

6th July 2020

Transition Week Home Learning Letter

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

As previously notified, the week commencing **Monday 13th July** is transition week. In order for all teachers to be able to say farewell to their current classes and meet their classes for the new academic year, the online learning will need to be carried out independently and without a teacher's support. You can still submit your work on Class Dojo if you wish, and your child's class teacher will have a look when they can. Alternatively, if you are happy for your child's work to be used on the school's website or social media, you can email it to homelearning@chjs.net.

Here is an outline of an exciting High Performance Learning (HPL) project for your children to complete during this week. The children must choose their own VAAs (animals at Rooksdown and superheroes at Greenbank) to cover, and they can choose as many tasks as they wish from below:

- create a time capsule for their future selves to explain how their VAA helped them when learning from home (or indeed in other areas!)
- make a video tutorial for those outside of Castle Hill who may want to learn more about HPL (e.g. this could be an example or demonstration)
- put together a booklet informing visitors of Castle Hill why HPL is important
- make up a song or rap to help explain their VAA
- write some poetry for any VAAs to go on the website and around the school
- write an article about the importance of certain VAAs
- write a letter of advice to anyone who may struggle with their chosen VAA, or to a school who is just starting out on their HPL journey
- create a piece of artwork to represent their VAA
- illustrate a comic book to show how VAAs make you a good learner.

Your child may also complete any extra creative tasks that they may come up with!

We understand that some families may want their child to continue reading, writing and practising key mathematics skills. Outlined below are some websites and suggested activities for those that wish to do so:

- BBC Bitesize release daily home learning lessons. These include videos and interactive activities. They can be accessed here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>
- The Oak National Academy also release daily home learning lessons. These can be accessed here: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/>
- your child should have access to Active Learn, where they can read Bug Club books and play some maths games
- each key stage has a menu of reading activities and writing tasks. These can be found on the Home Learning web page under English: <https://www.castlehillprimary.net/year-groups/home-learning>
- Thirdspace maths have a fantastic range of ideas for fun maths games to play at home (without the need for lots of resources). Have a look at <https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/fun-maths-games-activities-for-kids/> for some fun tasks
- any practical activities that enable your child to apply their understanding to real life contexts e.g. measuring out ingredients, calculating duration, solving money calculations or even finding and sorting shapes around the home. If you need any ideas to get you started, maths on toast has fantastic ideas <https://www.mathsonttoast.org.uk/fun-maths-at-home/maths-resources/>
- your child can also practise multiplication facts on Times Tables Rock Stars. Each class has a tournament set up with the other class in their year group
- read, read and read some more!

We really appreciate how flexible the whole school community has been during the entirety of this unusual time, and we can't wait to see the children's creative projects!

Best wishes, as always,
Miss Wyers & The Castle Hill Team