Dear parents, carers and children,

As you will know, the government’s plans do now include a tentative date for primary schools to fully reopen. Although Year 3 will not be amongst the first groups back, the government do “hope that all primary school children can come back to school before the summer holidays, for a month if feasible”, meaning a potential return for us all towards the end of June. I hope this serves as a ‘light at the end of the tunnel’ for those of you that need it, but I also know this will be a cause of anxiety for others. Please know that we will be handling any potential return very carefully, and are already thinking of how we can achieve this safely and successfully for everyone. The school will be emailing details about our plans to you in the coming days and weeks to help keep you fully informed, but please do email me with any questions or concerns that you do have along the way.

In the meantime, there are a number of useful sources of home learning activities which you will be familiar with by now. The daily Maths and Literacy lessons on the BBC Bitesize website (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zmyxxyc/year-3-and-p4-lessons/1>) and daily iPlayer videos (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p089g063/bitesize-79-year-olds?seriesId=p08b00mq>) continue to be well used, while the government backed online academy (<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/year-3#subjects>) also contains many daily videos of teacher inputs on a variety of subjects.

One which I know many of you have found particularly helpful has been the White Rose Maths website (<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-3/>). You will be aware that some elements of this are no longer a free service, but as the school is a subscriber you can find the worksheets on our website (<https://www.jys.org.uk/website/white_rose_maths/479425>) to use alongside the free videos.

You can continue to access all the resources we’ve previously uploaded to our website archive (<https://www.jys.org.uk/website/archive/133448>). There are now hundreds of documents, activities and worksheets on here, so if you find yourself short of things to do this is a good place to start. As always, I remain contactable via email for anything you need ([donald.vass@jys.org.uk](mailto:donald.vass@jys.org.uk)).

You’d be forgiven for losing all track of the school term dates by now, but we are due to start the half term break on Monday 25th May. You may well like to pause for the week, as we would have done at JYS, to give both the pupils and teachers of your own ‘home school’ a well-deserved rest. As always, please do be kind to yourselves – there is no pressure or expectation from us in terms of what you are doing with your children during this time.

Mr Donald Vass

Year 3, Jessie Younghusband School

**1. BBC Bitesize**

* BBC Bitesize Daily. Daily lessons on Literacy, Maths and other subjects are available both on the BBC website (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zmyxxyc/year-3-and-p4-lessons/1>) and on the iPlayer accessible through TVs (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p089g063/bitesize-79-year-olds?seriesId=p08b00mq>).

**2. White Rose Maths**

* Daily video lessons (<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-3/>) and accompanying worksheets (<https://www.jys.org.uk/website/white_rose_maths/479425>)

**3. Oak National Academy**

* Daily video lessons on Literacy, Maths and other subjects ((<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/year-3#subjects>).

**4. Maths**

* One of the units we would have been starting in this term is Properties Of Shape. Included this week is a number of teaching PowerPoints and accompanying worksheets on this, including work on angles and important shape vocabulary.
* If you’ve been working on your 8x table as part of the last set of learning, how are you getting on? Can you count up in 8s, do multiplication facts in a random order and even do the corresponding division facts? This would be a great thing to continue practising, perhaps on [www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com). Email me if you’d like the ‘teacher set’ tables changed to reflect anything you’re working on at home.

**5. Literacy**

* Read books daily if you can. They can be school books, old favourites from your bookshelf or even things you find online.
* Captain Tom Moore comprehension
* The Story of Arachne (Ancient Greece) comprehension
* One of our summer term writing units was due to be on Biographies. I’ve included an example biography (on Roald Dahl), a page discussing some of the features of a biography, and a planning sheet to help you before writing your own. Pick someone of interest to you – perhaps a singer, footballer, Youtuber, or even a parent! – to research, then write a biography of their life.

**6. History**

* Did you know that the Ancient Greeks created the Olympic games, more than 2,000 years ago? Find out more with the teaching PowerPoint, and then enjoy playing the Ancient Olympics board game.
* Did you know the Ancient Greeks created an alphabet which is very similar to the one we use today? Even the word ‘alphabet’ comes from the Greeks – the first two letters they use are ‘**Alpha’** and ‘**Bet**a’. It’s hard to do a direct translation, as the Greeks use 24 letters and we use 26, but use the rough translation guide to write your own name in Greek letters. Why not try writing a coded message to someone in Greek letters too?
* Did you know the Ancient Greeks believed in many gods, goddesses and mythical creatures? Read the Greek gods PowerPoint and fact file, then use the blank Top Trumps cards to make your own game.