

## Home Learning – suggested activities

### Reading

- Any reading is great! Picture books, non-fiction, novels, comics, magazines! Children could read to an adult or spend some time reading independently.
- Encourage children to talk about what they read e.g. summarise what they have read, describe the characters, events, setting, etc. They could complete a book review (see the book review template for ideas).
- Read to your child and enjoy a book together e.g. share a chapter a day of a longer book like Harry Potter.
- Listen to you child read and ask questions (see the example questions for ideas).
- Use the Oxford Owl website for online books. There are over 100 e-books available with free access (parents needs to register with the site). You can search for books by age or book band colour. The book bands match the school book band colours so you can choose a book of the correct level. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>
- Visit the 'Books for Topics' website for a list of 50 recommended reads for each KS2 year group. <https://www.booksfortopics.com/ks2>
- Listen to a story online – the following websites do not require a password:  
<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>  
<https://www.storylineonline.net/library/>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007t9wg>

### Writing

- Any writing is great! Write about something you enjoy or are interested in.
- Write about what you are reading e.g. complete a book review.
- Write a letter or e-mail to family / friends.
- Keep a daily diary.
- Write a newspaper report or create your own newspaper!
- Take a look at the home learning pack from The Reading Realm. It has story openers, strange and magical pictures and lines from classic poems to encourage children to write at home.  
<https://thereadingrealm.co.uk/2020/03/17/free-reading-realm-home-learning-pack-3-creative-writing-prompts>
- Watch a video from Literacy Shed for inspiration for your writing.  
<https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html>
- Handwriting practice – copy a paragraph from a book or magazine in your best handwriting. Think about capital letters, punctuation, letter joins, spacing, spelling.
- Practise your weekly spellings on Spelling Shed.
- Learn to spell the KS2 statutory spellings. These have been set as a task in Spelling Shed and are also available as pdf lists.
- Complete a writing task on Purple Mash.

### Maths

- Complete a daily White Rose Maths lesson (White Rose is the scheme of work we follow in school). Visit the White Rose website to access the home learning materials – no password is needed. Aim to complete 1 lesson each day. Watch the video and complete the activity, which should take around 30 minutes.  
<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

- Daily times tables practise on Times Table Rockstars.
- Complete the Numbots challenges (same login as TTR)
- Use 'Hit the Button' to practise times tables, division facts, doubles and halves, number bonds, square numbers. No sign-up or password needed:  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Explore other maths games on the Topmarks website:  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16>

### Other

- Home baking
- Board games
- Arts and Crafts
- Construction – making dens, modelling etc
- Learn a new skill e.g. sewing
- Play outside
- Gardening / plant some seeds and watch them grow!
- Stay active with Joe Wicks 5 Minute Move or some Cosmic Kids Yoga:  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyCLOPd4VxBuxu3sLztrvWFehzv-LnR2c>