



Dear Parents/Carers,

Teaching and Learning Resources for home schooling

We have been busy updating our website to provide teaching and learning resources for you and your child to use whilst the school is closed. There is a very good BBC article: *Coronavirus, how families can cope self-isolating together* (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51936286>) that you might find useful. It is a very difficult time for all of us, and we have tried to give you a whole range of different resources and activities that you may want to use with your children.

When at home, I suggest that the children have some form of structure to the day, but for this to be quite fluid. It is essential that your child keeps up with their reading – this should happen daily – either to themselves or sharing a book (paper or electronic version via Oxford Reading Buddy) with you. We have put some reading activities onto the website – so please take a look at those as well. Times table practice is also key, but keep it short and fun through games and activities. Encourage children to use TTRockstars as well to sharpen up their recall of times tables.

This could also be an opportunity for children to develop their touch typing – a key skill in this day and age. Take a look at the BBC's Dance Mat Typing: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr>.

Learning spellings could also be a regular activity during the day – just for 15 minutes. We have put all of the common exception words that the children need to learn throughout key stage 2 onto our website. There are fun ways to learn spellings for the children. This link will give you some ideas: <https://www.literacyplanet.com/au/news/8-fun-ways-teach-spelling/>

For further resources, please go to The Hermitage School website: <https://www.hermitage.surrey.sch.uk/> and under the Children's area tab, we have created a 'Working from Home' section. The links to all of our online resources (Mathletics, Oxford Reading Buddy, TTRockstars, Numbots, class blogs, Purple Mash and Duolingo) have been listed here for ease of access.

There are also further tabs for each year group. We have uploaded a range of different activities for children to dip into and have tried to include activities that your child has already been taught. This will allow them to practise and consolidate their skills and knowledge. We don't want the children to be using a screen for long during the day, so we have tried to include activities that are more practical and are away from the internet.

Your child should come home with a maths and writing workbook that they can use to complete any work. Teachers will take these in once we are back at school, but please feel free to discuss any work with the children and mark

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these together. As you can imagine, teachers will not be able to mark the children’s work – it would be an impossible task for them.

In addition, your child’s class teacher may also communicate with their children through their class blog. Please note that if this communication stops it could mean that the teacher is unwell or unable to post for a while. If this happens, there are plenty of other activities for the children we have prepared on our website. Teachers will do their best to respond to children’s blogs, but obviously this will depend on the situation in their own homes.

In the same way, teachers will endeavour to assign a maths task each morning for the children on the Mathletics website. Again, if this doesn’t happen, there are a range of different maths activities that the children can access on the site.

Teachers will also endeavour to assign tasks to children via the Purple Mash website – for a whole range of different subjects. In the same way, there are many different resources on this website for your child to investigate.

Please find below other websites you may want to take a look at which offer different activities and learning resources for you children.

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ Maths learning games	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize Learning resources for all subjects
http://www.ictgames.co.uk/ Maths and English games	https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/ Site with games and help screens to teach children to learn to code.
https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/03/nature-detectives Outdoor learning ideas	https://spellingframe.co.uk/ Spelling games and resources
https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer Free to parents using code: PARENTSTWINKLHELPS A range of resources for different subjects	http://www.pobble365.com/ A different writing prompt each day
http://natgeokids.com/uk/ Fun facts, games and quizzes about the world	https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/ Fun, fact-finding site for children
https://www.youtube.com/user/ArtforKidsHub A series of instructional art video clips for children	http://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/ Outdoor learning ideas and activities

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Activities around the world of film to inspire children.

I have created email accounts for each year group and The Orchard unit, so you will be able to contact us during the closure period. These emails are:

Year3@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk; Year4@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk; Year5@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk;
Year6@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk and Orchard@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk

I will do my best to remain in contact with parents through email, our website and social media to keep you up-to-date with what is happening at school. Please encourage your child to use the class blog as it is a way of us keeping touch with the children.

Sending you all my warmest regards

Mrs Harrup
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