



WILLOW LANE HOME LEARNING PACK

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Please find attached a catalogue of activities, links and suggestions which you may find helpful when learning with your child at home.

Things to consider with home learning:

- Primary school education works due to adults engaging with children. Giving children worksheets etc to just complete is not the same as learning.
- A balance between traditional activities and online learning is healthiest.
- Online safety should always be a consideration. All our children have had lessons on this and there is advice for parents in the 'Mums, Dads and Carers' section of our website.
- Our curriculum covers the full range of subjects including art, PE etc and home learning should echo this.
- A daily routine (bit of reading, maths, dog walk, PE, creative etc) will help both you and your child.
- An In/Out tray approach can be effective ie *this side is what we need to do and then we can....* Some of you may find having a 'Choices Board' of rewards helps.
- If you do not need to self-isolate then learning could take place outside.
- Activities such as gardening, baking, board games etc can be valid learning activities.
- You know your child best – use their interests.
- Learning is effective when it is fun!

ONLINE SAFETY:

Many of the activities listed below involve learning online. If you and your family are self-isolating then this will be a format you will be looking to use. All children have had age appropriate lessons in online learning however we remind all parents to remind children of good practice and any expectations you have within your household.

Information for children and parents can be found within the 'Mums, Dads and Carers' section of our website.

	<p>Think U Know</p> <p>Thinkuknow is the education programme from CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.</p> <p>Learn More →</p>		<p>CEOP</p> <p>If you're worried about online abuse or the way someone has been communicating online, let CEOP know.</p> <p>Learn More →</p>
	<p>Safer Internet</p> <p>UK Safer Internet has tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online.</p> <p>Learn More →</p>		<p>Lancashire Safeguarding</p> <p>Ensuring that Children and Young People in Lancashire are kept safe and that all agencies do what they can to promote their welfare.</p> <p>Learn More →</p>

Website	Link
Internet Matters advice for parents (0-5). Various topics to discuss with children and keep children safe online.	https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/
Internet Matters advice for parents (6-10) – Various topics to discuss with children and keep children safe online.	https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/
THINKUKNOW resource library- use the search facility to find suitable videos, presentations and resources to support	https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/

English

Activities you could do with your child:

- Share a story/write a book review/write a character description e.g. for a Top Trumps Card
- Read some opening chapters from the Love Reading 4 Kids website
- Write a story, poem, play
- Make puppets and put on a play
- Play a board game, dig out old favourites and hold championship tournaments! You could even design a new one for a target audience!
- Paint a picture and label it/write about it / create a poem
- Blackout poems – <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/blog-posts/john-depasquale/blackout-poetry/>
- Look, say, cover, write, check spellings
- Create a poster about washing hands/hygiene about Coronavirus
- Make an Easter Egg Hunt with clues in your garden
- Make Mother's Day cards, poems
- Research 'project'/poster on a topic that's been covered in school recently, e.g. the Egyptians, a famous author, an inspirational person etc. This could be in the form of a poster, leaflet, booklet or a PowerPoint presentation etc.
- Have a good declutter/sort-out of your toys! Which toys or books do you no longer use? Write a review of your favourite with a target audience!
- Bake! Bake your favourite recipe and write up the recipe so as to create a class book of favourite recipes when you return to school.
- Junk modelling – why not upcycle some waste materials in order to make something new?

Useful websites are:

- Oxford Owl (KS1) <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>
- Teach your monster to read (Reception- Y2) <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>
- ICT Runway (Y1) <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/writingRunway/index.html>
- BBC Bitesize (Reception-Y6) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- British Library (Reception -Y6) <https://www.bl.uk/>
- WordMania (An app for KS2)
- Phonics Play (Reception – Year 2) <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
- ICTGames (Reception - Y6) <http://www.ictgames.com/>
- Lovereading4kids (Reception-Y6) <https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/>
- Change for Life website (Reception-Y6) <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

Mathematics

Activities you could do with your child

Playing games, especially card games, dice games, dominoes or games involving counting in any form, such as Yahtzee, Monopoly, Ludo, Snakes and Ladders.

In addition, games that support memory, such as memory matching games

(<https://www.education.com/worksheets/memory-games/>) or 'I went to the shops and I bought...' (<https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/memory-time-fillers/i-went-to-the-shops...>) can help to develop children's retention skills.

For children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, practice making and recalling pairs of numbers that make a given total, such as all the pairs of numbers that make 10, 8, 5 etc.

For children in Years 2 to 6, practice times tables.

Year 2: 2, 5 and 10 times tables

Year 3: 3, 4 and 8 times tables

Years 4 to 6: All tables up to 12×12

Useful websites

www.mathplayground.com (Years 2 to 6)

Especially the Number Puzzles and Brain Workouts sections. Alternatively, select from the grades at the top of the page (Grade 1 = Year 2, Grade 2 = Year 3, etc).

