



Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parents,

Home Learning Advice

Obviously, we do not know how long the school may shut for but it could be for a substantial period of time. If this is the case, we know it will be hard for families but it is important that the children do keep up with some regular work as otherwise they will find it really hard when they do start back at school. The more that a class can keep up together, the easier it will be. Each class teacher has put together a home learning pack for their children, including some paper based activities based on key skills for the year group and online resources. If your child is currently off school, packs will be available for collection from 12noon to 5pm on Friday 20th and Monday 23rd, just inside the school gates. Please arrange for someone to collect the relevant packs for your child/ren from the labelled boxes. The covering letter for each pack is also available on the website.

The other key thing we would recommend is READING as this is an essential skill for virtually every other subject area. Try to set aside a regular slot each day where you share and talk about books. The National Literacy Trust have created a "Family Zone" on their website <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/> where you can access resources and further links to ideas for making reading fun at home. There are also audio books ("Audible" is a great app with thousands of audio books) and CDs available. The Book People do have some good offers on these at the moment.

Teachers have provided home learning suggestions for maths, specific to your year group. In school, we use many maths resources provided by the White Rose Maths Hub. They are producing online video tutorials and linked worksheets on key maths skills at <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> which are year group specific. In addition to this, you might like to try some of the activities and puzzles on the Nrich maths website. You will find these at <https://nrich.maths.org/primary>. Within the Primary Student area, each maths topic is split into activities for KS1 and KS2. Some of the activities will prove quite a challenge, as well as being fun to do! "Number Fun" are also providing access to their online activities (videos, songs, games and online activities on a wide range of maths topics) via a 30 day free trial: <https://parent.numberfunportal.com/>.

As well as trying to keep up with learning, do try to do some fun exercising, especially useful if you can't get outside as much as you would like. The BBC has lots of song/dance routines linked to learning in the "Supermovers" part of their website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>.

The following websites have ready-made packs of printable home-learning resources, specific to each year group, which can be used to supplement the packs provided by school. These are available **free** for parents to download:

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/> including lots of maths sheets, grammar questions and reading activities.





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<https://www.plazoom.com/> This is another website that has a pack of resources for each year group, focussing on literacy.

In terms of the wider curriculum, there are many free online resources available. One example, and a fun way of learning key knowledge about the world is "World Geography Games" <https://world-geography-games.com/>. These brain-engaging geography games will test your knowledge and help you recall countries of the world, capitals, continents, islands, oceans and much more.

Resources will continue to be added onto the school website as they become available. There is good advice about being at home and home schooling on the BBC: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-51936286> which you might find helpful as we move into next week.

Celebrating Easter

As we won't be in school in the run up to Easter, we have sign-posted some resources that you can use at home to learn about and celebrate this important festival in the Christian year:

Bishop Phillip, the Bishop of Burnley, has produced a series of seven short videos for children, linked to the events of Lent and Easter. You can access them on youtube using "Bishop Phillip Lent" as your search. They should be viewed in the following order:

Ash Wednesday

The Fall and sin

The woman at the well

The man born blind

The raising of Lazarus

The cross, rescue and salvation (will be available soon)

Alleluia, He is risen (will be available soon)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=24&v=ndtnZV-5QTo&feature=emb_logo This is an animation produced by the Bible Society, based on the story of Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

We have also attached some Easter activity sheets which have been provided by NISCU.

We will endeavour to keep this area of the school website updated as regularly as possible, as more resources become available.

Yours sincerely,

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