

Year 4 Weekly Newsletter

Week commencing: 20/04/20

Welcome back from the Easter break, we hope that you enjoyed a rest and hopefully were able to make the most of the sunny days in some way.

Remote Home Learning is important for your child/children but it is equally important that they do not become too stressed about it, their mental health is key. Also, they will not learn effectively if they are stressed. Movement breaks, mindfulness activities and down time can really help. As does talking about how they are feeling.

Starting the day with Joe Wicks PE (online via youtube every morning at 9am) can be a positive and healthy start to the day:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

Just Dance is also a fun way to exercise:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/justdancegame>

Cosmic yoga is a great less energetic alternative:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Reading

This week the focus will be Predicting. Throughout the week, children will have a text to read and refer to before completing the activities.

This session should take 20-30 minutes to complete and can be complemented with silent reading or reading to an adult or sibling.

We recommend doing the reading activity set after the above active PE session as this as a good way to calm down and focus for the day's learning.

English

This week the focus will be poetry. Children will be using an image to infer meaning, make predictions and write a short story. The focus for SPAG is revision. Children will revise key skills before having to apply them in various tasks.

The session should start with the grammar activity which should take approximately 10 minutes and no longer than 15 minutes.

The writing activity should be done afterwards and take 50 minutes to complete.

If your child is struggling with anything the following websites have good explanations and helpful examples:

www.theschoolrun.com

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f>

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/>

Maths

This week the focus will be: Division using a mental method

The session could start with Times Tables activity or a maths game for approximately 10 minutes and no longer than 15 minutes. These could be:

Times Tables Rockstars <https://trockstars.com/>

Hit the Button <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Mangahigh <https://www.mangahigh.com/en-gb/>

The maths activity should be done afterwards and take 30-45 minutes to complete.

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Topic

This week the focus will be Geography

This session should take approximately 60 minutes to complete but can be extended if you would like to.

Please feel free to supplement the session with any additional research or learning around the topic e.g. google research, watch a YouTube video, draw a picture associated with the subject, make a learning poster.

These sessions could also be complemented by a number of short activities, such as:

Mindfulness <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

5 minute move <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3LPrhI0v-w>

Listen a story <https://stories.audible.com/discovery>

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

Word scramble <https://www.turtlediary.com/game/word-scrabble.html>

Countdown <https://nrich.maths.org/6499>

A game of scrabble <https://funkypotato.com/scrabble-online/>

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well in these difficult times.
We miss you all and really look forward to seeing you again.

Mrs Hardy, Mrs La Touche & Ms Howell