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks> (EYFS and Year 1)

Videos to develop understanding of numbers and how they fit together.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8> (Years 1 and 2)

Short videos and activities covering the maths curriculum for KS1.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39> (Years 3 to 6)

Short videos and activities covering the maths curriculum for KS2.

Children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have Times Tables Rockstars accounts which they can access from home. There is a wide range of activities to help children rapidly recall their times tables. If you have trouble logging in then please get in touch.

PRIMARY SCIENCE

If school is closed but your child does not need to self-isolate you may consider

- Take a walk in nature. Make a collection of things you find. Once home, display them and see if you can identify them. Nature Detectives has some great 'spotter sheets' which might help.
- Plant some vegetables to grow at home. How can you keep them healthy? Once grown, can you use them in your cooking? Easy ones to grow for younger children are lettuce varieties, cress, radish or basil and mint herbs.
- Have a family sunflower competition. Who can keep their plant healthy and grow the tallest sunflower? Keep a diary of how much it grows each day.

Other activities you could do with your child

- Make a marble run. How long can you keep the marble moving for?
- Take a 'Science Selfie'. Take a photograph of themselves with something science related in the image. Print off the photograph and complete the caption 'This is science because...'
Make a collection of 'Science Selfies' to show how science is all around us.
- With an adult for guidance, experiment with cooking and food preparation. Make cakes and discuss what they notice at each stage of the recipe. Try this experiment to see how oven temperature affects cake mix: Make some cake mixture and place in 15 separate muffin cases. Put all the muffins in the oven then after every minute remove one from the oven until all 15 have been removed. Which is the best cake? Why? What do you notice? Mix up the cake order and see if you can put them back in the correct order.
- Try making some healthier snacks. Try super-seed energy balls, homemade granola, hummus with veg sticks. Explore online for some great ideas.
- Make a den, inside or out. Explain what materials you used and why your den is good?
- Research a famous scientist. What did they discover? How is their idea used today?

- What is the best way to stop ice cubes (or an ice lolly) from melting? Suggest 3 different things, test them and see which ice cube lasted longest. For younger children change where they put the ice cubes. For older children change the material they wrap the ice in (testing thermal insulators).

Useful websites

EYFS/KS1/KS2: <https://www.rigb.org/families/experimental> Experimental is a series of short films making it fun, easy and cheap to do science experiments at home with your children. The films depict the age of the children for which the experiments are suitable.

KS2: <https://www.jamesdysonfoundation.com/resources/challenge-cards.html> Dyson engineers have designed these challenges specifically for children. Ideal for home or in the classroom, they encourage inquisitive young minds to get excited about engineering.

EYFS/KS1: <https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/activities/> Free, downloadable materials to support being nature detectives in the outdoors

Families working together: <https://seerih-innovations.org/science4families/>

For more science experiments try <https://www.stevespanglerscience.com/lab/experiments/>

RSPB reserves are also open to the public even though their cafes etc are closed.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

Physical Education

Activities you could do with your child.

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Some sort of physical activity. The Chief Medical Officers guidelines for young people is to be active for at least 60 minutes a day. Examples of moderate intensity activities include, walking, playing outside in a park, riding a scooter, cycling, ball games etc. Reduce the time spent sitting or lying down and break up long periods of not moving with some activity. Aim to spread activity throughout the day. All activities should make you breathe faster and feel warmer, above all make it fun and something the children enjoy.

Other activities you could do with your child

Physical activity ideas from <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities>

Useful websites

<https://plprimarystars.com/for-families> (activities for KS1 and KS2 children)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/super movers> (activities for Ks1 and Ks2 children)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/physical-education-ks1-ks2-lets-get-active/z72yjhv>
(Ks1 and Ks2)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ks2-physical-education/zj2n92p> (Ks2)

Children have used the Joe Wicks videos linked to Children in Need and these can be a fun workout for the whole family.

National Trust gardens are open to the public even though their buildings are closed.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/>

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History

Activities you could do with your child

Draw out your family tree - ask questions of different family members to see how far you can trace your family back

Make a poster about your grandparents. Call them on the telephone and ask them questions about their life and use this information to record in the best way you can think of.

The Historic England website contains an education section that includes: teaching activities, collections of educational images, downloadable resources, PowerPoints, worksheets and notes.

<https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/education/>

Learn about local and national heritage

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/handsonhistory/>

The BBC Hands on History website contains a variety of animations, creative activities and projects to bring history alive for your children

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Subject – Computing

Website	Link
BBC Bitesize – KS1 (Year1 and 2). Animations and key information that children can work through.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zyhbwmn
BBC Bitesize – KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6). Animations and key information that children can work through.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvnrq6f
Code for Life (Rapid Router) Levels 1-18 for KS1 Levels 19-79 for KS2 Concepts are taught as the children move through the levels.	https://www.codeforlife.education/rapidrouter/