

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below a list of at home challenges/activities that your child can be working on during the current closure of schools. Most of these activities are tablet friendly and printing resources to accompany certain activities is optional.

- We encourage your child to continue to access their 'Teach Your Monster to Read' account (the login details for which can be found in your child's reading record). <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>
- Though we will be unable to physically change your child's reading books, we encourage you to access www.oxfordowl.co.uk and set up a free account. This website will provide access to correctly banded reading books in eBook form – many of which we have physical copies of in school – which your child can read to you at home. Once you have set up an account, navigate to 'eBooks > eBooks' then scroll down and select the tab 'Levels > BOOK BAND'. From here you will be able to select the correct Book Band colour as indicated on the side of your child's reading books. In each band, there is a selection of reading books for you and your child to choose from. Please write these reads in reading records as you usually would.
- To enable your child to continue consolidating learning around Maths, Topic and Phonics, please access the website <https://www.educationcity.com/> You will find 'Education City' login details stuck inside your child's reading record. Once your child accesses their account, they will find Maths, Phonics and Topic work set by Miss Gaskin and Miss Sidebottom which can be completed in any order. Some activities may have an accompanying worksheet. It is not essential to complete this but it is there as an option to extend learning where possible. You will find 'Week One' and 'Week Two' available to access already and we will continue to add activities and learning opportunities after this time, as required. To access work, just click on 'Classwork' then 'FS2 Week One Miss Gaskin' or 'FS2 Week Two Miss Gaskin'.
- In addition to Education City, there are many activities that your child can access on the website <https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/> Again, this is a free resource to sign up to, which provides videos, printouts and ideas for discussion/questions that you can discuss with your child based around our current 'Hibernation' topic. Please access the following activities in the 'Year 1 – 2' section of the website:
 - What's Going On? Squirreling Away
 - Odd One Out: Animals in Winter
 - What if Humans Hibernated?
 - Problem Solvers: House Hunting Hogs
 - Odd One Out: Sleepy Heads
 - What's Going On? Seasons

There are many other ideas and resources on this website for at home learning.

- The educational resource provider 'Twinkl' is also offering a month's free access for parents due to current circumstances regarding school closures. Please access <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer> and enter the code **CVDTWINKLHELPS** to access this offer. Once you are signed up to the free month's trial, select the tab 'EYFS' then scroll down to 'Areas of Learning'. It is then easy to navigate through the EYFS areas of learning where you will find printable resources and PowerPoint presentations to support at home learning.
- Please find an 'At Home Learning' book in your child's bookbag. In here, your child can write/draw about their experiences or work that they are doing at home. For example, you may ask your child to write a sentence about animals that hibernate and why/where. Included inside the cover of the 'At Home Learning' book you will find a Phase 2 and Phase 3 sound mat. Your child will be familiar with this resource and will be able to refer to it to help them find the correct grapheme (or letter/combination of letters) for the phoneme (sound) that they wish to use. As a rule, we may help children by slowly sounding out the words that they have chosen to write however, children are encouraged to independently write only the sounds that they hear. It may be helpful to encourage your child to think about the spelling of some tricky words that do not conform e.g. 'was', 'you'. You may also stick any worksheets completed inside this book.

Many thanks,

Miss Gaskin, Miss Sidebottom and the FS2 team.