



Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April Dear Owls,

Hello Everybody! How are you all? We hope you have all enjoyed your Easter holidays and had some relaxing time at home with your loved ones. We miss you!

Today is supposed to be the start of our Summer term and it seems very strange not to be seeing you and your families at the moment. Although it is lovely to have so much time at home it can feel unsettling not to have our school routine, and if you are feeling a little worried, anxious or sad to not to be seeing your friends this is totally normal, but try to remember that this situation won't last forever and for the moment we all need to stay safe and make the most of our time at home.

Having a routine to your day is something that really helps and makes us appreciate our weekends when they come around. As a help for you and your parents to keep this routine, we are sending some suggestions of how this can be organised, but we want you to know that staying safe, healthy and happy are the most important things to concentrate on and how you choose to do your learning at home must fit in with how is best for your household.

With this letter, we have sent you some extra home learning activities, which I am sure you will continue to enjoy. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all again and celebrating everything you have achieved when we return to school.

#### **Home Learning tips and advice:**

- Always be kind to each other
- Listen and follow instructions
- Do some home learning every week day
- Help with jobs around the home – even try some cooking and cleaning!
- If you feel worried, cross or anxious take some timeout (a quiet, happy place) and talk to an adult
- Spend time outdoors having fun
- Try to laugh every day!

For now, enjoy your time at home, look after yourselves and we look forward to when we are all back together at school.

Take care,

Ms Wallis and Mrs Lockwood

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#### **Home Learning Activity Suggestions**

Dear Parent/Carer

Here are some further suggestions to support you and your child with their home learning. Please take these resources to use as best suits your family. As Mrs Barrow says in her newsletter, 'Rest assured that there is no right or wrong in terms of home schooling and that whatever is working for your family in these unprecedented times is absolutely okay.' Keeping up the children's morale and wellbeing is our priority and hopefully the suggestions below will help create a routine that helps with this.

**'Classroom Secrets KIDS'** is a fantastic home learning website to keep using. There are now hundreds of new activities linked to the national curriculum for your child to try. You can also follow the Home Learning Timetable which has a great balance of academic and well-being activities to complete.

Go to <https://kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk/>

**Newsround** Daily children's BBC produced news programme. This also provides articles, reports and blogs to support wellbeing and address topical worries

**9:00am PE** Joe Wicks' PE Workout – you tube. This is a regular daily, live broadcast Mon-Friday, but can be accessed at any time throughout the day using the link <https://www.techradar.com/news/joe-wicks-pe-workout-youtube-monday-april-20>

## **Maths**

- Try to complete the daily **White Rose Maths** activities as suggested by Mrs Barrow. Remember to watch the videos first before completing the activities.  
<http://www.whiterosemaths.com/homelearning>
- **Times Tables Rock Stars** – Look out for the new battle which is starting this week, keep practising!

## **11:00am Elevenses with The World of David Walliams**

Daily story readings by the famous author David Walliams <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

## **English**

- **Daily Diary** Complete a daily diary entry about their day. Remember they can include drawings, photos etc.
- **Classroom Secrets for Kids** Daily spelling and grammar/punctuation practice
- **Reading and book reviews** It is incredibly important for children to try to read daily, whatever the genre, be it independently or with an adult. Children could write a book review when they have finished a book, which we can share when we return to school.
- **Vocabulary** Whilst reading your child will come across interesting vocabulary and words they are unfamiliar with. Keeping note of these words in a notebook, finding and recording their meaning and learning how to spell them, will be a great way to develop their vocabulary.

**STEM practical activity** STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. They are a brilliant way to develop problem solving skills, develop critical thinking and promote investigation. Find a selection of STEM activities on Classroom Secrets for kids. Be prepared for the children to be searching for shoeboxes and cardboard tubes etc. <https://free-secret-resources.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/STEM-Ideas.pdf>

## **Project Time**

We have included two different projects with various tasks for the children to complete. They are fairly flexible so a task could be done a day, or your child could go more in depth and spread it across several days.

There is a project based on 'Food' and one on 'Pirates' so your child could choose which interest them more.

**Remember all of these activities are ideas to try. Children should take their time, choose ones they are interested in, get creative and enjoy.**