

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

"Let faith be your shield"

May 2020

Dear parents of all Year 1 children,

Hope you're all well and thank you for the lovely emails and posts on FOSSY Facebook. I think it is really important to try and keep in touch with everyone as some children are finding this time more difficult than others. So please just do as much or as little as they need, whilst keeping safe. If you have not received an email, please contact the office or drop me an email at:

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Don't worry if you haven't finished your first pack yet, but here is your next home activity pack that you might like to do. At first, there didn't seem much out there for helping in home schooling and now every other email or social media posts are of companies offering help, which can be overwhelming for parents. Please be assured that this time is strange to which all children are different and will deal with this situation differently. I have included a time-capsule booklet that discusses children's feelings and memories of this time and more importantly, what fun things they are looking forward to doing when it is over! It is a time to learn through fun activities and children learn best by making it practical and purposeful e.g. theme days, counting in 2's whilst on a walk, playing shops, turn taking etc. English:

<u>www.bitesize.co.uk/homelearning</u> for daily interactive lessons and they have teamed up with White Rose Maths too. Reading- continues to remain a high priority so I have given you links to a couple of online companies, who are giving you access to free audio books. If you have really enjoyed a book then tell me via email or on FOSSY Facebook then I can share your recommendation with the rest of the class.

Go to https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/Portal.aspx

Click on the **Teacher** portal and enter

Username: parents@harpercollins.co.uk

Password: Parents20!

Click Login

In your pack are some phonic sound mats to encourage using the sounds.



10am: Reception **10:30am**: Year 1 **11am**: Learning to Blend – extra blending

practice for Reception and Year 1 Here is a link to Letter and Sounds phonic lessons that you can access on YouTube. This helps you see how we teach phonics (early reading and spelling).

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnM6XDFNCFE&list=PLuGr6z2H2KNGObda6B-T36vJlZYN06lOh</u> I have also put some spelling sounds in your pack to help revise the sounds and practise handwriting.

Some websites have interactive games too :

www.phonicsplay.co.uk username: march20 Password: home

Spelling- Please continue learning the Year 1 CEW's or the next 200 high frequency word list.

Writing-

Continue to make sure your child is forming their letters correctly, starting from the correct place, sitting them on the line and are of a small size.

- Whilst looking at plants and flowers this half term, we would be looking at the difference between fiction and non-fiction books. (Remember you can use the link above to download some fiction and non-fiction books too!)
- Look at the features of the book e.g. contents page, index, page numbers, bold words that appear in the glossary, fact boxes, title and sub-headings.
- Make your own factsheet about plants or an animal- remember to use the features above. I have given you a blank template in your pack. Look at examples of animal and plant fact sheets in your books.



There can be a lot of discussion and research about their ideas before writing. They may want to draw it in a plan first. Remember to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, use **capital letters** for names of people, places and days of the week. Try and make your sentences longer by using 'and', *but, because* and *or*. Also, try to say every **sentence aloud** before writing and reading it back to an adult or sibling.

<u>Maths</u>-

In the last pack, I sent home our Maths No Problem workbook 1 as we hadn't completed it. In the back of the book, we were just finishing the measuring unit and had just begun measuring with a ruler. There was also a 'review' of this chapter and then a 'Mid Year Review', summarising and assessing the things we have covered so far. This is a great way of finding out areas your child is confident with and areas they need to practise more.

-Continue with the number bonds challenge do they remember them to 10, 11, 12,13 up to 20 and any quick mental maths to aid addition and subtraction.

There are many number bond games on Purple Mash and www.topmarks.co.uk

In your pack there is another 100 square, you could continue to count in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s and give them different colours or just use it to recognise numbers 1 more, 1 less or 10 more, 10 less.

• Count to 40, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number and write the numbers. Use real materials if you can.

I have given you the 'Number to 40' worksheet lessons (from MNP workbook 2) to go through. I gave the powerpoints to these in the last pack but they are on the Maths No Problem website. You should have all received the two emails from MNP where you can log on and get the parent guides/answers.

I have put some more practical place value games inside- keeping it fun and practical makes the task seem like a game!!

There are some brilliant examples of questions that get the children thinking about the problem and trying to explain their thinking on White Rose Maths:-

https://wrm-13b48.kxcdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Year-1-2018-19-Spring-Term-Block-2-FINAL.pdf

On https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/ there is a daily lesson that they go through too.

- Continue to count in multiples of twos, fives and tens from any given number e.g. 2,12,22,32,42. This helps with the 'Multiplication' chapter, which we will be moving onto.
- Some other links are:-
- www.topmarks.co.uk/hitthebutton
- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize -Great interactive lessons on the home learning part for English, Maths and Topic!

Growth and Change

- <u>Topic</u>- I hope your plant project books are useful, and you are looking at the changes the plants and trees are making at this time of year.
- I have found some great clips on https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv about animal groups, which could help with your fact file.
- Have a look at how plants and animals grow and change using the life cycles. Can you make your own life cycle out of real plant materials?
- Using a globe/map, can you find out where animals come from?
- Make a collage using many natural materials. Fold, crumple, tear and overlap paper and arrange them over different backgrounds.
- You could create an animal too- match and sort threads (recycled rubbish) for colour, texture, length, size and shape. You could even twist the threads and plait the threads for decoration!



PE- Daily exercise is important for physical wellbeing but also mental wellbeing. Here are examples of some indoor athletics events on the link below (You do not have to use toilet roll!).

https://www.facebook.com/LHschoolsport/videos/1061565647557668/?vh=e&d=n

My children have loved '**Cosmic Yoga'** on YouTube. You can be Moana, characters from Frozen or Star Wars and there is even a FLOSSING one! Always a big hit in my house!

Also 'Andy's Wild Workouts' from Cbeebies where he travels the world to different places and learns to move like the animals he meets on his wild adventure.

New Skill

How is your new skill coming along? I did 2 rotations of hula hooping, which is not very many but I will keep trying! Let me know how many you can do or if your trying to get better at a skill.

Remember Twinkl is offering parents a free subscription go to www.twinkl.co.uk and enter PARENTSTWINKLHELPS

Please continue to email and let me know what you have been doing or if there are any questions. Best wishes and take care.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Boyle