

# Thames Home Learning

## 20 April – 1 May

We hope you all enjoyed a restful Easter break and that you and your families are doing well. We are thinking of you all, and missing the children!

Thank you to those who completed the Survey at the end of last term. It provided valuable information as to how we can provide the best support for Home Learning. Overall last term, we were very impressed by: the children's motivation; engagement with the tasks set; and effort to complete work well.

We do understand that family circumstances and pressures are all challenging and unpredictable at the moment, and for this reason we have tried to make the home learning activities as flexible as possible. We understand that each activity may not be perfect for each child, but would encourage children to try to complete as much as possible. Please email us at [office@radleyprimary.uk](mailto:office@radleyprimary.uk) if you have any questions.

It is important to have some routine and do some learning every day, but even more importantly, the best thing you can do to reduce anxiety and stress for you and your child is to play games, have fun and go outside for some fresh air and exercise.

### Each week, we will be setting work on Google Classroom:

#### • Literacy lesson plans

- Please do the **input/learning** activity and complete the **core** task from the lesson plans. The extension/ challenge activity is an optional extra for those that would like to do more or need something harder to try.
- Friday's activity will be a reading task based on the group reading book your child took home last term (most children have *The Hobbit*, *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* or *The Wreck of the Zanzibar*)
- Children who complete work on Google Docs can submit this on Google Classroom. Children who prefer to hand write work can let teachers know they have done this by: opening the assignment on Google Classroom; clicking on the Turn in button on the right of the page; and writing a Private comment that they have completed work in their workbook.
- Y5s also have a CGP spelling book to do at their own pace.

#### • Maths lesson plans

- Please do the **input/learning** activity and complete the **core** task from the lesson plans. The extension/ challenge activity is an optional extra for those that would like to do more or need something harder to try.
- CGP books can be used to supplement activities set or when technology is not working / appropriate
- Optional extra – A daily year 5/6 video lesson and activity can be found on <http://www.iseemaths.com/home-lessons/>
- If children find it hard to understand a concept, some good websites to use are: Maths is fun, BBC Bitesize, Maths Antics, Numberocks, Espresso and Twinkl
- Topic activity – Raging Rivers
- Science activity – Changing Materials
- Creative activity – Art / DT or Music
- ReadWorks – Comprehension activity (weekly)
- ReadWorks - Article-a-day (daily)
  - To ensure children are still practising their handwriting skills, please record facts in the Red Book of Knowledge. We are still able to see what articles they are reading online.
- Weekly tracker (can be filled in online and submitted at the end of the week)

We would also like children to keep up their regular practice on the activities below.

Subject	Resources	Time daily
Reading for pleasure	Own books, online texts Biblionarium – record minutes read and write at least 2-3 sentences summarizing the text	20 – 30 minutes minimum
Spelling	Spelling tutor	10 minutes
Spelling	Quizlet	10 minutes
Times Tables	TT Rockstars (or DK Times Tables app)	10 – 15 minutes
Mixed	BOFA The initial tests on the ADAPTIVE TESTS are very challenging (this is to help the system to determine the appropriate level of challenge for subsequent tests) Do encourage your child to persevere as the tests will get easier.	One comprehension, one reasoning, one arithmetic and one spelling per week
Typing Club	Typing Club logins	10 minutes
Physical Exercise	Joe Wicks (daily online PE lessons) Go Noodles Other online videos Own exercise (walks, bike rides, trampoline, gardening etc)	30 minutes

A wealth of further resources and inspiration can be **found on the Radley Primary website (select drop down menu for Class Information and select Thames)**. Some of these include:

- Online book library with over 7000 books accessed at: <https://readon.myon.co.uk/>
- **Numbots maths resource:** Using their TT Rockstars username and password, children can now log in at <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/search-school> and play the maths games.
- Daily Maths Lesson and activity at <http://www.iseemaths.com/home-lessons/>

**Artist of the Term Assembly** – Our virtual ‘Artist of the Term’ assembly will be posted on Monday 20 April for children to view on their Google Classroom account.

Please know we are still here (though at a small distance) to guide and support you and your children both academically and with any personal concerns you may have about their well-being and development, do not hesitate to contact us.

As ever we wish you well and thank you for supporting your child’s learning.

Heather Sparks and Anne Quigley

*\*\*\* We understand that not all websites are working smoothly every day. This can be very frustrating for children and we have been assured that improvements are being made. It may be worth accessing Education City either very early at the start of the day or towards the end of the day when there is less demand. Do encourage your child to persevere. Alternatively, use workbooks, activities from TWINKL or other resources found on our School website.*