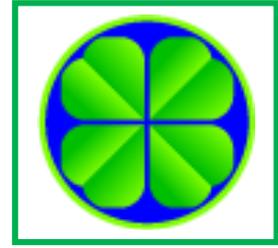


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Learning at home for the summer term

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, there is a lot of uncertainty regarding when schools will re-open. With this in mind, we have prepared a system for the children within the Tas Valley Federation to continue learning at home.

It is important to remember that, during these uncertain times, your child's and family's well-being is of utmost importance and no work undertaken at home should cause any problems or worry. The main aim is to keep minds active and happy, ready to return to school when the time comes. Consequently, much of the work teachers will set will be to consolidate knowledge, understanding and skills that have already been taught. Do not be concerned if your child has been allocated some work with a different year group listed on it – teachers regularly match activity to need in normal practice and this should not cause worry.

You may find it useful to get your children into a routine, but this does not have to replicate the school timetable. It is important to remember that primary-aged children should have 60 minutes of physical activity a day and time to be creative is also valuable.

The organisation of our system for learning at home is as follows:

- Teachers will be setting work every two weeks, to be completed within that time where possible, starting on Monday 20th April.
- For English and Maths, the Active Learn site will be used, for which all children already have log in details (though please email us at the addresses below if there are issues with this). If your child is in Reception, you should have received an email within the last day or two with your child's login details attached – the school code is: prpr.
- To access the Active Learn site, you can go to www.activelearnprimary.co.uk or you can visit the school website; there is a link within the 'Home Learning' section which can be found under the tab 'Parent Toolbox'. In the same folder, you will find guidance

into how Active Learn will be used for maths (Abacus), reading (Bug Club) and grammar and spelling.

- To support your child further with their learning, additional resources have been added to each year group's folder – go to the 'Parent Toolbox' tab and click 'Home Learning' and then select the year group that your child is in. This will include teaching notes, worksheets, assessments (and answers!) Please note that not everything in this folder will apply to your child. Your child will be allocated online activities – you will need to look through the folder to see if there are any further resources to match their allocated activity. Please also note that some allocated activities stand alone and do not have additional resources.
- The Espresso site from Discovery Education will also be used. Children in the younger year groups will be directed to specific areas – please go to your child's year group folder within the 'Home Learning' section for further information. Children in older year groups can access Espresso for further learning – lots of them will be pleased to have access to the daily News Bites.
- Espresso can be accessed in two different ways: there is a link within the 'Home Learning' section which can be found under the tab 'Parent Toolbox' or you can log on to Discovery Education by following the guidance included in the 'Home Learning' section.
- Learning in other subject areas will also be shared via the school website. The first focus will be science, which begins with all of the children watching a short video story called 'Lots of Spots' found at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/kids-stories/bedtime-stories-audiobooks/>. Activities will be available within the year group folders in the 'Home Learning' section. The aim for this is to get involved with learning away from a screen and getting out in the garden or an outdoor space.
- A list of websites and activities may be included for those who wish to extend their learning. These will be added to over time.
- Completion of any work previously sent home or any individual interests (for example, in the form of project work) are encouraged but not expected. Children in years 3 to 6 may wish to complete pages in their Maths Workbooks but again this is not expected

At all times, we would encourage you to consider online safety. Your children will undoubtedly be spending more time online and the risks may well increase. Please look at the suggested websites on the school website. It is important to have regular, open discussions with your children regarding keeping themselves safe online – something we regularly do in school.

A website that is particularly useful, with games and activities for children in years 3-6 and advice to share with adults for the younger children is:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>.

Included with this letter you will find some key guidance for parents of primary-aged pupils and younger.

There may be some initial parent input to get this started but we aim for children to be as independent as possible. Extra information for you has been provided if you wish for it, but we are very aware that, for most of you, there will be limited time as you have your own work to do and more than one child to support. There is no expectation that you will

take over the role of teacher nor that every child will complete everything set. Do what works for you and your family.

We hope that this system works for you. As it is something new, please bear with us if there are any teething problems and do let us know if you have any questions or comments. Rest assured that we are still working 'behind the scenes' and will respond to any queries in a timely manner. Any queries for a particular teacher will be passed on.

Kind regards,

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