



St White's Primary School

Challenge, Commit, Conquer and Celebrate



Dear Sparrow Class,

I would like to thank you in advance for your support during this time. I will shortly upload some activities to keep you learning and having fun whilst you are unable to come to school that will keep you busy until the Easter holidays. After Easter, more work and lessons will be uploaded to the Sparrow Class web page for pupils to complete and respond to. I will also give you some extra ideas and useful websites below to further support your learning in different areas of the curriculum.

Every day, please pick a couple of activities from the learning packs that will be uploaded- one Maths, one English and one other would be a good idea. Remember to also spend time (maybe half an hour a day) on TT Rockstars, Numbots and Spelling Shed. Your logins should all be in the front of your green reading records.

Reading

Please read with your child every day. I really cannot emphasise the importance of reading every day for pupils in KS1 and this should be an enjoyable and relaxing time. I understand that you may not have access to actual books as we will not be able to send enough home. However, Oxford Owl is a fantastic website with lots of free eBooks, some of which will be matched to your child's reading stage.

You will be able to sign up for free by using the following link:

https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/sign_up.html

Another website that will give you access to lots of free eBooks is <https://www.getepic.com/>. Below is a username and instructions for how to access this resources using a laptop or tablet.

Laptop or Chromebook

Have your students open their web browser and

1. Go to **www.getepic.com/students**
2. Sign in with your class code **uuJ8163**
3. Select their name and they're in!

iOS/Android

Have your students open the Epic! app and

1. Click on **"Have an account? Sign In"** then click on **"Students & Educators"**
2. Sign in with your class code **uuJ8163**
3. Select their name and they're in!

A useful (and free) website for pupils to practice their phonics is <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>. On this website, your child will be able to play games linked to phonics (Year 2 pupils should aim to be playing phase 5 and 6 games).



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Maths

We have recently been working on fractions (finding halves, quarters and thirds). Please try to bring this into your everyday learning, for example when cooking (finding half of quantities) or when telling the time (quarter past and quarter to).

Knowing your times tables is going to be a useful skill to have for maths in year 2 and as you move into KS2. Year 2s need to be working on their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Practise the ones that you aren't sure of by writing them out, making snap cards, playing pairs, practising on TT Rockstars and getting your family to test you.

Please also try to complete a page per day of the maths home learning pack that will be uploaded to the Sparrow Class webpage.

Writing

A pack of creative writing prompt sheets will be uploaded to the class webpage. Please try to complete one per day- start by choosing your favourite! Remember to focus on correct use of capital letters, full stops, conjunctions (and, or, but, when, if, that, because) and ensuring that your handwriting is neat and joined in the correct places.

Before schools closed, the school council asked each class to come up with a list of facts about the bird their class is named after. Perhaps you could write a leaflet/design a poster/create a fact sheet about Sparrows.

Spelling/handwriting- Please continue to practise your weekly spellings. Perhaps you could continue to complete a spelling test on a Friday and move up the lists as required. The spelling overviews in your child's reading record will be uploaded onto the class web page in case you do not have access to these. Your child can practise spelling their common exception words by using the pack uploaded on to the web page and a handwriting sheet will also be uploaded.

This term's power project will be uploaded to the class web page for some extra writing ideas in case this has not yet been completed.

Being active

Remember also to keep your body active as well as your brain! Try out some Go Noodle videos (on their website), have a go at some yoga (Cosmic Kids yoga on Youtube is great) or tune in to Joe Wicks' live PE lessons at 9am every day (see The Body Coach channel on Youtube.) You should also try to go for a walk to get some fresh air or play in the garden.



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Please use the following class email address to keep in touch: sparrow@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk.
You can email with questions about your child's learning, send pictures of their work or pictures of them learning in different ways!

As well as the home learning and online activities, please also:

- Practise telling the time to the nearest 15 minutes
- Play some board games
- Do some baking
- Draw some pictures
- Read every day
- Get lots of fresh air
- Have fun with your family

Finally, I send my support to all families and I hope you all remain healthy and safe during this time. I look forward to seeing all of you back at school in the future.

Kind regards,

Miss Lewis.