

Rushen Primary School



Learning and Growing

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Bubbles in the playground...and amazing blue sky!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope all of you are safe and doing well at home. I also hope you have had an Easter Break and enjoyed the sunshine either in your garden or during your exercise sessions.

Each week, we will be uploading home learning packs onto our school website. You will find these under the 'Home Learning' tab. You will also find the 'Home Learning Protocol'.

Remember, these are just suggested activities. There is no pressure for you to do everything suggested. I have been reading articles and blogs online where parents and children are becoming stressed and panicked about completing home learning. Treat this as an opportunity. Gauge when your child is ready to learn and be engaged. Take breaks and consider allowing them to choose which activity, when. Some families prefer a structured day while others may prefer a more flexible approach.

- The packs are designed for year groups. If your child is struggling with the suggested learning for their year group, you may want to access the learning from the year group below.
- Each pack provides x5 Mathematics, x5 English and x5 other learning suggestions, including Science, art, topic/theme etc. This means that your child could do a Maths, English and other activity each day as well as reading and phonics and spellings for example.
- The links on the document will take you to the background information or activity which should support you. It is important that you try to follow the methods and approaches as each learning activity is just one brick in the wall and each concept builds on the previous.
- If the activity requires equipment try to substitute e.g. coins instead of counters

- In the 'General Resources' folder on the 'Home Learning' tab you will find some other links and useful downloads.
- These include an overview of all of the phonics phases (Letters and Sounds), which you might like to work through from Phase 2 to Phase 6. You will be able to see where your child is up to and whether they have missed any. It is expected that children will have learned the 6 phases by the end of Year 1, but some children need to continue to learn these in Year 2 and 3.
- You will also find word walls with 'high frequency' words that your child should be able to read. You can practise these and make your own flashcards (your child might enjoy making these with you). We have also included the next 200 high frequency words. Also included is a 'Phoneme Chart'.
- We have included the KS2 (Year 3-6) Support for Spelling materials. There is an overview sheet which
 includes all of KS2 and then individual sheets with details for each year group. There is also a KS2
 spelling menu.
- Other resources include: 100 square, multiplication square, the Letterjoin letter to parents, the 6Rs, the Learning Muscles and a list of other websites which might be useful.
- You will find a pack about Reading and how you can read with your child. This tells you all about what you can do to support your child as they begin to read and develop into independent readers.
- Other activities could include those from websites such as PE sessions, storytelling (David Walliams), cooking/baking, gardening and playing board games. One family have been teaching their children to tie their shoe laces-this is the perfect time to do that sort of activity together. Activities which focus on independence are very useful.

The BBC are starting a series of daily lessons from today-they may help to support you.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons

Take care and look after each other,

Kind regards

Ms Owens

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