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Dear Parents and Carers

Home Learning



Our leadership team is currently developing further plans to implement remote learning through Google Classrooms. This platform enables teachers to upload work to the children in their class who are learning from home, giving them access to the learning materials covered in school and providing the opportunity for feedback on work completed. Please note, this will not be "**live streaming**" lessons. I am aware that there are those who would advocate 'lessons delivered live in shared class online spaces', however due to safeguarding and access issues, we do not advocate that approach in our primary school at this time. In the meantime, we hope all our students continue to learn and be safe whether they are with us in person or in our thoughts.

If anyone is struggling to access devices due to sharing with others in the household, it may be helpful to know that there seems to be a way to access Google Classroom through the Xbox and PlayStation 4 consoles. More detailed information can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We wish to thank all the parents/carers who are working so hard in difficult circumstances to support their children. The staff really appreciate the regular communication which allows us to support families at home.

In order for the learning to be most effective, we would ask for parents/carers to ensure the timetable of activities is followed as far as possible. Whilst we understand the need to complete work at different times throughout the week and weekend, we would suggest that, whenever work is done, it is in the order on the timetable as lessons form part of a sequence of learning which will support the children and families. To help with this, we will email parents the timetables each week as well as it appearing on the **Google Classroom**. Work will remain online until the end of the week it is set.

Reading during Lockdown

One of the hardest subjects to teach online is reading. Sadly, we can't swap books; teachers can't listen to children read frequently and children cannot access our fabulous range of individual reading books.



However, there is still lots we can do to promote and develop children's reading skills. For example, Key Stage 2 pupils are using **Serial Mash** for regular reading. There are also many online resources families can access to help enjoy and make progress with their reading.





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We can highly recommend the [LoveReading4Kids](#) website on which is free to register. Not only does it provide ideas for books to read but there are a multitude of free downloadable extracts too – fiction, non-fiction and poetry. If you are running out of reading material then this really is an excellent resource.

[Oxford Reading Tree](#), <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/> is a **FANTASTIC** website. It provides books for all book bands online, so the children can continue to read at home. The process of reading on the website is also really enjoyable (especially for younger children!) as you can 'turn the page' and there's an option for the computer to read the words out loud too.

[Oak Academy](#), <https://library.thenational.academy/> has opened a virtual school library where they feature an author and share a book a week to read and complete activities. This week it is Tracey Beaker by Jacqueline Wilson.

[Twinkl eBooks](#), www.twinkl.co.uk is a fabulous website with a range of eBooks, suitable for those reading at a range of levels from 'Pink' to 'Black'. These resources are free to download during the lockdown period, so if you want to download more than the selection below then register, log on and download at your leisure!

Dr Dog Explains Coronavirus	
Phyllis and the Fossil	Phyllis Questions
A Place for Plastic	
Ten Little Lights	Ten Little Lights Questions
A Tale of Two Feathers	A Tale of Two Feathers Questions
The Runaway Iceberg	Runaway Iceberg Questions
The Dual World of Anders Arnfield	Chaptered comprehension – Anders Arnfield

Northumberland County Council (NCC) have created a resource called [Home Learning Ideas](#) which can be accessed via the following link:





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<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/Document-store/COVID%20resources/New-Home-learning-for-KS1-and-KS2.pdf>

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HOME LEARNING IDEAS

New every month
'WHAT'S ON
THIS MONTH?'



Welcome to 'Home Learning Ideas'.
This pack has been created for children in Key Stages 1 and 2.

Your school will be providing remote learning resources; this pack can be used to supplement that work and can be used throughout the lockdown period.
The pack provides links to websites which support different areas of the curriculum and it also gives ideas of different non-curriculum based ideas to try.

Think about setting a daily routine; your school may have suggested one.

Each page has a series of resources and/or activities that can be accessed by clicking on an image or a [blue](#) link.

We hope you find this useful and enjoy learning at home together.

