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Home Learning

Dear Parent/Carers,

Following the government announcement made on 4th January 2021, that England is now once more in a National lockdown, we will be moving to online learning for children who are not attending school.

Our aim with the home learning is to replicate, as far as is possible, the English and maths provision which is taking place in school each day. This is to ensure parity of provision for children in school and at home. The focus of home learning during the lockdown is to sustain learning and maintain our high standards of progress and attainment.

For Years R and 1, the home learning platform will be Tapestry. Please continue to access your child's Tapestry account to access the home learning provided by the EYFS and Year 1 teams.

For Years 2 to 6, the home learning platform will be Google Classroom. Log-in information for your child's Google Classroom account has already been shared.

If you experience any difficulties accessing your child or children's Google Classroom account(s), or have any queries regarding the work set, please contact: hello@connordowns.org.uk

so that your email may be passed to the class teacher for their attention.

Please could we kindly ask you to email concerns rather than telephone, as this is a far more efficient means of staff being able to manage concerns promptly. Thank you for your support with this.

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English

Phonics:

To support children with their learning of Letters and Sounds phonics,

https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk

has once again become free (for all) for a limited period of time. This resource is used frequently at Connor Downs Academy to support daily learning.

You may log in with the following details:

username: jan21 password: home

In addition to this, https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com, is a comprehensive learning tool, and is now also free to access (when using a laptop/computer). Please visit the weblink to access this resource.

To access free e-books linked to your child/children's current phonic level, please visit: https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/.

To find out more information about Letters and Sounds, the phonic programme delivered at Connor Downs Academy, please visit: https://www.letters-and-sounds.com.

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Spellings

Weekly spellings will be uploaded by the class teacher. Please test your child's/children's knowledge of these spellings.

Reading

The expectation continues that children read every day and record their responses in their *Home-School Sharer book*.

Enalish units of work

The children in school and at home, will follow their units of spring term work and the resources will be shared via the relevant platform for children learning at home to complete.

Each week the children will be expected to complete a reading comprehension alongside their writing and grammar skills tasks. This will be provided by the class teacher.

For revision and extension children can be directed to the Oak Academy grammar activities (<u>All subjects by year group - Oak National Academy</u> (thenational.academy)) should you wish to access these.

Maths

The children in school and at home, will continue with their learning journey following the White Rose plans for the spring term for Years 1-6. Each day, the White Rose videos and relevant resources will be shared online for the children to access.

In addition, staff will set Sumdog and T Rockstars challenges which can be accessed via the apps. Please encourage your child/children to participate in these challenges when they are available.

For further challenge and revision, the weekly schedules from the Oak National Academy provide excellent videos and support materials <u>Oak National Academy</u> <u>Online Classroom (thenational.academy)</u> should you wish to access these.

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Topics

The children in school and at home, will be set topic work, where appropriate, based on the spring term plans from school.

On occasion, topic work will also be set from the schedule from the <u>Oak National Academy Online Classroom (thenational.academy)</u>. All the resources and links will be shared via Tapestry or Google Classroom.

Your child's/children's class teacher will direct you to this topic work.

PE

#ThisIsPE is a useful way to deliver activities and games that will entertain, educate and burn off some of that energy during lockdown. The videos are presented by PE teachers and linked to the Primary PE curriculum so it is a fantastic way for parents to keep children physically active at home!

All videos are available through the link #ThisIsPE - YouTube

In addition, Joe Wicks is back! He is available via his YouTube channel on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Please use the link below to follow Joe Wicks.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYlRfn6rYQ

Homework Grid

Homework grids, with an emphasis on creative, practical tasks, will be shared via Tapestry or Google Classroom, as well as on the school website. The children will be encouraged to share their work with their class teacher electronically by uploading a picture onto their relevant platform, so that this can be celebrated.

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