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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](http://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 phase 5 and 6.

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://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 and maths at home. For writing, they can practise spellings from the Y1/2 common exception words and put them into sentences. They can keep a diary of what they have been doing (what they have watched on TV or what they had for tea etc.) or they could create an imaginary diary about what they would like to be doing each day. They can also create a series of heroes and villains and produce a series of stories about their adventures. For maths, the children can practise the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and secure their knowledge of multiplication and division facts. They could go on a 3d shape hunt and record the names of the shapes, the number of faces, vertices and edges that each shape has.

## Creative Books

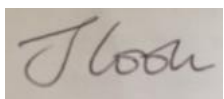
Children have a plain exercise book and some creative resources to complete imaginative pictures of their choosing. These could be linked to our topic of Africa or in preparation for our next topic 'The Sea' or anything they choose.

We will provide further updates via text and Twitter (@Hallcroft1971) as appropriate. Teachers can be contacted on the class email address [oak@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk](mailto:oak@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk). Mrs Cook our Head Teacher and Safeguarding Lead can be contacted on [head@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk](mailto:head@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk). School staff will check the email once a day during school hours and respond accordingly.

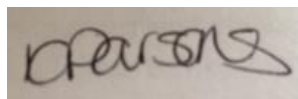
Please remember to contact 111 or your GP if you have any mental or physical health concerns during this time.

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

Yours sincerely



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