



17th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Sadly, we have decided to close the Nursery class due to staffing shortages, the children being under legal school age and to attempt to avoid further spread of the virus, please find below some of the websites we use in school and suggested ideas for activities you could do at home.

I will still be accessing Tapestry and am hoping to send **daily** challenges and videos if you would like to access them. I would love to see any video or photo updates from you too so please keep in touch sending them via Tapestry and I will respond.

Useful web links – some of the below are subscription websites but they all have some free content on them

- Our daily wake up dance - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gUbdNbu6ak>
- 5 a day dances – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7qLfNZxn-sT3G14Kb6Z5og>
- Phonics Play - <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>
- Phonics Bloom - <https://www.phonicsbloom.com>
- Teach your monster to read - <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com>
- Top marks - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37>
- Maths activities - <https://nrich.maths.org/13371>
- CBeebies - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>
- Purple Mash - your child should have brought their log in home with them (if they haven't please let me know via Tapestry and I can reset it) you can investigate the different activities and games yourself or I have set the children some challenges on the '2Do' section - <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/stmarysg8>
- 50 fun Duplo ideas – there are some lovely ideas in this video <https://youtu.be/ltincwrwWhA>

- TTS Home learning booklet – this has some nice ideas of activities for EYFS children http://www.tts-group.co.uk/on/demandware.static/-/Library-Sites-TTSSharedLibrary/default/vaea75f5663a038b8658d258fd198e57ce70b35d6/images/homepage/Early_Years_Home_Learning_Collection.pdf?version=1,584,037,589,000

Some ideas for home learning activities –

- Practise writing your name
- The sounds we have been learning are ‘s,a,t,p,i,n,d’ – you could practise writing these letters or finding objects in your house that begin with them
- Read lots of new books – look at the illustrations, talk about the characters – how they are feeling? What may happen next?
- Spring – can you grow your own flowers or beanstalk at home? Can the children help to care for and water any plants?
- Estimating – guess how many of different objects there are in your house
- Knowing one more or less than a number
- Draw a shape picture – can the children tell you the names and properties of the shapes?
- Cooking – can the children help you to make dinner, biscuits or a healthy snack?
- Draw a picture of someone who is special to you. Why are they special?
- Write a message/postcard or draw a picture for Mrs Cooke
- Play a board game
- Sing your favourite song

Any adult led activities at school are usually for about 15 minutes, we will do a maximum of 2 sessions in a morning and 1 in the afternoon, so this could be used as a guideline as to how long to spend on any activities at home. We have at least an hour of ‘Discover and do’ (child-initiated learning & play) every morning. We also read stories and sing nursery rhymes daily too.

I hope that you and your families are all well and continue to be so, I will keep you all in my prayers. Please keep in contact and I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Thank you,

Mrs Cooke 😊