



Home-School Information Pack

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Dear parents/carers,

Please find attached the following resources to use with your child during the period of school closure.

Allowing sufficient time and having patience is important, as your child will need help with reading the instructions, carrying out the activities and/or playing the games.

Your child's Tapestry account is still open, so feel free to use it, if you have any questions. You could also e-mail me with any queries at jenia.crabbe@holyspirituncorn.co.uk.

In your pack you will find your child's login details for all our learning platforms.

Phonics and Reading

When using the phonics, reading and writing activities, please make sure that you are using the pure sounds for each grapheme (one letter-one sound), digraph (two letters – one sound) and trigraph (three letters – one sound), as this will help your child with reading and writing. Use the following website for phonics guidance and to listen to the correct enunciation of the phonic sounds:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>

Letters and Sounds Phonics video lessons:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuGr6z2H2KNHY2HITC9jV0a65ED0aD2Ry>

Little Learners Phonics video sessions:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDFqXo8hEdBH7WarYB9Xw7xQK-LUC8r3h>

Please use the log in details attached to access the **Active Learn** website and the **Oxford Reading Buddy**, as there is an enormous bank of books your child can access online, as well as other useful resources.

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>

<https://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk>

Maths

Time Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) is too advanced for your child, at this point in time, however you could use the **TTRS** logins to access **NUMBOTS**, where your child can choose their own avatar and access Early Years' activities in a structured and progressive way.

<https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>

My Maths is available for our Year 1 children, so in addition to the daily **Power Maths** work, Mr Foster will be setting up for them, children will be sign-posted to suitable lessons on My Maths to supplement their learning.

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/primary.html>

Writing

When supporting your child with writing, please remind them to use capital letter at the beginning of their sentence(s), to leave one finger space between the words and to put a full stop, a question mark or an exclamation mark at the end. It is also important your child forms the letters correctly, sitting them on the line.

First, encourage your child to tell you the sentence they want to write and to repeat it a few times, until they have remembered it (you say it - they say it, you say it – they say it).

After that, they should count the words in the sentence on their fingers as they say them, so they can distinguish between the separate words in the sentence.

Finally, they should use their 'Fred Fingers' (counting the sounds on their fingers) to segment each word into the sounds it's made of, so they can write it, unless of course it is one of our 'tricky words', which they shouldn't sound out but remember how to spell.

Work Books for Year 1 – Maths, Reading Comprehension, Grammar and Phonics books and for Reception – a Phonics workout book.

Useful Websites:

The main website children will use for their learning in the next few weeks will be the Oak National Academy trust <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage> and the Robin Hood Multi Academy Trust <https://www.robinhoodmat.co.uk/learning-projects/>, as they include good quality interactive sessions and follow up activities. Your child will be signposted to the particular lessons we would like them to access every week.

A long list of free educational websites:

<https://www.headteacherchat.com/post/corona-virus-free-resources-for-teachers-and-schools>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<http://www.pobble365.com/>

<https://www.ictgames.com/>

<https://nrich.maths.org/early-years>

Number Jacks: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mhcr/episodes/guide>

<http://www.iseemaths.com/early-number/>

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/>

Alpha blocks: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Keeping your child's mind and body healthy:

<https://family.gonoodle.com/>

You can also create a free account with TWINKL, where you will get access to a great range of Topic resources, too.

How do you sign up for the free month?

Step 1: Go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer

Step 2: Enter the code you have received, or CVDTWINKLHELPS if you have not yet been given a code

Step 3: Share the offer code and website link with anyone who could benefit

Thank you for your continuous support and although these are difficult times, we hope you stay healthy and use this as an opportunity to spend quality family time with your child(ren). Meanwhile, if we find other useful resources/websites, we will put them on the School website and on ClassDojo.

Best wishes,

Mrs Crabbe, Miss Hull and Miss Hayes