



Year 2 Mrs Horton's class

Hello to all Year 2 children and parents,

I hope you are all well and happy and busy enjoying your learning and playing at home.

Each week you are going to receive a letter with some choices for your weekly home learning in maths, reading, spelling and writing, and also some projects. It is hoped this will help you and your grown-ups to decide how much learning you want to do each week and have a clearer sense of which resources might help you.

For this week's home learning, you could aim to complete up to one bullet point from each section, per day. If you are able to spend between one to three hours, per day, on your home learning, then you will be doing incredibly well. Most Year Two children would benefit from doing a daily phonics or spellings session of 15 to 20 minutes, a daily reading session of between 15 to 30 minutes including discussion, a daily maths session of between 20 to 40 minutes, a daily writing session of between 10 minutes to 30 minutes depending on the task, and an active PE session. Remember to take a break between each session of learning, e.g. go and have a drink, step outside and have a breath of fresh air, do a mini-PE challenge such as 20 star jumps.

Please note, you are not being asked to do all of the activities, you are being provided with suggestions to choose from. Please use the resources on the website to help you navigate this week's learning.

If you would like your work to be celebrated on our school website then please send a photograph of it to: y2photographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk. I have really enjoyed seeing the photographs on our school website, including the very special extra projects and life skills learning, such as baking, rearing chicks, Beavers, going for a walk and sharing a book with a brother or sister or friends via Zoom.

I am aware that some children have been celebrating birthdays during this time – so 'Happy Birthday!' to all of you and I hope you had a lovely day with your family and you managed to blow out all of those candles in one go.

I hope you enjoy choosing some activities to help you with your home learning this week.

Best wishes and take care,

from Mrs Horton

Week Commencing: Monday 11th May 2020	
Daily Spelling	Daily Reading (pick one per day)
<p>Children in Miss Heeley's phonics group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 to 20 minutes of Nessy every day <p>All other children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 to 15 minutes of Nessy • learn this week's spellings – see Week 4 on the school website <p>Strategies you may wish to use to help you to learn your spellings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • look, say, cover, write, check • Quickwrite – write the word as many times as you can in 30 seconds • pyramid • colour strategy – write the trickiest letters in a different colour • box – draw a box around the word to help you to see which letters are tall and which letters hang <p>Extension challenges for confident spellers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write the word in a sentence – try to write a statement, a question, a command, an exclamation sentence – remember to punctuate them correctly • find other words that use the phoneme you are learning, or other words that use the same spelling rule 	<p>Children in Miss Heeley's phonics group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn to read some more of the Year 1 and Year 2 common exception words https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-l-5089-new-common-exception-words-years-1-and-2-word-mat try to learn between 5 and 10 new words each week <p>All children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • choose a Bug Club book • choose a book from the e-library on home.oxfordowl.co.uk • visit the 'Ways To Widen Your Reading Experiences' link on the school website – why not try the National Geographic Kids site • choose a reading comprehension task from our school website • choose a BBC Bitesize reading lesson • try an Oak National Academy reading challenge <p>Extension challenges for confident readers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visit the 'Ways To Widen Your Reading Experiences' link on the school website and choose one challenge to complete
Weekly Writing	Daily Mathematics (pick one per day)
<p>Children who need more support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • practise your handwriting and make sure you can form every letter and every number correctly • write between one and five sentences every day, e.g. write about the day, write about a character or setting in a book you have read, write a message to a friend. <p>All children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • choose a writing challenge from 'Writing Ideas' or 'Ideas for writing' on our website • choose a BBC Bitesize English lesson • choose an Oak National Academy English challenge <p>Extension challenges for confident writers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • choose an extended writing challenge from 'Writing Ideas' or 'Ideas for writing' on our website – use the most challenging success criteria to evaluate your writing 	<p>Children who need more support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • look at the 'working towards' standards you have been given this year, and use the 'maths toolkits' that were sent home, to work on those important number skills in a practical way <p>All children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • choose your next MyMaths challenge • beat your ttRockstars score • complete today's White Rose maths challenge • choose a BBC Bitesize maths lesson • choose an Oak National Academy maths challenge • choose a Maths challenge from this week's Classroom Secrets pack <p>Extension challenges for confident mathematicians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a go at some of the puzzles and problems in Challenges 1, 2 and 3 on our school website – you could try one puzzle each day

Weekly Projects: Choose from...

- Topic: use the Great Fire of London link to find out about this historical event
- PE: do a daily PE workout with Joe Wicks - see the direct link to this on our website
- PE: try a free Cosmic Kids yoga class - <https://www.cosmickids.com>
- Computing: look at one of the e-safety links on the website
- Science: find out about habitats - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx882hv>
- Art: start your entry for the Caroline Bowers arts prize – Mrs Mander has sent out a letter about this.

We are pleased that there are lots of resources to choose from on our website but appreciate the quantity may feel a little overwhelming. You may wish to give your child exposure to the main ongoing providers (Oak Academy, BBC Bitesize, Classroom Secrets, White Rose), perhaps using one resource each day for one week, and see which one your child is most engaged by and which one meets your needs as a family (being online, or giving access to printables). Please feel reassured that these resources are all of a high quality and are produced by educational specialists including teachers.

For very busy families who would prefer an even simpler option:

Daily Learning:

- Nessy – 15 to 20 minutes
- Bug Club or Oxford Owl's e-library – 15 to 30 minutes including discussion, don't use 'Read to me'
- White Rose daily maths task or My Maths – 20 to 40 minutes
- Writing challenge – 10 to 30 minutes
- Active challenge such as PE skills