

Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the announcement of the government shutting schools for ‘the foreseeable future’, please find within this letter and attached to this, some suggested activities and resources to maintain your child’s education as part of a Learning Pack.

However, please note that we hold the welfare and mental well-being of the children above academia and we leave the amount of work/home-schooling at your discretion that is most suitable for your child. ***It is not statutory that all work is completed!*** We will continue your child’s learning wherever their educational needs are when school reopens.

Should the situation continue for longer than we have planned work for, we will endeavour as a school to come in and provide more work if necessary.

In Year 1 and 2 learning packs, please find any instructions within. A few other considerations...

Year 2 SATS

Year 2 SAT’s will no longer be happening next term as scheduled.

Reading

Reading comprehension has been provided for both Year 1 and Year 2. Additionally to this, please read with your children at any available opportunity. This does not necessarily have to be their school reading books, it can be anything that they are interested in reading at home.

Mathematics

Pupils should log on to ‘TT Rocks’ to increase their times tables fluency (I will also log on if pupils want to challenge me on this!). TT Rocks also provide another fun section of their website called ‘numbots’. This is available for free due to the isolation period and will be particularly beneficial for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. It is mostly addition, subtraction and number bonds.

PE

We feel that it is important that children keep physically active the best they can for positive impact on healthy minds also. The children in Bannerman enjoy ‘Penguin Workout’, ‘Baby shark’ and ‘Joe Wicks’ 5 minute workout; there are many Youtube videos with these on! We have also been practising catching and throwing in PE this term if you are going out to any quiet open areas or parks during this time.

Useful Links

KS1	ALL YEAR GROUPS
www.topmarks.co.uk www.k12reader.com www.oxfordowl.co.uk/forhome https://mathszone.co.uk/tag/ks1/ www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeindex.htm www.phonicsbloom.com/ www.letters-and-sounds.com/	www.gonoodle.com/for-families www.insighttimer.com www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk http://www.pobble365.com www.kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize www.ictgames.co.uk www.prodigygame.com www.explorify.wellcome.ac.uk www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers www.plprimarystars.com

Here are some further useful links that may help:

Many online learning platforms are currently making their resources available to parents free of charge. One such site is Twinkl with whom you can subscribe for one month's access free of charge at: www.twinkl.co.uk/offer - using the code: CVDTWINKLHELPS

I have been given the opportunity for Bannerman children to ask questions about what has been happening with the pandemic recently. They remain fairly unphased and have been very mature throughout this week. I commend them for their positive attitudes and hope that they continue to enjoy their learning at home.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Morley.
Bannerman Class Teacher