



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

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Dear Year Two parents,

In light of the news that schools will be closed to the majority of pupils from Monday, I am sending home a pack of activities for you to complete with your child at home. We will endeavour to keep you updated via the school website and thank you for your co-operation in this very difficult time.

Reading

Reading remains a very high priority and your child must keep practising on a daily basis. I am sending some books home for your child to keep that will be around your child's level. These are not linked to phonics phases so please be patient with your child as these books may be more challenging than their normal reading books. In addition to these books I am sending a 'Flat Stanley' novel for you to share with your child. Some children will be able to read these independently, others will need your help or you can read this book to them. When your child returns to school, we will be completing more work on the theme of 'Flat Stanley'.

Spelling

Within your child's pack, you will find the most up to date copy of their high frequency words. The first 100 are from year one so please start with these if there are any not yet highlighted. The other half of the sheet shows the first 100 of the next 200 words. Ideas to help children to learn spellings are also in the pack to help you with this. Revisiting 5 words at a time on a frequent basis is much more likely to see positive results than ploughing your way through many words in one go. I have also enclosed a copy of the weekly spelling focus words that we have explored in class so far this year. It would be useful to revisit these also.

Handwriting

Within this pack is a copy of our handwriting expectations for all but the five children who have already received a golden pencil. Please practise forming all letters starting and ending in the correct places. Letters need to be of a consistent size with clear ascenders (tall letters) and descenders (tails). Some of our children are really struggling with this so please use this time to help them to catch up. Working on your child's fine motor skills to develop hand strength would be a good idea too. Activities using small objects are great for this. Simply picking up coins off a table using a pincer grip can really help as can hand exercises, many of which can be found on the internet. Playing with play dough and baking are also great ways to get hands moving and ultimately stronger.

Literacy

Had the children been in school, we would have been writing our own non-chronological reports. The children have been researching a superhero of their choice in our computing lessons over the last few weeks and I am sending this research home for all children to use to write their own report. A paper copy of a report written by a child last year is also in your pack with a word mat with some top tips about what a report should include. Other sample texts can be found on twinkl and access to this site is currently free for parents. Go to www.twinkl.co.uk and enter PARENTSTWINKLHELPS for this free access.

Maths

I am sending home an arithmetic 'quiz' for the children to complete independently. This will clearly show you where they have gaps in their mathematical understanding. Work through this paper together talking about the methods they have used. Showing them other methods would also be helpful as would practising further similar questions. I am sending another copy of the mental arithmetic expectations for year two (and in some cases, year one). Please continue to practise these at home at least daily. In your pack, you will also find a maths homework grid with suggestions of games you might like to play, many of which have an accompanying web link with instructions.

R.E.

Mrs Ventress has also enclosed some work to complete in R.E. Instructions can be found on the sheet inside your pack.





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These are very uncertain times and would like to stress that these are simply suggestions to help your child continue their learning. I will continue to update the website with further suggestions as and when necessary and wish you all the very best of luck.

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to seeing you when all of this is over,
Take care until then,

Mrs Cross

100 Things to do indoors

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1. Make non-cook playdough, then have a Dough Disco
2. Paint 'our families' portrait
3. Write and make a book
4. Draw flowers or the fruit bowl
5. Learn some laughter yoga www.robertrivest.com
6. Finger paint
7. Make a band from kitchen pots and pans
8. Footprint paint
9. Have a dance alarm every 30 minutes
10. Have a karaoke
11. Send a video message to family and friends to get them busy
12. Have a birthday party for a pet or cuddly toy
13. Have an indoor picnic
14. Discover your favourite story and share it together
15. Order books alphabetically
16. Have an indoor treasure hunt
17. Dress up in adult shoes
18. Find a fairy door in your house or garden
19. Do the Hokey Cokey
20. Take a selfie through a toilet roll tube and pretend you are on the moon
21. Make cards for everyone at home
22. Get some sheets to flap and pretend they are the waves and jump in
23. Make cakes
24. Get material or cardboard and make mermaid or merman's tails
25. Get all the chairs together and make a bus, play conductors and drivers
26. Make a camp in your bed
27. Make a dark den and use a torch
28. Write a letter to a neighbour or friend
29. Colour in a colouring book or draw a picture
30. Make wool or string hair over a chair
31. Have a pamper day
32. Have a scrunched up paper fight (from recycling)
33. Make ice lollies with cordial and water
34. Make sandwiches in strange shapes
35. Make a pretend car from boxes/furniture
36. Learn a rhyme or poem
37. Make paper aeroplanes
38. Have a pirate adventure, make boats from boxes or furniture
39. Blow bubbles and catch them
40. Make a number frieze for the wall, decorate
41. Read Pirate George series available on Kindle
42. Make a papier mache sculpture over a balloon
43. Keep a balloon up in the air game
44. Play a board game
45. Play hide and seek
46. Play dominoes
47. Learn a card game
48. Make smoothies
49. Perform a puppet show
50. Make shadow puppets
51. Make finger/sock puppets
52. Choreograph a dance or learn a dance routine
53. Have an upside down meals day, lunch for breakfast etc.
54. Learn a sing-along for Spread the Happiness TV
55. Learn to cook something new
56. Learn Brilliant Beast Song on Spread the Happiness TV YouTube Channel
57. Leave happy notes all around the house
58. Make a fitness routine and put your family through their paces
59. Using vegetables, make characters
60. Dance and sing to Knees up Mather Brown
61. Play I spy
62. Open your windows and sing out a song
63. Learn Days of the Week Song
64. Play musical statues
65. Learn a Beatles song
66. Learn a Queen song
67. Make an indoor restaurant and serve your family
68. Have a toy's tea party
69. Roll balls down the stairs
70. Be superheroes with capes
71. Eat cereal with a gigantic spoon
72. Have an ice cream party
73. Enter an online competition to win a prize
74. Vacuum your home
75. Polish your home
76. Fold up sheets
77. Use a sheet as a parachute to fluff up and hide under and play parachute games
78. Make binoculars with toilet rolls and look out the window at the birds
79. Make yoghurt pot telephones
80. Make a junk model rocket as large as you can
81. Create a comedy show
82. Pretend to conduct an orchestra to music
83. Hike up your stairs like it is a mountain, so so high
84. Roll around a large space in your home
85. Hop around like a bunny
86. Learn to play sleeping bunnies
87. Learn and act out 5 Little Monkeys
88. Find as many collections of 10 things in your home as you can
89. Dance in the shower
90. Sing in the shower
91. Squirt shaving foam in your hands
92. Make a scrap book of your favourite things, people
93. Play Jack in the Box in a large cardboard box
94. Have a themed party
95. Stay up late to look at the stars with a night time picnic
96. Play apple bobbing
97. Jump on the bed
98. Bash a pinata
99. Do coin rubbing with paper and crayons
100. Play pass the parcel

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