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On-line resources for home learning

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In addition to the advice we have provided for home schooling, the Department for Education have produced a National on-line learning platform which went live this week. It is called Oak National Academy - <https://www.thenational.academy/> - and can be accessed on any device free of charge. This resource provides three hours of learning resources each day for primary aged children across a range of subjects and includes a video explanation from a teacher, a quiz and a work sheet. There is also an overview plan for the forthcoming week for each year group. It is very easy to use. You start with your child's year group, select schedule and simply work through the resources - a Maths, English and creative lesson. Alternatively you can select particular lessons and use the resources in way that suits your child and circumstances. I am going to ask teachers to have a look through the resources each week to help select what might be helpful for your child and the class. Like lots of things, this new resource will be exciting to start with, but will need to be used alongside other approaches to keep learning fresh and variable to hold interest. For example, this week Year 4 are offered a great lesson about Henry V111 and his cunning plan, which really compliments the work we have done on the Tudor Dynasty in that class.

Another quality resource is BBC Bitesize who are also offering daily lessons on a range of subjects. They have a video introductions, interactive activities and downloadbale work sheets. Again easy to use and child friendly. To begin with I would suggest having a look at both these resources to familiarise yourself with them and to sample some of them. As you are already doing, they need to be used in a way that compliments the structure of your day and how it works for your child and you in the longterm. The teaching staff remain contactable to discuss and advise you on home schooling while school remains closed. Neither of these resources replace the experience ofbeing in a class with peers or having direct access to a teacher, but they help us to keep teaching and learning going in these unprecedented times.

If helpful, you could email us photos or screen grabs of your child's work so that teachers can comment on them and give feedback.

Kind regards,

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