Dear Families,

As a school we are providing some home learning activities for your child during this time whilst they are unable to come into school. These are suggestions and you may choose or adapt some, and implement ideas of your own to suit the needs and interests of your child. Please don't feel that you need to do everything however, it would be a good idea for your child to keep a reading, writing and maths routine each day with more creative and practical activities to lighten the load!

A useful resource are the maths and literacy workbooks that you can buy from WHSmiths, and other retailers. They cover the key skills for year 2 and they have stickers to motivate!

There are also online sites that are providing suitable learning activities that you will find useful:

Free home learning packs classroom secrets

Choose the year 2 pack and download—the maths, reading and practical ideas.

Twinkl.co.uk—resources Year 2 school closure home learning resource pack

Creative writing, Easter, maths booklet (simpler than classroom secrets workbook), Mr Whoop's mistakes for spelling work, snakes and ladders game for tables practise.

Whiterosemaths.com/resources

Maths — Areas of focus:

- Add and subtract any 2-digit numbers using jottings or a written method
- Quick recall of numbers bonds within 10 and 20
- Know the multiplication facts for 2, 5 and 10 x tables and solve word problems
- Use coins to make different amounts of monies playing shops and giving change
- Read time on a clock to the nearest 15 minutes
- Identify 1/4, 1/3, 1/2, 2/4, 3/4 of a number or shape

Writing — Areas of focus

- Write for different purposes story, poster, list of instructions, description of a character or a place, reading and writing poems (these are the genres have been taught in class this year)
- Check for capital letters and full stops, use of ! and ? sentences, use of conjunctions (and, or, but, because, when) when joining two ideas together, joining letters, same tense throughout

Reading — Read something aloud every day

- Check that the text makes sense; answer questions or explain what has happened
- Write a book review, or describe a favourite character
- Write about the books that you like to read

Theme — At the moment we are learning about the history of the bicycle and the motor car and the impact of Henry Ford and John Boyd Dunlop (pneumatic tyre) on motoring today. After Easter we will be moving onto the science theme of 'Plants'. You might like to choose writing, or project ideas around these areas.

Your child has brought home a pink book which can be used to record anything that they have worked on at home. Encourage your child to present their work in the same neat and clear manner that they would do in school. Write a date and title for each activity.

This is an ideal time for your child to learn about a topic that interest them and being able to present their learning in a way of their choosing eg power point presentation, photos and captions, models or other. For some children an outdoor project might be fun!

You might like to add photos of outdoor or practical activities that you have done and build up a scrap book type of record in your pink book. If you want to use a different book or folder to record your learning then please do (be creative and cover the pink book!).

Don't forget to use your own judgements, you know your child well and to offer a variety of activities, where your child can have some choice, will help them stay motivated, and enjoy the learning. Everything that you do with your child will be good learning during this difficult time.

When your child returns to school please send in the pink book, or other. It will be lovely to see and talk with your child about their learning at home.

I hope that you all stay well and I look forward to seeing you all back at school soon.

Should you wish to contact me I have included my email address.

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For those families who do not have access to the internet I have included some paper ideas and activities

Yours faithfully

Mrs Saunders

Here are some other websites that you might find useful:

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize https://spellingframe.co.uk/ https://spellingframe.co.uk/ https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html https://mathsticks.com/my/ https://ttrockstars.com https://ttrockstars.com https://groweatgift.com/2017/06/14/30-ways-to-go-wild-with-science/ https://www.gonoodle.com/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3LPrhI0v-w