

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the home learning packs sent home on Friday, we included a book, some essential stationery and a list of activities that will support children in the weeks when they will be unable to attend school. This included:

- A maths activity booklet which covers a range of Year 3 maths
- An Easter themed English activity booklet which includes various English activities matched to the Year 3 curriculum.
- The Year 3/4 statutory spelling words
- A poem for children to copy out and practise their joined handwriting
- A home learning grid with ideas for practical activities based on our summer topic of Rainforests

In addition, we included some links to some useful websites to support children's learning at home.

Maths

- Over the next few weeks, we were planning to teach fractions. The White Rose website offers a series maths lessons for you to use at home with a short video showing you clearly and simply how to help your child to complete the activity successfully. <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> We hope that you are able to access this and find it useful.
- Children can practise their times tables by continuing to play Timestable Rockstar: <https://trockstars.com/>
- The creators of Times Tables Rock Stars have produced a platform for boosting addition and subtraction skills, called NumBots. NumBots is an online game and playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. NumBots can be accessed by logging into <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/1910> Children can log in to NumBots using their Times Tables Rock Stars username and password. *Please Note: this is currently on a trial and we will provide further information in due course.*
- Children can access a range of fun, interactive maths games such as Hit the Button on <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Third Space Learning provides access to a wide range of maths activities and resources for children, including help guides, tips and learning ideas covering the Year 3 maths curriculum. <https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/year-3-maths/>

Writing

- <http://www.pobble365.com/> A range of pictures which can be used to inspire writing. If you scroll down on each page there are ideas for how the pictures can be used to develop comprehension and to improve sentences etc.
- There are some ideas in the writing booklet provided, but thinking of real reasons for children to write such as shopping lists, messages to friends and families, letters to authors and keeping a diary to record their thoughts and feelings during this unusual time, are particularly inspiring ways to keep children writing.
- We would also like the children to continue to practise the spelling list and handwriting - trying to ensure that their letters are joined and of a consistent size.

Reading

- Please ensure that your child keeps reading! Free e-books are available here: <https://global.oup.com/education/support-learning-anywhere/?region=uk>
- Over 7,000 books can be accessed online via: <https://readon.myon.co.uk> You can search for books by genre, year group or by your child's reading age.

PE

- At 9am every morning, Joe Wickes (Body Coach) is launching a live PE session for families on his youtube channel. You can join in with The Body Coach's PE workout at 9am from Monday, March 23 on his YouTube channel The Body Coach TV. <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>
- Additional PE ideas can be found on: <https://www.gonoodle.com/>

General

- **PSHE** - If you have a pet, you can work towards an award with the PDSA for looking after a pet independently. See <https://www.pdsa.org.uk/petwise-schools>
- **ICT** - Log onto Scratch at home: Create an animation or a game and save it OR follow a Twinkl Planit lesson.
- **Languages** - Log on and register to <https://www.duolingo.com/> Preferably French BUT learn some language of your choice!
- **Art & DT** - <https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/school-closures>
- **Worksheets covering all subject areas:** <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

We will continue to share learning with you through the school website and keep in touch. Thank you for your patience and support in these unusual times.

With very best wishes,

The Year 3 Team