

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Reading**

Yesterday, as part of the learning pack, I provided a reading comprehension for pupils to complete. We also encourage children to be reading any age-appropriate books for pleasure.

### **Writing**

We have sent their letter plans and their template for writing their final letter about deforestation. We have also included an ‘Every Picture Tells a Story’ which we would like them to write a story related to the picture.

### **Mathematics**

Pupils should log on to ‘TT Rocks’ to increase their times tables fluency and compete against each other! In mathematics, Porteous have been working on fractions and I attach a few worksheets and the end of unit test for them to complete.

### **Science**

In science, Porteous have been learning about living things and their habitats. This week, Porteous started to dissect plants and begin to label these. I attach some work around this. Mr Pope has also sourced a good powerpoint which will be emailed to Borton and Porteous parents to assist with this.

### **Art**

For art, Porteous have been studying Henri Rousseau. We would like the children to draw a picture use a medium of choice (pastels, pencils, paint etc.) in the style of Rousseau’s work.

### **RE**

In RE, Porteous had just started a topic on the Easter Story and based their studies on how Christians worship the church and the community. I attach some suggested activities around this.

**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 Porteous enjoy ‘Joe Wicks’ 5-minute workout’; there are many YouTube videos with these on! I also hear that there is a live PE lesson at 9am each day.

**Useful Links**

Here are some further useful links that may help:

KS2	ALL YEAR GROUPS
<a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk">www.topmarks.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.k12reader.com">www.k12reader.com</a> <a href="http://www.bravewriter.com">www.bravewriter.com</a> <a href="http://www.mysteryscience.com">www.mysteryscience.com</a> <a href="http://www.natgeokids.com">www.natgeokids.com</a> <a href="http://www.oxfordowls.co.uk/forhome">www.oxfordowls.co.uk/forhome</a> <a href="http://www.coolmath4kids.com">www.coolmath4kids.com</a> <a href="http://www.coolmathgames.com">www.coolmathgames.com</a> <a href="http://www.idea.org.uk">www.idea.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround">www.bbc.co.uk/newsround</a>	<a href="http://www.gonoodle.com/for-families">www.gonoodle.com/for-families</a> <a href="http://www.insighttimer.com">www.insighttimer.com</a> <a href="http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk">www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.pobble365.com">http://www.pobble365.com</a> <a href="http://www.kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk">www.kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk</a> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a> <a href="http://www.ictgames.co.uk">www.ictgames.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.prodigygame.com">www.prodigygame.com</a> <a href="http://www.explorify.wellcome.ac.uk">www.explorify.wellcome.ac.uk</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers">www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers</a> <a href="http://www.plprimarystars.com">www.plprimarystars.com</a>

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](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer) - using the code: CVDTWINKLHELPS

The coming weeks will undoubtedly be challenging for us all and our priority must be to keep ourselves and those around us safe and well.

My sincere thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Pope  
Interim Porteous Class Teacher