Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Easter Holidays and home learning recommences next week, I know lots of parents will be having mixed feelings. Some are desperate for the structure and something more for the children to do during this difficult time and some are nervous about the treadmill of what feels like a lot of 'stuff' being posted to be completed and therefore just another added pressure.

I want to start by once again assuring you, that if your child cannot complete everything then that is okay! Whilst we put a 'due in' date on some of the work, if it is not completed but is finished at another point, the teachers will still mark it. We will continue to upload work every other day for the children.

A top tip for Google Classroom to not seem quite so overwhelming is to click on the tab 'Classwork' in the middle at the top, instead of leaving it on 'stream' (which is the default) as it is a much clearer interface to work from. In classwork everything is split into clear topics and can be found and kept track of more easily.

Parents have been fantastic at contacting us when there is an issue with their home learning through homelearningqueries@fouldsp.org. If you do have any questions, no matter how small, please do ask us if you need help - that is what we are here for. As the new 'term' begins please can I ask you to remind your children not to email the teachers directly - they will not answer and the question will be sent to the above email address. Could you also remind them that the Google Classroom is not the place for them to say hi to each other but an area of learning. I realise that this may seem a little mean, but we need to ensure that this is a safe work space for the children. If your child has still not accessed Google Classroom and you are having a problem doing so, please contact us via the above email address. If they do not have a laptop to access it through, once again please get in touch. Almost every child has now accessed Google Classroom in some way.

Thank you again to those who sent in videos of their children singing in our joint sing along of The Climb (Miley Cyrus). Ms Lam and myself have now learnt a new skill of video editing - I shall preface it's release with: it is our first attempt! We will share the latest video on the Google Classroom and via social media. There will be a new singalong on Monday 27th April. The song will be: Zootopia, Try Everything (https://youtu.be/jpqV3dzYOgk)

I have updated the list of links at the bottom of the email with lots of new ones added in. I have highlighted any new ones so that you can pick them out more easily and. Again there are lots - I would prefer to give you too many and then you can pick and choose which you would like to use than give you too few.

Can I end by saying I have just received the emails containing the pictures, poems and kind words from so many of the children. Thank you so so much!! I am overwhelmed and I have just made a folder to share them with the staff - I am pretty sure it will make their weekend! All of the staff miss the children very much and are looking forward to the day when we can all be back in real classrooms together. Until then, as always, we are thinking of you all.

Take care and stay safe,

Kim Sanett

List of links:

English (reading and phonics):

Oxford Owl - https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/ https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/ This has a section of free e-books your children can read at home. They can also listen to an audio version of many of the books. You will need to register on the website but then accessing the books is free.

Teach Your Monster To Read - https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/

Audible - lots of good books for different age ranges free for all to use at the moment http://stories.audible.com

David Walliams stories - releasing a free audio story from The World's Worst Children every day at 11am https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/

Fonetti - online resources for practising reading https://www.fonetti.com/. Free for parents for a month at least.

Barnet Libraries offer loans of ebooks and audiobooks for their members: https://www.barnet.gov.uk/libraries/online-resources/ebooks-and-eaudiobooks

Get Epic - https://www.getepic.com/sign-in/educator

On this website, you can find e-books, comics, audio books and videos of stories. If your child is unsure of how to read a particular word or does not know what the words means, they can click on it and they will be given the pronunciation and definition.

There is currently a 30 day free trial for families to use this resources at https://www.getepic.com/promo

National Literacy Trust - https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone - Family Zone

Phonics Play - https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ Lots of phonics games to play and free to parents for the next month using username:march20 password:home

Authorfy 10minute Literary challenges - https://authorfy.com/10minutechallenges/

Book Trust - https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/ storytime with free online books and videos, play games, win prizes, test your knowledge in our book-themed quizzes, or even learn how to draw some of your favourite characters.

Sumdog - https://pages.sumdog.com/home-learning-during-school-closures/home-learning-for-parents/ online spelling and maths app

Roald Dahl Website - https://www.roalddahl.com/things-to-do-indoors

Maths:

Times Tables Rock Stars - https://play.ttrockstars.com/ is for children from Years 2 – 6 and they should aim to complete at least one 15 minute session per day. Your child will be set times tables linked to their learning.

Maths games - https://www.timestables.co.uk/

<u>www.mathsisfun.com/index.htm</u> - all types of maths with explanations too <u>www.topmarks.co.uk</u> - great maths tool - fun games - fabulous for learning tables (Hit the Button is a great game)

Numbots -https://play.numbots.com/#/intro NumBots is an online game and playing little and often will improve recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. Children can log in using their Times Table Rock Stars username and password.

