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Dear Parents

We hope that this letter finds you and your family well. We have been really impressed with how the children have responded to making the huge change to “distance learning” – keep up the great work, Thames Class!

We are all still adapting to the new way of life during the lockdown and we understand that family circumstances are challenging for many people at the moment. Do try to keep some routine and daily learning but even more importantly, try to make time to connect with each other, particularly through play and having fun. Always know that you are not alone. If there is anything more that we can do as a school to help you, please don't hesitate to contact us by email at office@radleyprimary.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Work set for the coming week on Google Classroom

Maths

Look at the lesson plan posted in the maths assignment on Google Classroom. There are daily activities to complete. For the Education City activities, click on **Classwork**, to access the activities we have set. We will be able to see which of these Classwork activities your child has attempted and what their score is.

Literacy

Look at the lesson plan posted in the literacy assignment on Google Classroom. There are daily activities to complete. Please ask your child to turn in their written work at the end of the week, so that we can see it clearly and write feedback comments for your child.

Reading comprehension

On Google Classroom, there are links to comprehension activities on the Readworks website. 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.

Science

A weekly activity assignment is posted on Google Classroom.

Topic

Two topic activities are set each week on Google Classroom: a task linked to our geography topic, and a weekly (optional) creative activity.

Optional extra work to submit

We put this assignment on Google classroom to give children the opportunity to add:

- Any photos of extra activities or work they have done
- Additional work that they have done after turning in an assignment (once you turn in your work, you can't change or add to it until we have returned it to you)

We are happy for your child to complete their work online or on paper, but please encourage them to comment on Google Classroom to let us know what handwritten work they have done.

Websites and other activities

In addition, we ask children to spend time on the following websites and activities:

Subject	Resources	Time daily
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Reading for pleasure	Own books, online texts Use the Biblionasium website to record how many minutes you have read for, write reviews and summarise the text.	20 – 30 minutes minimum
Spelling	Spelling tutor	10 minutes
	Quizlet	
	YEAR 5 – Spelling CGP book (own pace)	
Times Tables	TT Rockstars (or DK Times Tables app)	10 – 15 minutes
Mixed	BOFA adaptive tests The initial adaptive tests are very challenging but encourage your child to persevere as the tests will get easier as the system adapts to your child's level.	One comprehension, one maths reasoning, one arithmetic and one spelling per week
Touch typing	Typing Club	10 minutes
Physical Exercise	Activities provided Ignite Sport, who provide our PE support. https://www.ignitesportuk.com/learn-from-home Look out for Mr Piper in the videos! Joe Wicks (daily online PE lessons) Go Noodles Other online videos Own exercise (walks, bike rides, trampoline, gardening etc)	30 minutes

Optional extras

Children have their CGP workbooks, and there are also useful weblinks on our school website. You can now use your TT Rockstars password to log into Numbots, <https://numbots.com> , where there are some great maths games.

Feedback

At the end of the week, we will post a survey for the children as an assignment on Google Classroom. If you would like to add anything or ask a question, you can do so by posting a comment in the survey assignment.

We'll give feedback comments using Google Classroom on work that your child adds and turns in, so look out for these. Merits awarded will be added to our class tracker once we are back in school.

Enjoy the bank holiday on Friday! With best wishes and thanks for your continued support,

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