the Easter holidays, you will continue to receive the weekly overviews should you wish to use them.

I hope that my letter reassures any worries that you may have and you can see what we have planned next.

Finally, take care, be well and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Mr. E. Gaibee
Headteacher