 [Click here to start](#) 

Engagement with Online Learning

The Department for Education (DfE) has emphasised the importance of every child accessing and engaging with learning during the lockdown. Educational Welfare Officers (EWOs) have been in touch with all schools across the county and asked us to let them know about any families who are not engaging with online learning.



At Shanklea we want to support our families as much as we can so staff are calling families to ensure all children have access to learning and families know what to do and how to get any help they need. Please get in touch if you are having any problems and we will do all we can to help you resolve them.

Class teachers have been asked to provide details of children/families not engaging with their learning; For example, NOT posting work back on Google Classroom. We will be sending extra messages to these families next week to resolve any problems but if there is no response or improvement with engaging with the online learning –these names will have to be passed on to the Cramlington EWO. Please be assured that this will not be families who are doing the best they can under extremely challenging circumstances – where the odd piece of work is missing or who have had the odd day off work. This is for persistently and consistently not doing the work on a regular basis.

All children must be able to access education. Any child who is not attending school but doesn't have sufficient digital access at home must be able to access the equipment they need to continue their education. Particularly during this pandemic, proper access to the internet is not a luxury, but a necessity. It is the same as not having a book or a pen and must be recognised as such.





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We will send home a **Home Learning questionnaire** shortly to establish the IT resources available to children. **We would be very grateful if parents/carers could complete this Google Form and return it as soon as possible.**



We are working to supply more laptops this week to families who are struggling with devices and have invited pupils in to school where there is no device and/or no internet access. If anyone is still struggling with accessing remote learning please message our administrative team:
admin@shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk

Free School Meals

Vouchers are now being issued from Edenred fortnightly for those children entitled to free school meals (not universal free school meals for children in Reception and Key Stage 1.) There has been much debate in the press about school meals and many retailers are creating online resources and schemes to support families. One example is the Marks and Spencer School meals booster where they fund an additional £5 towards breakfast and lunchtime meals with downloadable weekly meal planners

Thank you for your continuing co-operation and support as we work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for everyone.

Kids' breakfast & lunch planner

Plan five days of tasty, balanced breakfasts and lunches for two children for less than £10 - with leftovers - all developed by M&S Food senior nutritionist Laura Street.

