

# NORTHBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## RE: School Update

Dear parents

### Educational arrangements

After the Easter holiday, we are hoping that your child will be able to continue learning at home and have planned additional activities that they will be able to complete. Here is a summary. You can also find more information on our website under Curriculum. Useful websites can still be found on our 'Support your child' area. We will update the website as necessary.



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### Nursery and Reception - Class 2 and Class 3

- Oxford Owl has a free selection of Read/Write Inc e-books for your child to read. Choose the correct colour and only when you feel your child is fluent and confident to talk about what they have read, move to the next colour band. Moving on too quickly could impair their reading.
- Children can also use this time to complete *Challenge Award* activities.
- Staff will also set regular challenges on *Tapestry*, so please remember to check.
- A weekly reading, writing and maths activity will be available on *Tapestry*.
- Access to daily phonic lessons with Mr Mc, as I know you have all been enjoying them.
- A weekly home learning challenge will be added to *Tapestry* each week.
- Continue to practise handwriting using the guide in your pack.
- Weekly activities from Northumberland Early Years Team will be added to *Tapestry*.



### KS1 (Classes 4, 5 and 6)

- Access daily online ten minute phonics lesson via this link:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLqY2oA\\_cFCIq9GdxtQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLqY2oA_cFCIq9GdxtQ)

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Children in Year 1 to focus on Set 2 Speed Sounds and children in Year 2 to focus on Set 3 Speed Sounds. Lessons show at 10.30am, from Monday to Friday. Each one is ten minutes long and available for 24 hours.

- Complete Primary Stars Education maths activities as follows:
  - Year 1, follow this link and sign up for free learning packs and PowerPoint resources. <https://primarystareducation.co.uk/covid-19-year-1/#loaded>
  - Year 2, follow this link and sign up for free learning packs and PowerPoint resources. <https://primarystareducation.co.uk/covid-19-year-2/#loaded>Each pack has lessons and worksheets to last eight weeks. If you do not have access to a printer, please contact school and we can arrange collection.
- Year 1: Continue to use NumBots to consolidate maths skills. Use the login provided in your last pack.
- Year 2: Continue to use Times Tables Rockstars to consolidate maths skills. Use the login provided in your last pack.
- Further home learning resources can be found on the Twinkl Parent Hub by following this link:  
<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents/wellbeing-parents/year-1-and-year-2-ages-5-7-home-learning-area> The resources on this website are free.
- In preparation for our next topic, children could research Grace Darling and present their findings in a suitable way e.g. a poster, fact file or a project.
- Children should continue to use this time to complete *Challenge Award* activities.
- Children to continue to practise their handwriting using the *Letter Join* handwriting scheme.  
Practical handwriting activities can be downloaded from Letter Join.

### **LKS2 (Classes 7,8 and 9)**

- Activities will continue to be set on School 360 (English) and Mathletics. There are also many other activities children can choose to do on these sites.
- Children to continue to practise their times tables on Times Tables Rockstars.

- They can continue with their Accelerated Reader work. Additional books of their choice read at home can be recorded in their reading diary. They can also check on accelerated reader to see if a quiz is available and do this also.
- BBC Bitesize has a large number of resources available from April 20th, including daily lessons for all age groups, videos, quizzes and podcasts. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>
- Year 3 maths (Mrs Wallace) - Use the following link to access White Rose Maths lessons and activities. Begin with week 1, Unit and Non-unit Fractions. Watch the video then try the activity. Work through each lesson at the pace that suits you.  
<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-3/>
- Year 4 English (Mrs Wallace) - Pupils could use home learning resources on Twinkl to learn about grammar and try some activities e.g. full punctuation for direct speech, possessive apostrophes for singular and plural nouns, reviewing word types including prepositions, conjunctions, articles and determiners.
- Mrs Cowan's English children could write a story (with illustrations) that they could share with their family, including reading this to a member of their household.
- Twinkl website has handwriting practise worksheets to complete in the home learning hub. <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/home-learning-hub>  
The children can also use Letter Join handwriting scheme.
- Continue with Northburn's Challenge Award, attempting to complete challenges in all four sections.

Please refer to *Teacher Packs* for home-learning activities, as well as links on the school website for further sites for activities.

### **UKS2 (Classes 10,11,12)**

- Please refer to *Teacher Packs* for home-learning activities, including the overview from teachers - share your work on Twitter: @NorthburnSchool
- Maths: *White Rose Maths* daily videos and activities online (<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>), continue with work on *Mathletics* and *Times Table Rockstars* - send each other (including teachers) challenges – beat your highest score and fastest time.

- Written activities have been included in your *Teacher Pack*. You can also watch “Jane Considine Super Sentence Stacking” (type into *Google*) and complete a short piece of writing based on the video you have watched.
- English: children are encouraged to continue to read daily - completing a Reading Project, alongside some writing tasks that include applying spelling rules. In addition, some grammar activities have also been included. You could read comics, magazines, blogs or *Newsround* articles.
- Please refer to *Teacher Packs* for other activities for other parts of the curriculum, including science, geography and continue with your Challenge Award.
- From 20<sup>th</sup> April, BBC Bitesize will be uploading daily lessons: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

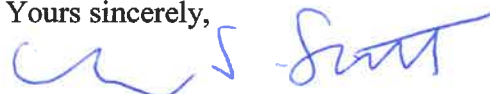
You could also set yourself a real-life challenge. Can you ...

- put fresh bed sheets on your bed?
- make a cup of tea?
- securely tie your shoelaces?
- set the table for a meal?
- write a letter to someone you know (or your class teacher)?
- fold clean clothes and put them away?

Get creative and come up with your own real-life challenges. We are looking forward to hearing about your successes (and failures because we have all been there – ask Miss Hurst about making a cup of tea!).

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our pupils and staff. If you need to contact the school for any reason during this period of closure, you can do so by emailing us at [admin@northburn.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northburn.northumberland.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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