

Y2 → Y6 Home Learning Packs – Coronavirus

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Staff have been busy developing different ways you can support your child's learning at home and we have created packs and provided resources to support you. At this point, we have provided packs for all children as we do not know what the future holds. The current advice is that 'vulnerable children' and those who have parents who are 'key workers', will be in school from Monday 23rd March.

Please remember that these home learning packs are provided to support learning at home. The aim is not to add to the stress and worry families will be experiencing, or possibly experiencing, as this uncertain period continues. Please keep safe, happy and positive. Look after yourselves, your families and friends. Remember to take the time to phone or video call those who may be isolated.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Our school motto of 'Working together to achieve success.' is very appropriate in the current climate.

Please keep the school's app (School Spider) updated on your phone and provide the school office with up to date contact numbers and emails if/when they change. We will continue to use Facebook to provide updates.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Mr Smith and the Mossgate Team

Familiar online learning platforms

IDL Literacy and Times Tables Rock Stars are used routinely in school and your child will be very familiar with how to use these sites.

IDL Literacy content is tailored to your child's needs based on a spelling and reading assessment completed in school with school staff. Please do not correct your child when using this site as this will impact on the activities they complete. We ask that you help them to pronounce unfamiliar words and also explore their meaning with your child once they have completed each activity. Make a note of these unfamiliar words and revisit them the following day. Can your child provide a simple definition of the new word and use it in different sentences?

Times Tables Rock Stars focuses on the recall of multiplication facts. 'Arcade' and 'Studio' are the best areas to visit daily as they focus on the times tables your child needs to develop.

New online learning platforms

Emile Education, Classroom Secrets and IDL Maths accounts have been set up by school staff this week to enhance the learning opportunities available at home during the school closure. We have introduced these to the children in school this week, but your child may need some support to navigate the sites until they are familiar with the content. We will provide the children in Key Stage 1 with: a book, pencil, pencil

sharpener and ruler. Children in Key Stage 2 will be provided with: a book, pen and ruler. Children will require these resources to record their working out when completing activities online and from their tailored resource pack.

Emile Education works on mobiles, tablets and computers and will allow your child to tailor the resources they access to their own ability level. To do this your child will need to complete a 'rating' activity in the 'games' area of the website. In addition, this resource allows class teachers to set maths, grammar and spelling activities for your child. Your child has accessed this resource in school so they should have a good grasp of how to use it, therefore they will be able to navigate where to go to access assignments set by their class teacher and where to access games linked to the various areas of learning.

IDL Maths has been recently developed by IDL Literacy. Children complete an online assessment when they first access their account which then determines the level of the activities they will complete. Please do not answer questions during the assessment for your child as this will distort the assessment and will lead to your child being unable to complete the activities successfully. You can support your child during the lessons by explaining any mathematical terms and noting down questions they may struggle with which you can then support them with away from the computer to help their understanding.

Classroom Secrets has online activities linked to maths, reading, grammar, spelling and a number of foundation curriculum areas like History for example. Your child's home learning pack will include resources from this site related to grammar and maths for them to complete without the use of a computer. However, children will be able to access interactive resources from this site by logging in and entering the 'KIDS' section of the site. Here they will be able to: choose their relevant year group; the area of the curriculum they need to access and then a relevant activity. Each activity will allow the children to track their own progress, however will not be set/assigned by the class teacher therefore we recommend that the children vary the activities they complete.

Espresso Coding (www.discoveryeducation.co.uk) is used in school to teach the coding element of the computing curriculum. Children can access this site using the username: student36100 and password: mossgate. Children can work on the lessons for their year group with the online videos to support them. Children in years 5 and 6 can also access the HTML units which again have online videos to support their understanding.

