

Home learning in KS2

With schools currently closed, you might be worrying about how your child is going to keep up with their learning. We know that everyone's situation is different and you are already doing the most important job by supporting your children through what's a really uncertain time for them, so don't worry, no one expects you to be a teacher! Remember, children are learning all the time from all the things you do together.

The best place for your child to start is with the homework assigned by their teacher on Google Classroom. Maths and English lessons are being posted on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Foundation subject lessons (or tasks) are also uploaded to compliment the children's learning. It is the expectation that children log-on (when able to) and have a go at these lessons. Children may submit typed-up answers or upload photos of hand-written work onto Google Classroom but this is NOT compulsory. Teachers will be available via Google Classroom during normal school hours to address any questions or problems that may arise on the work being set.

The link below takes you to a resource area created by Hertfordshire SEND. The resources area includes:

- Activity sheets and ideas provided by the Specific Learning Difficulties team, which can help progress in key areas including writing, numbers and spelling
- Practical help for children who are struggling with their mental health
- Help with explaining COVID-19 to younger children and young people with autism
- Materials which help young people to develop their independence, including cooking activities
- Lots of fun ideas for your children which encourages them to explore and use their imagination

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/resources-for-parents-and-professionals/send-documents-and-resources.aspx?searchInput=&page=1&resultsPerPage=10&view=card>

In addition, see below for some useful websites on a range of different themes:

1. The Joe Wicks Workout

Join thousands of children from across the world in this 30-minute workout session! Aimed at everyone from toddlers to secondary school pupils, Joe will get the whole family active, engaged and exercising.

Live sessions are streamed at 9am, Monday to Friday. All sessions are available to view on his youtube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

2. Enjoy 'Elevenses with The World of David Walliams'

Comedian, writer and television personality David Walliams reads from his children's books on Soundcloud every day at 11am. Sit down, take a break, and enjoy 20ish minutes of pure fun!

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

3. Twinkl

Twinkl is a website used by primary teachers. It is a fantastic website with excellent resources. It continues to offer free resources to parents and guardians., including a daily timetable and engaging activities.

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

4. BBC Bitesize

BBC Bitesize is leading the way. Like Twinkl, Bitesize offers a daily timetable and a wide variety of lessons from Maths to History. We encourage you to utilise this website and pursue your child's area of interest!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

5. Pobble365

Pobble365 is a favourite amongst teachers at The Leys. This fantastic website posts a new, mysterious picture each day. There are several writing prompts to go with the picture, these include:

- story starters
- 'sick' sentences
- question time
- sentence challenge

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

6. The Literacy Shed

Another favourite amongst teachers. Similar to 'Pobble 365', The Literacy Shed is a website designed at encouraging children to write, however, this website uses short videos to inspire writing. Choose from a range of genres, from the 'Adventure Shed' to the 'Ghostly Shed' - It really is worth checking out!

Writing ideas include:

- Fantasy stories
- Rich descriptions
- Dialogue between characters
- Advert/brochures
- Retelling the story of the film as a narrative

-Write a script for the animation.

<https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html#>

7. Exploratorium

If your child has an interest in Science, then this page is worth a visit! Make sense of timely topics and find general science support for learning together at home.

<https://www.exploratorium.edu/learn>

8. The National Literacy Trust

This website is home to a fantastic range of resources to support children's writing. From writing prompts to engaging, relevant stories, this easy to navigate website is highly recommended.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

9. National Geographic Kids

A classic "go to" when wanting to discover more about our wonderful world. The National Geographic Kids website is an excellent tool for learning. Whether your child wants to discover more about a country, animal or culture, NG Kids is No.1 on the list.

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

10. PSB Kids

Daily activities and tips to help children learn. This colourful and interactive website is perfect for children who learn through play.

PBS KIDS is committed to making a positive impact on the lives of children through curriculum-based entertainment.

<https://pbskids.org>

11. Phonics Play

A great website suitable for children who need to practice their phonics - free games and printable worksheets

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