



Challenge, Equality & Opportunity

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Learning at Home

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I mentioned in today's update letter, we have been gathering together some resources and ideas in order to help children to continue their learning if they are at home due to self-isolation, or in the possible event of school closure. If your child is currently in school, then you do not need to do anything but you can have this ready for the coming days/weeks.

Each Key Stage has a list of websites which teachers have recommended for you and some other ideas and homework. We have also sent you this term's curriculum information for English and maths so that you can see what we have been learning in school. We do not expect you to see this as home schooling but as an opportunity to reinforce some of the learning from school and to give children time to research information related to topics and practise their basic skills from maths and English. Each child is being given a book (in person or by post) in which they can record some of their learning and activities. We will look at these together with the children when school reopens/returns to some sort of normality!

As well as the learning which we are sending home, we also suggest that you spend some time doing some basic things which busy families sometimes don't have time for. These might be:

- Cooking and baking
- Tying shoelaces
- Telling the time
- Playing games
- Jigsaws
- Using cutlery
- Painting and drawing
- Housework and chores such as washing the car
- Gardening and planting
- Letter/email writing to friends and relatives
- Learning the names of some cities and countries in the UK and beyond
- Using construction toys and games
- Write a song or a poem
- Make a family tree
- Learn how to knit or sew
- Decorate a hard boiled egg for Easter
- Playing shops with money

We will use ParentMail, the website and Twitter to communicate with you if there is a school closure and/or if you are self isolating and we would love to see what you are getting up to at home so please Tweet your pictures!

If we are closed in the week before Easter, we will judge the best decorated hard boiled egg from your pictures on Twitter – prizes later!

Don't worry about the duck eggs, if we are not here, Mrs Lancaster is going to take them home to look after and will then share pictures so that we can follow their progress.

Best wishes

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