

Dear Parents,

As a school, we know that different families have very different circumstances when it comes to supporting their children at home during the current pandemic. As Year 5 teachers, we have put together some ideas for children (and parents) who would like some more structure around their children's learning while they are at home. These are suggestions and the most important thing for everyone is that the children feel safe and loved during this difficult time period.

Core subjects:

Maths – 30-45mins daily. This includes lessons set on My Maths, an arithmetic test each week, practising times tables and using My Maths to work on other areas that your child feels less secure on. There is also a website www.themathsfactor.com which is currently free to use which has a range of resources and activities that the children may find useful.

Reading – 30mins daily which includes ReadTheory, reading comprehension activities and reading for enjoyment! We have added the answers to the website for the reading activities sent out with your Home Learning packs.

Writing – 2 pieces of writing a week which are at least half a page in length. The quality of this writing (including spelling, grammar and punctuation) is far more important than the amount that is written. There were a number of ideas in the school pack of things that children can write about but we would encourage children to write about their interests – whether that be stories, reports or diaries. We would love to see what the children have written if you can email it to schoolclosure@hstb.co.uk

Topic/Other activities – 1-2 hours a day. These should be based around a range of subjects and topics eg. Science, outdoor learning, history, art, DT but most importantly be things that your children enjoy doing and don't have to have any written output. All of the children have access to Purple Mash which has a wide range of subjects and topics.

If you need any further support, please contact school through schoolclosure@hstb.co.uk and someone will get back to you when they are able to.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Mrs Wild, Mrs Ibrahim & Ms Fernandez