



ST MARY'S
Catholic Primary School
Year 2

Home Learning 'survival' in event of a Bubble Closure

Dear Y2 Parents,

I have put together some information and suggestions to help you with supporting your children with their Year 2 work from home.

Again, this will be a challenging time for us all. We can only all do our best. I do hope this information helps you to gain some 'normality and routine' and continue your child's learning progress as best as you can, whilst we are unable to attend class. Obviously, all our home situations vary, so please adapt a routine that suits you from the activities and sessions that will be provided each school day by myself on Seesaw.

Routine

It will be important to provide some structure & routine - plan a simple 'school day' routine - let children know what the plan is for the day, stick to it as much as is possible (in school we use a list every day, that we tick off; this is quite satisfying for both children and adults 😊). This sounds simple but will really help in this unsettling time for us all, especially for our anxious little ones; for whom this must all be / will be very tricky!

Breaks - Ensure your child has physical movement / drink/ snacks breaks.

Range of activities- Vary between screen & screen free activities / interactive games with siblings and or adults/ independent work/ work with support / subjects - mix up- put least favourite activities sandwiched between 2 more popular 'fun' ones.

Give your child a **choice of two** activities to start with- they'll feel they have some control (in a very out of control unusual situation that we're all currently in.)

Daily Basics - I will upload the following work onto SEESAW in the mornings of Monday-Friday

Maths -

Writing -

Topic work including R.E

For this there will be a teaching element to watch or read; with some examples and then an activity set which should take approx. 20 minutes. with good focus.

Story time

I hope to read a chapter of our class reader or a picture book to the class.



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Please also try to:

READ minimum 10mins & a story AND listen to a book read by adult (10 min minimum.)

Log into Purple Mash online (you were given updated log ins recently.) Please let us know ASAP if you need these again. Purple Mash has some fab resources and work for your children if you would like an extension/ further practise. I will also set some tasks for you to complete on here, as I know that some children enjoy Purple Mash; which I will inform via SEESAW.

Limit distractions (TV etc) Although some may like background music & find it helps concentration?

Include/ make accessible visual supports & resources (number lines/ squares/ word mats- some useful resources will be making their way to your homes ASAP!

Praise all effort!

Remember to encourage growth mindset - you can do this (remind yourself of this regularly as well as your child 😊)

Pick your battles - every piece of work does not need to be perfect- balance praise & constructive criticism/ support.

Websites - refer to list - explore those you may wish to use. Look work over yourself first - refer to any reference material in pack or online so your expectation of your child is clear to your child / support maximised and confusion minimalistic. Particularly with maths strategies. Especially useful with any of the Year 2 'papers. Equally it's a lovely opportunity for your child and you to learn together (just because you're an adult you are not expected to know everything) also good to model that even as adults we are still learning!

Make a special folder / place to store any recorded work completed? - great to keep.

Try to have fun with the activities - keep timing positive - try to complete activities in a given realistic timescale and quit when you're winning. However- know when to call it a day / move on if something is too tricky & return to it later. (Make this clear to your child & remember to see it through)

Keep in touch with Mrs Woodford via SEESAW. I will feedback daily. We will also call if we do not see any response from you, to check all is ok. You can also email if any queries see whole school letter.



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Look after yourselves and support all our Year 2 family. I'm sure if you have any queries, I would like to think you will call on each other and keep in touch somehow too. Remember there is no such thing as a stupid question. Hoping & praying that we resume normal Year 2 class ASAP.

Until then much luck and best wishes to all our Year 2 families.

God Bless.

Mrs Woodford
Y2 Class teacher