

P6/7 Home Learning Update and Ideas – March 19th 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I thought I would put together an initial letter to you all with some ideas and suggestions of activities to undertake at home while the schools are closed. First and foremost, I wanted to wish you all good health and hope you all stay well. I will be thinking of you all over the coming weeks, the class GLOW page has also been updated and you can engage with the discussion board there too. I have put some general links and then some activities/suggestions in curricular areas. Hope it is useful.

CORE TEACHING AND LEARNING

Lessons will be appearing on Google Classroom, the children will be able to access this via a tile on their GLOW page. If the children complete their set tasks they can access other learning ideas set out below:-

Please note that daily tasks will be available for a full 24 hours as it is understood that children will access their learning at different times of the day depending on availability of devices. It is possible to connect to GLOW through laptops, ipads, iphones and indeed XBOX and PS4, there are tutorials online for the latter two options. There will be a daily numeracy, literacy and either topic/expressive art assignment.

OTHER WEBSITES OR IDEAS FOR LEARNING

Twinkl (a website which has activities/worksheets/interactive games) can be found at www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and if you enter UKTWINKLHELPS you can access resources.

BBC Teach has lots of great ideas, videos and games
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/primary/zd7p47h>

Pupils also have access at home to Education City <https://www.educationcity.com/> they should all have their individual login details alongside their Sumdog and GLOW information.

LITERACY

Keep reading! Portlethen Library has lots of online resources if your child has an account. Parents can use the book detective tasks in the diary to keep your comprehension skills going. You could have a virtual book group with your friends, you could write or present book reviews to each other and suggest authors or books your classmates may enjoy.

Keep a diary, or write a short story. Could you write an acrostic poem for Easter or about your football team? Here is a website you could use for story starters
<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/>

Epic Reading is a website with access to thousands of books, I have created an online account and pupils can log in as follows. Open the following website
www.getepic.com/students

Login with this code rmj0415 and then select their name.

MATHS

As well as using Sumdog and Top Marks (links on GLOW page) pupils can also concentrate on telling the time, they could look at timetables for buses and trains online and plan journeys. They can cook at home as measuring weighing out and timing are all important skills. Times tables always need a bit of polishing! Sumdog challenges will be updated from time to time to make sure that key skills are kept fresh.

TOPIC

Pupils can access TigTag through GLOW and can continue to watch and enjoy the clips about Earthquakes. Pupils could continue to research an Earthquake or volcano of their choice and perhaps use their ICT skills to create a powerpoint to share via GLOW. They could make a poster at home, using different papers and colours. They could continue to research areas of Japan which interest them and keep a scrap book of findings.

National Geographic Kids
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Keeping bodies and minds healthy will become increasingly important. There are lots of online workouts if it is a rainy day!

Super Movers <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

Also remember the Live n Learn website shared in a previous newsletter- parent code is 8278

<https://live-n-learn.co.uk/>

SCIENCE

As mentioned **TigTag** has a host of videos and ideas. Other good websites are

Science Sparks <https://www.science-sparks.com/>

The **SSPCA** and **RSPB** have dedicated parts of their websites for children, lots to see in gardens at this time of year. Watch out for nesting birds and perhaps build a minibeast hotel!

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