The Maths Factor - Carol Vorderman has made her website free https://www.themathsfactor.com/

Sumdog - https://pages.sumdog.com/home-learning-during-school-closures/home-learning-for-parents/ online spelling and maths app

General:

BBC Bitesize - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn - links to all subjects for different ages

BBC Teach live lessons - https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/primary-live-lessons/zmc9jhv
BBC learning - https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/primary-live-lessons/zmc9jhv

English as a Second Language resources - https://www.ealhub.co.uk/home-learning-area/

Learn a new language - https://www.kaligo-apps.com/

Twinkl Parents Hub - log in with email and password: UKTWINKLHELPS
https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents - please note teachers will also be setting work from this site through Google Classroom

Premier League - range of activities at https://plprimarystars.com/for-families

Scout activities - https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/

Science, Geography, History:

Science with Konnie Huq - 10am Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDISobQTc4lifJEu6Lt22eA

Brian Cox - science based Q & A on The Cosmic Shambles https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6JQx_K7LKktuQXruCwgbFg

Maddie and Greg - gardening show 11am for half an hour https://www.youtube.com/user/maddiemoate

- **Steve Bacshall** 10:30 every day has a show that includes Geography, wildlife and exploration https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm-URP49TgSgyIU1rgh2m7A/

E Bug - <u>https://e-bug.eu/</u> Fun games and teaching resources about microbes and antibiotics

National Geographic - https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/primary-resources/

Stem activities - https://www.stem.org.uk/esero/tim-peake https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning

Art and Design:

Rob Biddulph - (illustrator and author) #drawwithrob - www.robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob - Rob Biddulph has drawing classes online

Dyson Engineering Foundation - Ideas to watch and then create! Have fun! https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=2x-ixR7E3xA

Links to museums and art galleries - https://artsandculture.google.com/partner?hl=en

Theatre, Music and Dance:

Free musicals and plays you can now stream -

http://www.filmedonstage.com/news/76-free-musicals-and-plays-you-can-now-stream-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak-updating-daily

National Theatre Productions -

Radio blog - https://radioblogging.net/

Myleene Class - Myleene's Music Klass teaching children the basics of classical music https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCRXAErag8U

Nick Cope - online concerts for the whole family https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHswhfkdahDSsJBHew8sOUg

 Oti Mabuse teaching children to dance live at 11.30 every day https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC58aowNEXHHnflR_5YTtP4g

Computing:

Scratch - https://scratch.mit.edu/ coding

resource https://code.org - learn how to code. A section called "break" https://code.org/break where they have interactive classrooms. If you are interested, sign up and they email you the code for the session.

Well Being:

Ebook for children about Covid 19 -

https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus_ABookForChildren.pdf

Big Life Journal - fun, mindset growing activities for children who are staying at home for a while. Some free, some printable, some purchasable. https://biglifejournal.com/

Social stories on Coronavirus: 'Pandemics and the Coronavirus Social Story' which might be helpful to use or adapt for the children, where appropriate.

https://carolgraysocialstories.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Pandemics-and-the-Coronavirus.pdf

Twitter - #dailymile activities

Instagram Accounts - there are so many authors doing daily readings of their books. E.g.oliverjeffers and macbarnett and accounts for activities to do at home with children.

Facebook -'homeworkouts for lockdown' - lots of exercises posted on there

Youtube

- Cosmic Kids Yoga themed yoga, mindfulness and relaxation for children
- **The Bodycoach** #PEwithJOE- 30 mins of PE with Joe Wicks. Monday- Friday live at 9am starting Mon 23rd. Also lots of kids workouts available on his YouTube channel

@AllForSportLtd: will be running competitions and encouraging families to upload their videos of them performing the challenges for a chance to be recognised as a 'national champion.' https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuLo1CLr8QsUvqYCypFMWGw

Strength Work Out: https://youtu.be/TxFbsvXOh5M

Fitness Work Out: https://youtu.be/kZ-oBvqn-Hk

Flexibility Work Out: https://youtu.be/FyODvVXW4_k

BBC supermovers: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers

Food and Cookery:

Feeding Hungry Minds: https://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/home-learning-resources/ - cooking at home

Food a Fact of Life: https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/ - Free resources for teaching young people aged 3-16 years about where food comes from, cooking and healthy eating.

Food tech with Jamie Oliver - Keep Cooking and Carry On Series on C4

If you want to purchase hard copies of activity and practise books to do with your child at home. These links have educational guides, practise booklets and revision guides on a wide range of subjects aimed at specific age groups -

https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/primary-books

https://www.schofieldandsims.co.uk/

https://www.waterstones.com/category/childrens-teenage/education