



Friday 20th March 2020

RE: Home Learning During School Closure

Dear Parents and Carers,

If your child was in school today, he or she will have brought home a bespoke home learning pack. These vary depending on what year group your child is in. Contents should be as follows:

- **YR** – English exercise book, sketch book/scrapbook, Phonics pack, small set of Numicon (for Maths) and some reading books
- **Y1** – English exercise book, Maths exercise book, sketch book/scrap book, Phonics pack and a small set of Numicon
- **Y2** - English exercise book, Maths exercise book, sketch book/scrap book, Phonics pack and Times Table Rock Star booklet (5 x sheets each week for 7 weeks)
- **Y3/4** - English exercise book, Maths exercise book, sketch book/scrap book, Y3/4 Statutory spelling list, 10 story starters and a Times Table Rock Star booklet (5 x sheets each week for 7 weeks)
- **Y5/6** - English exercise book, Maths exercise book, sketch book/scrap book, Y5/6 Statutory spelling list, 10 story starters

In addition to this, we included a list of '100 things to do at home' which was compiled by pupils in KS2 in school this week. It includes a variety of subjects including English, maths, science, music, art, geography, PE and lots more fun activities too!

If your child wasn't in school today, do not fear! There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to collect the home learning pack from school next week or we can drop them to your house. We will give out more information about this on Monday.

During school closures, work for pupils will also be provided online and can be accessed on the school website via the 'home learning' drop down menu from Monday. Each week, there will be a series of lessons for Maths and English uploaded. When considering which activities and how much work to complete, please do not add any additional pressures and stress to family life and complete as much (or as little) as you can. The most important thing is that families remain happy and healthy during this difficult time.

We understand that some parents may be feeling a little anxious about home learning. Below we have a few simple points to follow to hopefully make things run smoothly:

- **Correct equipment:** Record all completed work neatly in an exercise book and use a sharp pencil, ruler, rubber etc.... If you need supplies of stationery, please contact us via email and we will be able to drop them to your home or arrange for you to collect them. Please encourage children to take pride in their work. You could even take a picture of a piece of work that your child(ren) is proud of and email it to your child's class teacher.
- **Resources:** If you require any additional resources, please do not hesitate to contact the school. For example, we are making Numicon available to all Reception & Year 1 pupils. We can also supply you with dictionaries, thesaurus, reading books, calculators etc... Please do not make any unnecessary purchases.

- **Build a daily routine:** Decide upon a timetable for your child(ren). For example:
 - 9 – 9:30: PE with Joe Wicks (<https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html>)
 - 9:30 – 9:45: Reading
 - 9:45 – 10:15: Maths
 - 10:15 – 10:30: Break
 - 10:30 – 11:00: English

Once a set routine is created and stuck to, children will become more used to working at home. The above timings are just an example and more of a guide for KS2. KS1 may wish to spread sessions out throughout the day. Remember, these are rough timings but do show that we aren't expecting children to do much more than one and a half hours of 1:1, focused work each day. Please use the other resources and activity suggestions to bulk out your day.
- **Stay calm:** Please do not worry about completing huge reams of additional work. As long as your child is engaging in the work set out for them, then they will be doing just fine.
- **READ. READ. READ:** If all else fails, the single most important thing that you can do with your child is read. Hear them read. Read to them. Share a variety of stories throughout the day and they will be coming back after this period prepared.

There are many websites where you could be gathering additional resources and lesson ideas. Please do not overwhelm yourself and know that, if you are engaging in the learning set out on the school website, then you are on the right track. We also think that it is extremely important to make the most of the family time at the minute which is why Key Stage 2 created a "100 things to do at home" sheet that children can work through. This will also be made available online from Monday along with other websites (Times Table Rock Stars, Bug Club etc...) that children have usernames and passwords for.

Although school is closed, we are still committed to the wellbeing, health and education of your child(ren). The usual school phone number will still be answered during school hours and teachers will contact you once a week to discuss home learning and to answer any questions that you may have. If you have any questions during the week, please feel free to email your child's class teacher. Teachers' email addresses are as follows:

- rpemberton@cardinham.cornwall.sch.uk (Reception)
- sphillips@cardinham.cornwall.sch.uk (Year 1 & Year 2)
- msggrant@cardinham.cornwall.sch.uk (Year 3 & 4)
 - **Please contact Mr Jones after Easter as Mrs Grant would have started at her new setting.**
- djones@cardinham.cornwall.sch.uk (Year 5 & 6)

Term dates will still apply so work will not be uploaded during the holidays: the dates of Easter are Monday 30th March to Monday 13th April. We expect children to take time away from school work during the holidays. Therefore, the second week's work will be uploaded onto the school website from Tuesday 14th April.

We will continue to keep you updated. Thank you for your patience, support and understanding at this challenging time. If you have any questions, however big or small, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to support and reassure you.

Best Wishes,

Mrs I Bennett

Headteacher