



*"Middlethorpe: Making
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. We are all missing everyone very much and look forward to the time we can all return to school safely. School really is not the same without our amazing children that belong at Middlethorpe, however we do appreciate that at the moment the safest place for them is at home with their immediate family.

Today marks the start of the summer term and although it is not the start we imagined, we hope we have put together a home learning package that enthuses our children to continue their learning journey. The aim of the home learning package is primarily to ensure children remain excited and interested in learning. We understand that many of our families are working from home, have different aged children and may be caring for others. You cannot replicate the classroom environment at home and nor should you try. We don't believe timetables and mandatory activities are helpful to families under what are difficult circumstances. Continue to spend time as a family. It has been an absolute pleasure to see and hear all the exciting things that everyone has got up to- den building, assault course making, bike riding, baking and board game playing to mention a few.

The learning packs aim to give children opportunity to

- continue to be excited and enthused about learning,
- practice key skills,
- recap prior learning,
- remain connected to their class and teachers.

Our home learning packs can be found on our website www.middlethorpeblogs.net/. To find them click on the 'Parents' tab and then 'The School Day'. The page is organised in weeks and then year groups. By clicking on your child's year group you can access all the learning as documents. These can either be viewed on line and children can record their learning in the exercise books school provided or the sheets can be printed if you wish. The most important document to look at is the **Home Learning Sheet** for your child. This outlines

- the learning focus for the week
- the suggested activities for different subjects
- any website links that are needed

Maths

White Rose Maths have produced some fantastic video clips to support children's home learning. The clips are to be used alongside the Maths sheets which can be found on the school website. Children should first watch the video clip which can be found <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning> For the week commencing 20.4.20 you should click on the year group and then Summer Term- Week 1.



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Staying in touch

It has been fantastic to see so many of our families engaging in Class Dojo. This has proved a brilliant tool for communication and celebration of learning. Please continue to use this to

- upload learning via Portfolio or messaging staff
- like and comment on the Class Story feeds
- message staff for support or just for a chat

Staff will use Class Dojo to

- stay in touch
- mark and comment on learning
- upload to the Class Story
- extend learning or set challenges

Staff will also continue to telephone families to remain connected. This may be a call from a 'withheld' number and not necessarily the school number. We will always try to leave a message if you do not answer.

Free School Meals

If anyone believes they may now be entitled to Free School Meals due to a change in their circumstances please contact the office to discuss further.

Finally, please do not hesitate to be in touch should you require anything at all. We are as always here to support our families in any way they require- we really are only a phone call away. School remains open and staff are available to answer phones.

We hope you continue to stay safe and well,

Take care,

Mrs Simpson