

Good evening parents,

31.3.20

I hope you have had a nice day.

We are working to prepare a more formal system of learning opportunities for your children in the event we cannot return to school properly after Easter.

With this in mind we trialled a YouTube video of Japanese yesterday (Alice was thrilled with the lovely messages, thank you!).

Linked with this, we have set up a school blog with some ideas posted. When you have a moment, please have a look <https://mightymugginton.wordpress.com/>

This is, potentially, the way we will upload work on a daily basis after Easter. Feedback would be gratefully received.

Finally, Mrs Riley has shared a number of excellent resources and links with me about how to structure your home learning time. I have listed the links at the bottom of this email. Much appreciated, Rose!

Feedback on our use of the Wordpress Blog and YouTube channel for the Summer term would be much appreciated.

Thank you very much

Joseph Green

Links:

Ones to help parents

- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/home-learning-how-to-plan-your-day> (this one is good for parents to see that 'learning' doesn't have to amount to more than a couple of hours a day or measure up to what is done in school)
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMY4o8_rPjmFoatx7F4TvHQ/videos (This is our Twinkl Kids TV channel – lots of fun, educational programmes and live lessons)
- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/dragons-and-unicorns-how-using-a-theme-can-help-your-child-to-learn> (how to teach/ learn through themes/ topics your child is interested in – making learning fun and natural)
- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/home-learning-fun-rainy-day-activities-for-kids> (fun activities for those who have the time to play)
- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/home-learning-how-to-manage-different-age-kids> (this one is great for grounding parents and helping them not to panic or try and do too much, also tips on managing children of different ages and needs)
- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/the-best-educational-tv-shows-on-netflix-for-children>
- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/plant-power-why-gardening-could-be-good-for-your-mental-wellbeing> (indoor and outdoor gardening activities)
- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/120-indoor-games-crafts-and-activities-for-the-home>

- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/a-parents-guide-to-using-twinkl-without-a-pc-or-printer>
- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/outdoor-science-activities-for-children>
- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/simple-home-science-experiments-for-children-who-are-mad-about-slime>

Using Twinkl Go!

Twinkl Go! is our interactive area of the site, where you'll find online games, self-marking comprehensions, audiobooks and more.

Using Twinkl Originals

As a parent you may feel more comfortable and confident in using books as a starting point for learning. Our "**Twinkl Originals**" books were created to encourage a love of reading and enhance curriculum-wide learning through accompanying teacher-created resources. Each book is available in different formats - PowerPoint, eBook or audio book (available through Twinkl Go!) - and has been written using age-appropriate vocabulary and themes. Books are available for children in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 (up to age 11) and each comes with ready-made resources to support writing, maths and other curriculum areas. Once you've found a book within the Twinkl Originals page, click to see all supporting resources. If your child is learning a particular topic at school, this is a great way to continue this learning at home.

Lapbooks and Workbooks

For parents who may prefer a topic-led approach, we have a fantastic range of "**lapbooks**" to choose from. Browse the options online - again, these might align with topics being learnt at school. There's also a "**helpful guide**" which explains how to make a Twinkl lapbook. Super simple and a really enjoyable activity for children and parents alike.

Twinkl Boost offers step-by-step lessons and interventions. Designed for use in class, there's lots that parents could select for their children at home.

Maths Mysteries are incredibly popular, self-led activities. Perfect for use at home.

For hands-on, fun science activities, take a look at our "**Awe and Wonder**" collection

Ones to help staff

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/wellbeing-school-closures> (one for staff on how to cope with school closures)

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/how-to-use-google-classroom-to-teach-remotely>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/learning-primary-english-at-home-week-1-reading-adverbs-and-adjectives> (each week there is a blog which helps parents teach specifics at home – this could be used to plan work the following week to be sent from home)

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/home-learning-plan-for-ages-8-9-t-tp-2549369> (these are great resources for children of all ages – lots of fun activities to do each day, links via QR codes – really fun learning. It includes a visual timetable, pintables, interactive games and craft/ outdoor activities for each day)

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/newsroom> ("Twinkl News Room" delivers the news for kids today. Our daily kids news reports are child-friendly and a perfect way to help your class explore the news with confidence. Each kids news report comes with a range of curriculum-friendly teaching resources. It's the perfect way to teach reading comprehension around the news!

Useful articles and resources for parent's wellbeing

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/mental-health-and-wellbeing-t-p-805>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/supporting-childrens-mental-health-parent-and-carer-information-sheet-t-lf-2548811>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/six-weeks-to-staff-wellbeing-session-6-good-enough-guidance-pack-t2-lf-755>
(we wrote this for staff, but you could pinch bits to apply for parents)