

Dear Parents/carers,

In the Early Years your child's level of emotional well being is our priority. They need to be happy and safe so that they can learn. Try to make learning fun for them.

After the Easter holidays we will send you an outline of suggested activities and skills to learn each week. These activities are designed to keep children busy and enjoying learning, while providing flexibility for parents. We realise that the family may need to share laptops or mobiles so only plan to do what you can. Everyone's homes are different so the activities we suggest are just a guide to help. We recognise that parents may be working, caring for sick family members or looking after little ones so choose activities suitable for you and your family situation.

While school is closed, children will continue learning from home using the wide range of resources available on our school website. We will also be accessing and uploading work through either EExAT (Nursery & Reception) Seesaw (Years 1-4) and Google Drive/Google Classroom (Years 5 &6).

There will be plenty of fun activities for you to choose from. We have deliberately set up a simple, flexible system on our website that is easy for you to use at home. We know you will be busy working from home, looking after siblings or other members of your family.

We suggest setting up a routine for your child where they do the suggested learning activities/skills each morning. Use the afternoon to either go out for exercise or let them play and /or complete activities by themselves. This will develop their independent skills. We do not expect parents to be teachers and we are not going to be checking every day to see how much work has been done.

Have fun!

Below are some links to useful websites...

PE with Joe

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyCLOpd4VxBvQafyve889qVcPxYEjdSTI>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

This is an excellent website. The link to the 'Activities' from the home page provides videos for parents that will help them to engage with the age related activities. All activities are aimed at supporting language and communication skills.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Simple, fun activities for children from newborn to five, really useful for supporting parents in developing their home learning environment

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/?phase=early-years>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/3-5>

Also an a brilliant website from the National Literacy Trust with lots of information for parents. There are more videos to support parents and plenty of activities.

<https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/0778-What-to-Expect-When-2018.pdf>

Guidance to support parents with their child's learning and development in the early years

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio>

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