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Dear Parents and Carers

School Closure

As there is a possibility of school closures in the near future we are sending this letter to give you suggestions of activities for your child to complete at home. We think it makes sense to send these sooner rather than later to reach as many families as possible before self-isolation. If any families are already off school and wish to collect a pack they can send someone who is not self-isolating to do so from the school office. We hope these will be educational and helpful however, we do not want to put extra pressure on families and so please do not worry if you do not complete them. These activities are suggestions for your child's class you may need to make them easier or more challenging depending on your child.

Purple Mash

We have attached a copy of the original Purple Mash letter which explains how to log on with your child's unique username and password. There are a large variety of activities which children can access here and cover all areas of the curriculum.

Twinkl - a website that teachers use

Twinkl is offering every very parent and carer in United Kingdom access to all Twinkl resources with a One Month Ultimate Membership, totally free of charge. This will provide you access to high-quality learning during any periods of disruption.

Setting this up is really easy to do - go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS

Phonics Play - a website we sometimes use in our phonics lessons

A site packed with interactive phonics games, ideas and resources to help children to learn to hear and blend phonemes and read words. It is set out into different phases - focus on phases 3, 4 and 5.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Reading

We will be retaining reading diaries and school reading books (for teachers to use for assessment purposes). Children have been provided with their Easter book from school to enjoy reading at home and there are a wide range of reading and phonics activities on Purple Mash, Twinkl and Phonics Play.

Writing Books

Children have all been provided with a home learning book and pencils to encourage daily writing at home. There are activities for common exception words on Purple Mash and Twinkl. We have provided a copy of common exception words for Year 1, perhaps you could encourage your child to look at a few words a day and then copy it in their writing books to practise the spelling of these words. Children could write a few sentences in their writing books about what they have done in the day, something they have read or watched. When writing their sentences children should remember to use a capital letter at the start and a full stop at the end. Here are some examples of what they could do at home to help their writing:

Day 1: Write 5 sentences using adjectives to describe what it is like living in Africa.

Day 2: Read a story and write a character description for a character in the story.

Day 3: Write 5 questions they would like to ask a character in their favourite story.

Day 4: Read a story and write about their favourite part and why using 'because'.

Day 5: Children to write their own story or read part of a story and write what will happen next or how a character may be feeling e.g. Goldilocks is scared of the huge bears.

Creative Books

Children have a plain exercise book and some creative resources to complete imaginative pictures of their choosing. These could be linked to our topic of Africa or in preparation for our next topic 'The Sea' or anything they choose.

We will provide further updates via text and Twitter (@Hallcroft1971) as appropriate.

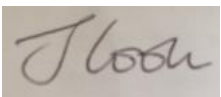
Teachers can be contacted on the class email address chestnut@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk. Mrs Cook our Head Teacher and Safeguarding Lead can be contacted on

head@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk. School staff will check the email once a day during school hours and respond accordingly.

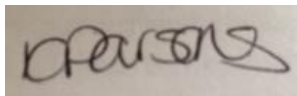
Please remember to contact 111 or your GP if you have any mental or physical health concerns during this time.

Please all look after yourselves and your families, these are unprecedented times and we really hope to see you all soon.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Cook
Head Teacher



Miss K Parsons
Deputy Head Teacher

Year 1 Common Exception Words

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