

Dear Parents,

As a result of the school closure I have put together some activities to support your children's learning whilst not in school.

In your packs I have included phonics activities as I need to assume the Phonics Reading Test will still go ahead in the summer term. Please can I highlight the fact that the children are unaware they will be having a test. However they have seen these papers before as we use them in class. I have included some past papers for you to go through with your child. The children recognise the 'alien' words because of the alien pictures. The test is designed to check their phonic knowledge by reading the graphemes (what they can see) and giving the correct phoneme (what you hear) correspondence by blending the word correctly. Please be aware your child may not know all the Phase 5 graphemes (as we haven't learnt them, yet!). I have provided a sheet with all the graphemes and blends on to allow you to support your child.

I have included a paper copy should your child wish to do a book review of a book they have read and the recommended reading list for Year 1.

Please find below some ideas that you can do with your child although this is not exhaustive in any way.

RE-In this season of Lent we continue to think about how we can help others and what extra things we might do or activities that we will limit or not have access to. We think about Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem and the events leading up to and including Good Friday. Linking to this the children might like to write a story about these events. Remind the children to use capital letters and full stops when writing sentences and to re-read their work to check for sense and tense.

In maths the children can use their maths knowledge when finding half of an amount or group of objects. They can learn about describing direction; using the language forwards, backwards, left & right turn and clockwise and anti-clockwise ( a great activity to do outside).

**Reading-** Please could you encourage your child to read some of their book (or a book of their choice) each day. Please record details of any reading in their Reading record. Children should always be encouraged to re-read their books to develop their fluency and this may occur if they finish a book before it is due to be changed or if they receive a book they have previously read. Please could you encourage the task of re-reading a book as a positive rather than a negative, thank you.

**Spellings-** I have put extra spellings in the spelling books should you wish to practise them each week. A fun activity to do is to ask the children to use the spelling within a sentence, to allow the children to use the word in the correct context.

**Handwriting-** I have added extra handwriting sheets in their purple books.

Homework Grid: **Please feel free to use ideas from the homework grid making links to the National Curriculum subjects.**

**PE:** The children love the Daily Mile and getting outside for a run around, physical activity and some fresh air will stimulate their brain too.

I must emphasise the importance of taking regular breaks and not expecting your child (or you) to be sat working all the time. Where learning can take place outside it will be of benefit to everyone, yourself included.

Purple Mash- By now you should have received your child's (and parent) Purple Mash login details to allow your child to access the site. I will set tasks for the children to complete when using the site; however should the school closure continue more activities will be added.

I hope this helps to support you and your child during this uncertain time and we will keep you up to date with any news through Parentmail and on the school website.

Yours sincerely

Miss Chapman

Some websites you might like to visit (there are many more out there though)

[www.purplemash.com/stmarysg8](http://www.purplemash.com/stmarysg8)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks1>

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)    [www.phonicsbloom.com](http://www.phonicsbloom.com)

[www.bcbitesize](http://www.bcbitesize) (KS1)    [www.bbc.co.uk/newsround](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>