



Wednesday 25th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

How are you today? I hope you are all well and not finding social distancing too frustrating.

Here is a list of online resources that you might want to check out. You might already be aware of some of them, but hopefully there are some new ideas here too.

- www.twinkl.co.uk/offer Enter the code UKTWINKLHELP
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> There are plans for content to be changed daily so make sure you check in every day.
- <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen> Free audiobooks.
- <https://readingwise.com/coronavirus-support>
- <https://www.tynker.com/> Coding activities.
- <https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours> Pretend to travel the world. Go on a virtual tour of these 12 famous museums.
- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/> Discover cool facts!
- <https://www.coolmath4kids.com/>
- <https://www.seussville.com/> Based on the Dr Seuss books.

We have some information on how you can support your child's home learning. Go to www.gordonprimary.co.uk and click on the Parents tab. Go to **General Information** and click on **How to Help Your Child at Home**. You will find three documents:

- Make Reading Fun
- How to Help Your child in Science
- How to Help Your Child with Maths

There are also many educational channels on YouTube:

- Crash Course Kids
- Kids Learning Tube
- Science Channel
- SciShow Kids
- National Geographic Kids
- Free School
- Geography Focus
- Science Max

Please bear in mind that whilst I have had a quick look at the above websites and YouTube channels, I cannot vouch for them unreservedly. I urge you to explore them yourself first before you introduce them to your child.

This is a good time to spend time together as a family playing board games and cards. These activities help children develop important life skills such turn-taking and learning to accept defeat as well as building mathematical skills.



I know many of you are trying hard to be creative with online and offline learning activities for your children, but please do not stress too much about your children missing education. Please remember two important facts - all children nationally are in the same boat and not all learning takes place in a classroom. As a school, we are already discussing how the key objectives we would be teaching over the coming weeks will be covered once we return.

My main recommendations to you during this period of home learning is to have a routine and to give your child time to work independently. Obviously, it will depend on their age, stage of development and individual needs, but please do not think you need to sit with your child all the time while they are working – we don't in school! It is important that children have time to complete tasks on their own.

Competition Time

We are introducing a weekly whole-school competition as a way of bringing us all together and are inviting the children to submit something they have created at home. Each week we will have a different theme. This week the theme is **Time** to link with the clocks changing at the weekend. We would like the children to describe their perfect way of spending an extra hour. Their work needs to be handwritten and must be no more than 200 words in length. Entries by our youngest children can be written by an adult. Please take a screenshot and email it to headteacher@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk by Wednesday 1st April. Good luck.

Don't forget, if you need any support from us, please do not hesitate to get in touch. The office is staffed everyday between 9am and 3:30pm (020 8850 5486) or you can email us - the staff emails are on our website.

Best wishes to you all.

Take care, stay safe and keep smiling.

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