MONDAY	SHOPPING LIST
BREAKFAST: BIPPY EGG AND SOLDIERS Boil 2 eggs for 6 minutes and serve with toasted Best of Both bread, topped with your kids' favourite spread and cut into soldiers. LUNCH: EASY CHEESY PASTA Cook a couple of large handfuls of pasta and stir in half a jar of tomato and basil sauce. Serve with Cheddar cheese grated on top. SNACK: BANANA ICE CREAM Freeze two bananas, then blitz until creamy for a healthy banana 'ice cream'.	<input type="checkbox"/> 500g penne pasta <input type="checkbox"/> 1 jar tomato & basil pasta sauce <input type="checkbox"/> 8 white tortilla wraps <input type="checkbox"/> 1 loaf (750g) Best of Both medium sliced bread <input type="checkbox"/> 1 tin tuna <input type="checkbox"/> 2 peppers <input type="checkbox"/> 250g mature Cheddar slice <input type="checkbox"/> 4 bananas <input type="checkbox"/> 4 pack fromage frais <input type="checkbox"/> 4 chunky breaded cod fish fingers <input type="checkbox"/> 500g carrots <input type="checkbox"/> 6 round tomatoes <input type="checkbox"/> 6 free-range mixed size eggs <input type="checkbox"/> 500g traditional porridge oats <input type="checkbox"/> 6 ripe at home conference pears <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pint M&S Select Farms milk <input type="checkbox"/> 500g raisins <input type="checkbox"/> 300g white mushrooms
BREAKFAST: BANANA TOAST Toast two slices of bread and top each with one sliced banana and your little ones' favourite spread from the fridge. LUNCH: TORTILLA PIZZAS AND SALAD Spread the remaining pasta sauce over two wraps, top with a sliced pepper and cheese slice. Grill until melted. Serve with a salad of three grated carrots and two sliced tomatoes.	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 bananas <input type="checkbox"/> 5 breakfasts for 2 for £10
BREAKFAST: THREE BEARS PEAR PORRIDGE Cover 250g porridge oats with milk and a splash of water, then simmer until creamy. Top with two chopped pears. Mix any leftover porridge with 20g raisins and spoon into cupcake cases, then bake at 190°C fan for 30-40 mins. Save for tomorrow's breakfast. LUNCH: INDOOR PICNIC Cook two handfuls of pasta and toss with a tin of tuna and two quartered tomatoes. Serve with crunchy chopped carrots and peppers, and a pot of fromage frais and a banana each. Don't forget to invite the teddy bear!	<input type="checkbox"/> 500g carrots <input type="checkbox"/> 6 round tomatoes <input type="checkbox"/> 6 free-range mixed size eggs <input type="checkbox"/> 500g traditional porridge oats <input type="checkbox"/> 6 ripe at home conference pears <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pint M&S Select Farms milk <input type="checkbox"/> 500g raisins <input type="checkbox"/> 300g white mushrooms
BREAKFAST: PORRIDGE MUFFINS Enjoy the porridge muffins you made yesterday with some sliced pear. LUNCH: SPEEDY CHEESE AND TOMATO TOASTS Arrange sliced Cheddar and tomatoes on top of two slices of bread (like all M&S bread, it contains vitamin D). Grill until bubbling and enjoy with a pot of fromage frais each.	<input type="checkbox"/> 500g carrots <input type="checkbox"/> 6 round tomatoes <input type="checkbox"/> 6 free-range mixed size eggs <input type="checkbox"/> 500g traditional porridge oats <input type="checkbox"/> 6 ripe at home conference pears <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pint M&S Select Farms milk <input type="checkbox"/> 500g raisins <input type="checkbox"/> 300g white mushrooms
BREAKFAST: SUPERHERO OMELETTES Slice 250g mushrooms and fry in 1 tsp oil and 1 tsp butter until golden. Add 4 beaten eggs and cook to your liking. LUNCH: FISH FINGER SANDWICHES Cook the fish fingers according to the pack instructions and serve in four slices of bread. Serve with your kids' favourite condiments from the fridge. If you like. Enjoy with a pot of fromage frais and a sliced pear each.	<input type="checkbox"/> 500g carrots <input type="checkbox"/> 6 round tomatoes <input type="checkbox"/> 6 free-range mixed size eggs <input type="checkbox"/> 500g traditional porridge oats <input type="checkbox"/> 6 ripe at home conference pears <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pint M&S Select Farms milk <input type="checkbox"/> 500g raisins <input type="checkbox"/> 300g white mushrooms
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Get your H2O!
Staying hydrated is super important, so don't forget to serve a glass of water with each meal.

Please note - if you're feeding smaller children, reduce the portion sizes.

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Mrs H Brown
Head Teacher



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Covid-19 School Snapshot



Thank you

A huge thank you to our parents and carers in supporting our school right now with remote learning - you are doing a great job!

Vulnerable children and those children of critical key workers can still attend school where it is safe to do so.



w/c Monday 11 January saw a total of **7,900 children of key workers and vulnerable children in schools in Northumberland.**

If you can keep your children at home please do, thank you!

Free school meals and school transport

- Students eligible for free school meals will continue to receive these whilst learning at home.
- School transport for will continue for those children who need it.

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To access Google Classroom from PS4 or Xbox

PS4

1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to *Library*
3. Select *Library* application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in *Internet*
5. Select the *Internet Browser* app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box *Google Classroom* and select the first link that comes up:
Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below'
<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom>
8. Select *Go to Classroom*. Then log in using student email and password.



1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select *My Games and Apps*
3. Scroll down to Apps
4. Go to *Microsoft Edge* application
5. Type in a search for Google Classroom
6. Select *Go to Classroom*
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.