

Class One Home Learning: Week Beginning Monday 23rd March 2020

Hello Class One,

We hope you have had a good weekend and have enjoyed the sunshine. We've enjoyed sitting in our gardens and talking to our families (although it's been very windy!).

Here are some suggestions for online learning activities and some practical challenges for you to do this week. We are aiming to do a new set of websites (or a new focus on the ones you have used previously) every week, along with some new practical challenges. If you want to show us what you have done, you can take a photo and send it to us in an email – we'd love to see what you have been doing!

Websites and Apps to try this week:

<https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - this website has a selection of games and activities for developing phonics knowledge. It is currently free to use (log in details are on the front page when you go to the web page). We would like you to play Buried Treasure, Dragons Den and Picnic on Pluto to practise segmenting and blending words (breaking words down and putting them back together). If you are in YR we would like you to focus on Phase 4 words to begin with; if you are in either Mrs Rix or Mrs Curtis' phonic groups we would like you to focus on Phase 5. We would also like children in Mrs Curtis' phonic group to play Cheeky Chimps.

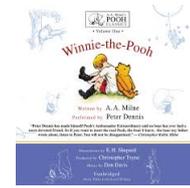
<https://www.arcademics.com/games/coconuts> - this phonics and spelling game asks you to choose the correct long vowel phoneme to complete the words on the coconuts. What will your high score be? (Mrs Close got 83% correct and 14 in a minute... oh dear...)

<https://www.arcademics.com/games/alien> - this is a website that helps develop your mental recall of addition calculations with answers up to 20 (you can change the highest number to make it easier or harder on the second screen). (Mrs Close got 92% and 16 in a minute... she will keep practising!)

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids> - explore the Tate Gallery website for children as a family. You can take a virtual tour, play games and create your own computer picture. There are also ideas for creating your own artwork in the real world. Once you have had a good look round, see if you can find out about the artist Patrick Heron – choose one of his colourful paintings and make your own version (we'd love to see them when you're done!). You can do this either on "Tate Paint" or in the real world.

If parents would like to find out more about phonics, the website <https://sightwords.com/> has a wealth of information, including video clips of how phonics is taught in school and what the different letter-sound combinations are.





Challenges for this week:

- Write a letter to someone you haven't seen for a while. This could be a friend, a relative or even one of your teachers! You might want to tell them about what it is like now the school has closed or about the fun things you have been doing at home. Make sure you ask them a question – this will encourage them to reply!
- If you are able to, go for a walk or into your garden. If you can't do this, find pictures online of these things for you to find later. See if you can find the following things:
 - An animal track – try and find out which animal it belongs to
 - A flower – can you identify it?
 - An interesting stone or stick – what makes it interesting for you? What could you use it for?
 - Three different leaves – what trees do they come from? Either draw them or make rubbings of them in bright colours and then hang or put them in your window for other people to see
 - Something nobody has seen before
 - Rainbows or hearts in windows – how many can you see?
- Sit outside and watch the sky every day for 2 minutes (or longer) – what do you notice? What can you hear? What can you see? How does it feel to sit still? Is it possible to sit still? What pictures can you see in the clouds? If you can't go outside look through the window at the sky instead.
- Do some chair dancing – either make up your own or follow the link to the one we did in PE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zww0h9cHu0>
- Listen to an audio book together – Audible <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen> have made a free collection that you can look through and listen to on your phone, computer or tablet. This is a great activity for helping children to focus on the story events and can be a lovely experience to share together.

Don't forget about your home learning packs! You could also explore the Topmarks website which has links to websites for every curriculum area - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Let us know how you get on, and remember to send us photos of what you have done!



Take care, be kind
and stay safe,
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We will try to respond to emails as soon as we can during our normal working hours.