

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Home Learning due to school closure**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been working hard over the last few days to find a solution to support parents with continued learning in the event that the school was made to close. Please find a list of suggested websites below. We hope you find this information useful and enjoy using these sites to enhance your child's learning experiences at home!

Always review the sites ahead of time so that you are able to help your children find the best resources available within the sites. Some offer a great number of games, songs, stories, videos etc. so it is important to know the site well in order to support and develop your child's learning.

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

There are some free games to support phonics through the different phases

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

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

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

The computer version is free – new website/app recommended by government (Hungry Little Minds Campaign) to support children with phonics and reading.

<https://www.ictgames.com/>

Interactive games to support different areas of learning in the EYFS

<http://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives>

Great ideas for Forest School style activities if you are able to access the outdoors.

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Option to receive National Geographic Kids Newsletter – fun facts and info.

<https://usborne.com/>

Option to sign up to weekly 'Saturday Activities'

<https://www.firstdiscoverers.co.uk/early-years-science-activities-eyfs/>

10 ideas for Early Years Science activities

<https://theimaginationtree.com/>

Ideas for hands on, practical games to support literacy and maths using items that can be found around the home.

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

Lots of familiar games/video clips/stories to support children including alphablocks and numberblocks:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

[www.busythings.co.uk](http://www.busythings.co.uk)

Excellent site built around the 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage. You can access a free 7 day trial but you need to subscribe after this period to access the content – various subscription packages available.

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html>

Various maths and literacy games

Please also refer to the literacy/maths parent work booklet,

<https://www.stmatthews.kingston.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=382&type=pdf>

If there is anything that you do with your child that you would like to share please add this to your child's online journal via Tapestry in the usual way.

Like everyone else in the nation at the moment, we are learning to manage a situation which is entirely new to us.

We continue to hold the whole school community in our thoughts. Please keep yourselves safe.

Best wishes

Miss P.Dryden