



Cottesmore St. Mary

Catholic Primary School



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Years 2 – 5 Home Learning

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you are all well as this challenging situation continues. As we move towards another new phase of schooling, I am writing to inform you of some further adjustments that we have made in terms of our Home Learning offer. Whilst we continue to remain closed for children in Years 2 – 5, we are also thinking ahead to their hopeful return in September.

Children in Years 2 - 5 will continue to be provided with a Home Learning Grid (HLG) that reflects the work that should be happening in each year group, in the usual way. As usual, on the HLG you will see a description of the forthcoming week's learning in English and Maths and also the Foundation Subjects. We will continue to provide 2 - 3 instructional mini lesson videos for each subject, each week eg 2 - 3 with a Maths focus and 2 - 3 with a Writing focus. In addition to these, we will continue to provide 5 daily Maths and 5 daily English linked lesson activities. Teachers will also continue to provide weekly Reading videos and provide vocabulary and reading skills questions to go alongside.

At the start of school closure, we sent out a proposed timetable. However, from Monday 6th July, we are introducing a new weekly timetable that will be specifically linked to the video lessons and activities currently provided. These will be sent out alongside Home Learning Grids in the usual way. Timetables provided are purely as a guide, in order to support those families and children who would benefit from a more precise schedule to follow. Please do not worry if this does not fit with the way in which you / your child is working. Activities and lesson videos can still be accessed at any time and in any order, within that week. Daily tasks that have been encouraged from the start, such as spelling and times tables, have also been

Home learning timetable Y2-5								
	9.00 - 9.30	9.30 - 10.30		11.00 - 12.00		1.00- 1.30	1.30 - 2.30	2.30 -3.00
Mon	Physical activity Joe Wicks	Maths Video 1 Activity	Break 10.30 - 11.00	English Video 1 Activity	Lunch 12.00 - 1.00	Reading Class novel	RE - activity from HLG	Daily tasks Spelling
Tues	Physical activity Mile a day	Maths Independent activity (related to video 1)		English Independent activity (related to video 1)		Reading Class novel	Science - activity from HLG	Daily tasks Times tables
Wed	Physical activity Joe Wicks	Maths Independent activity		English Independent activity		Reading Class novel	Geography - activity from HLG	Daily tasks Reading - Bug Club or own choice
Thurs	Physical activity Mile a day	Maths Video 2 Activity		English Video 2 Activity		Reading Class novel	History - activity from HLG	Daily tasks Spelling
Fri	Physical activity Mile a day	Maths Independent activity (related to video 2)		English Independent activity (related to video 2)		Reading Class novel	Art - activity from HLG	Possible 'live link up' slot

timetabled in the hope that these continue to be completed. We are continuing to promote that, each day comprises of one lesson / task in Maths, English, Reading and Foundation, plus a daily basic skills task in order to keep those basics sharp! At the end of the week, the week's activities, on Seesaw, will be archived. This is to keep the work space clear and easier for you to navigate. If all tasks have not been completed, this is not a problem as new activities will be sent out the following week. Please also remember that we have provided lists of recommended websites to support home learning during lockdown. We would like to draw your attention to two sites in particular, that offer a very comprehensive set of daily lessons with linked practice activities. These sites are: BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons> and Oak Academy <https://classroom.thenationalacademy/year-groups>

We are exploring how we can offer a weekly session when class teachers are available for a 'live link up' opportunity with the children, where the children can ask questions and seek advice on any of that week's learning. When you receive your timetable it will indicate when your live link up slot is going to take place. That said, as per usual, you are still encouraged to email teachers, or children can send a message via Seesaw, if you would like a call home so that teachers can explain tasks or support in more detail. Teaching Assistants have been making calls home this week in order to offer support if needed and will continue to do so.

We are also making further video lessons and learning packs for families wanting catch up lessons, for children in Years 2 – 5, during the summer holidays.

If you have any questions, please get in touch via catherinemcloughlin@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

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