Familiar online platforms		New online platforms we have introduced this week to support learning during the school closure			
	IDL Literacy	Times Tables Rock Stars	Emile Education	IDL Maths	Classroom Secrets
Username				Same login details as IDL Literacy	
Password					

Websites to access the online platforms above:

- **IDL Literacy:** <https://idlsgroup.com/literacy>
- **Times Tables Rock Stars:** <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/44267>
- **Emile Education:** <https://web.emile-education.com/>
- **IDL Maths:** <https://www.idlsgroup.com/numeracy>
- **Classroom Secrets:** <https://kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk/>

Lancashire County Council's school advisors have created a comprehensive document with a number of educational website linked to different curriculum areas. This document can be found on our website (www.mossgate.lancs.sch.uk) and clicking 'Curriculum' then 'Home Learning'.

Suggested daily learning activities

We have provided a suggested timetable to support parents at home. The aim of the activities will be to consolidate skills they have previously been taught in class and to start and develop their knowledge of new areas. We suggest that each day will follow the same routine of: *Maths, English and Topic (Science, PE etc)*.

Maths

Activity 1: 10/15 minutes of Times Tables Rock Stars will help the children further their knowledge of, and rapid recall of multiplication facts.

Activity 2: one page of an Arithmetic Test –accessed through the school website (there are 3/5 pages – one page for each day/5/6 questions to be completed daily).

Activity 3: a reasoning sheet from the Classroom Secrets resource handout / two interactive games on 'Classroom Secrets – Kids'. Answers are available on the school website for the reasoning sheets for each year group.

Activity 4: to complete any assigned Maths task on 'Emile Education' before the deadline closes.

Activity 5: practical Maths which could include baking (accurate measuring), serving food portions (fractions) and making drinks (capacity). Children could cost a meal based on ingredients needed and quantities.

Answers to the worksheets can be found on our school website. See Curriculum → Home Learning and then year group.

English

Activity 1: 15 minutes of 'Quiet Reading' every day. This can include reading: magazines, newspapers, Oxford Reading Tree ebooks (see on our website – Curriculum → Home Learning), Newsround website and books/novels from their own reading collection. Families are encouraged to sign-up to the Lancashire Library Service. This allows you to borrow up to six eBooks and six eAudiobooks at any one time, from a range of fiction, non-fiction, children's titles for up to three weeks. All of this is for free and is accessed using the secure **Borrowbox service** (<https://www.borrowbox.com/>).

Activity 2: 25 minutes of a 'Twinkl Reading Comprehension' activity which we have photocopied in your child's pack. The children will need to spend the first two lessons (Monday and Tuesday) finding vocabulary they don't understand within the text, then finding the meaning using their, 'active reading strategies' (the strategies they have been taught in school). Then the next three days during the week (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) can be used to answer the questions ensuring that they always go back to the text for evidence. We suggest breaking up the questions over the different days to keep their interest. The answers can be found with each comprehension on our website (Curriculum → Home Learning).

Activity 3: 10 minutes of Spelling using the spelling list included in your pack. Choose eight spellings for your child to learn over the week using a range of spelling strategies which we have provided in your pack. Explore the meanings of each word and try to use them in different ways. Write sentences using the words to show they understand its meaning. On Friday provide the children with a test to see how many they have learnt correctly and then revisit any words they have struggled with the following week.

Activity 4: 15 minutes of GPS. Each day use a Classroom Secrets sheet/play one of the interactive games, which can be found on 'Classroom Secrets – Kids'

Activity 5: To complete any assigned English task on 'Emile Education' before the deadline closes.

Topic

Activity: Children could complete a number of the projects from their year group topic grid which can be found on our website (Curriculum → Home Learning).

Activity: PE – at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day. This is essential to keep a healthy body and mind! For this it would be great to allow the children to take part in ‘physical play’ where they are raising their heart rate. This can be achieved by using the Joe Wicks HIIT sessions for children, Just Dance Videos from Youtube and developing hand eye co-ordination skills through playing ball games.

- Just Dance example video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCzgc_ReIBA&safe=active
- Joe Wicks example video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXt2jLRlaf8&safe=active>