

Week commencing 20.4.20

Dear children/parents,

We hope that you are all keeping well and enjoying the lovely weather that we have been having. Have you found any good places to go for a walk that are close to your house?

Maths and Reading are the most important areas and we would like you to concentrate on these daily. 20-40 minutes on each is enough to keep your child learning and progressing so that they don't lose the skills they already have.

For maths going forward, we would like you to follow the White Rose maths work. This is the scheme that we follow in school and adapt our teaching from. It is really good because it includes lots of visuals and also has reasoning and problem solving included which is very important for the children's understanding of SATs style questions.

We would like you to start on Week 1 and work through at your own pace. Don't be worried about trying to catch up to the current date as there will be additional time at the end of the summer term where there is normally a time for 'consolidation'. Please go to: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-5/>

On top of this we will be adding MyMaths lessons which children can do to deepen their learning (or for additional support) and also arithmetic papers that children should complete once a week to continue to develop their calculation methods. We will also continue to add the problems of the day to the website (these are optional but children who are aiming for Greater Depth or who like a challenge should have a go at these).

This may seem like a lot of work but this is what we would aim to get through in a week at school. If your child is struggling to complete all of this work, our advice would be to slow down and go over the current lesson rather than to move on.

For reading, there are a number of different places that you can find resources, depending on your child's reading level. Our recommendation would be to use ReadTheory. We are encouraging using this at least three times a week as it sets the level of text (and quizzes) dependent on your child's understanding and, therefore, changes the difficulty of the next text. We are also able to track how well your child is progressing using this.

On top of this, there are a number of other websites that are providing free reading activities:

- Purple Mash under 'Serial Mash'
- Oxford Owl (sign up for free) has books for children up to age 11 but also offer free phonics books for those children who may need some additional phonics support
- Bradford libraries (you need your library membership card and pin to download free e-books)
- Stories.audible.com/start-listen (free audio books if you want to listen to a good story but don't feel like doing any more reading!)

For other English activities, please use the brand new BBC Bitesize website. They are providing a range of grammar, punctuation and writing activities over the week and will add new content every week. We will also continue to add the weekly spellings to the school's website.

We have added some RE and Science to Purple Mash ToDo Tasks and we also suggest looking at the BBC Bitesize website for other subjects. There should be lots of interesting tasks and activities on here around a range of subjects. If there are any subjects that you are particularly interested in and would like some tasks – just ask your teachers and we can be creative!

5IW now has a Class Blog on Purple Mash under the Sharing/Shared Blogs tab. Please feel free to ask any questions related to any topics and we will get back to you as soon as we can. You can also send messages to your classmates on the blog (you will just have to wait for us to approve the post). Or if you want to send an email instead, please send it to schoolclosure@hstb.co.uk and put 5IW or Mrs Ibrahim/Mrs Wild in the subject title. We would love to know what you have been up to.

Keep yourselves safe and keep smiling. We hope to see you all soon.

Mrs Wild & Mrs Ibrahim