

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to first start by saying on behalf of my fantastic staff and myself that we miss you all!

Congratulations for making it through the first week of home learning. I don't mean this in any way patronisingly; for even us teachers, the idea of home learning is one that we would find daunting. The fact that your child is still smiling and has had some fun this week shows what a great job you are doing, regardless of how much of their home learning they have completed!

As I said last week, the children will begin to crave routine so that there is some feeling of normalcy for them, in a time where there is very little around us that we can call normal! This does not mean packed days, where you can't do any of your work, but just some structure where they know what is expected of them. The teachers have been putting work up every other day. The work does not need to be done that same day or even the next day, if they are behind and finding it too much.

Over the Easter holidays (4/4 - 12/4) there will be nothing new posted in Google Classroom and the teachers will not be looking at it if you do upload anything during that time. This not only gives you and the children a break (it is still a holiday regardless of whether we are allowed out of our homes), but also my staff a much needed break too after what has been a pretty stressful time.

I have been really pleased to see that bar a few small issues, the majority of children are now on Google Classroom and joining in by making comments and handing work in. Please do remind the children that Mrs Ingall and I get a notification of everything that is posted and so they may want to think before they post (no one is posting anything rude, it just isn't the platform for small talk really)! If you do have any problems with Google Classroom, please email us at homelearningqueries@fouldsp.org rather than emailing the teacher. Mrs Ingall has been doing a fantastic job of responding to/sending on to teachers any emails sent through this address. Any that are sent via the teacher will also be forwarded on and answered in this way. 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. By next week I would expect every child to have accessed Google Classroom in some way.

You will have noticed us trying to add as many fun bits to the Google Classroom as possible. Whether that be suggesting the children complete Joe Wicks every day, like we are doing in school, a selection of staff reading stories, or ideas of fun games. We want the children to still have that love of learning and the feeling of community - that they aren't alone. With that in mind, on Wednesday (1st April), Ms Lam is going to lead us in singing. We would like as many of you as possible at 10.30 on the 1st to stand at your doors, in your gardens, at your windows and sing with us. We will be singing the song The Climb by Miley Cyrus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qolUC13bwMc>. Please tell the children to be brave and that if they start singing they will get others singing with them!

If you are happy to, we would like you to record your child singing and share the clip with myself and Ms Lam. We want to try and create a video combining all of the children's faces and voices. I am also mentioning this to the other local schools - it would be really great for everyone to be able to hear each other and feel that they really aren't alone even in this time where we feel slightly cut off from each other.

I thought you would like to know that the food we collected at the end of the term, we have kept and it is being used for those who are key workers when they pick their children up, if they have not had time/been able to go

shopping. We still have plenty. If you have a vulnerable neighbour that you know is self isolating who could do with a care package delivered to their door, please contact us via the office email with their address and we will make up a pack and deliver it to their door.

As usual I will leave you with a list of links (below) in case you want them. I have added more and will continue to in my weekly email.

Please tell the children we miss them.

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.

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

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/>

www.mathsisfun.com/index.htm - all types of maths with explanations too

www.topmarks.co.uk - 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/>

General:

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

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

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>

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

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>

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

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/UCHswfhkdahDSsJBHew8sOUg>

Well Being:

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>

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

- **Oti Mabuse** teaching children to **dance** live at 11.30 every day

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC58aowNEXHHnflR_5YTtP4g

- **Steve Bacshall** 10:30 every day has a show that includes Geography, wildlife and exploration

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm-URP49TgSgyIU1rgh2m7A/>

@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.'

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

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

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

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>

<http://www.myvirtualmission.com/blog/about-media/>

<https://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/home-learning-resources/>

<https://e-bug.eu/>