

Summer Term 2020 – Back to School ... but not as we know it!

Welcome to the Summer Term everyone! The most unusual start to a new term we have all ever experienced.

Home Learning

Thank you for all the positive feedback regarding the Home Learning sheets Weeks 1-7. Teachers are currently writing Home Learning sheets for Weeks 8-15.

In addition to these, here are more links to the best sites for online learning that our teachers recommend.

NEW! BBC materials

https://bam.files.bbc.co.uk/bam/live/content/zkc3bdm/pdf#sa-link_location=blocks&intlink_from_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.co.uk%2Fbitesize%2Farticles%2Fznwrcqt&intlink_ts=1587471346580-sa

NEW! Oak National Academy is a new collection of high-quality lessons and online resources.

Backed by the Government, this site has been created in response to the Coronavirus lockdown to support home learning during school closures. Parents can select a year group and then the daily schedule for their child. You will be able to access up to **180 lessons a week**. The lessons provide education for all school year groups from Reception through to Year 10 open the link here: <https://www.thenational.academy/>

NEW! Guidance for Parents

On the 19th April the DFE released guidance on helping parents of primary school pupils continue their education during school closures. Read the full document here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

It gives advice to parents about **structuring the day**, using digital resources and recommended activities for different age groups. It states:

'No one expects parents to act as teachers, or to provide the activities and feedback that a school would.'

'Parents and carers should do their best to help children and support tier learning.'

In terms of structuring the day, the guidance says

'Do not worry about trying to maintain a full routine for your child like they had at school'

It recommends:

- Get up and go to bed at the same time each day
- Have regular meal times
- Have regular breaks

- Make time to be active – children are used to regular play at lunch and break times.

In terms of using digital devices, it recommends that parents

'Set appropriate parental controls on any devices your child is using and supervise their use of websites and apps'.

The guidance goes through appropriate ways to work with **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** and it encourages:

- Sitting with them while they work and breaking down activities
- Talking and explaining new words
- Reading together and techniques for this
- Phonics
- Writing
- Numbers

The guidance goes through appropriate ways to work with **Year 3 -Year 6** and it encourages:

- Encouraging independent work, including active and practical things
- Talking about what they have learned
- Reading and asking questions about what they have read
- Writing
- There is some specific advice for Y6 parents about English, heritage, science, geography, 'BBC Bitesize' and 'TATE kids' (art)