

The Learning Project Overview

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Why have Learning Projects been created?

Learning Projects have been created as a result of schools partially shutting due to the Coronavirus outbreak across the UK. Based on this very real and increasing threat a decision was made to create a set of home learning projects which can be completed by your child/children for a set duration. In creating the Learning Projects we fully acknowledge that they cannot replace the quality of learning your child receives at school however, our complete focus has been on creating a set of projects that all children can access to maximise their learning whilst at home.

What are the aims of the Learning Projects?

- To create age specific learning opportunities for primary school children.
- To create a resource for parents that is easy to access and use - the focus is on parents being able to help deliver the content or children accessing it independently.
- Key learning is linked to the National Curriculum.
- To enable children to continue with their learning at home during an enforced shutdown.
- To enable families to focus on a joint topic and theme to promote family wide learning.
- To provide structure and focus to each day that an enforced shutdown occurs.
- To centralise online learning resources and links into an easy to manage format for families.

How do I use the Learning Projects?

Each week's worth of work will be available by 9am on the Monday morning. You can download the project and begin following it. These projects provide children with the opportunities to choose from a creative and wider curriculum learning. This is additional to the work set on Google Classroom.

What happens if my child finds the learning too difficult?

Our first piece of advice to parents is that ALL children find elements of learning challenging at times so try not to worry if your child becomes stuck and you cannot explain it to them. If this happens then make a note of what they found hard and move onto another learning activity - the school will cover any misconceptions when we return. The Learning Projects which have been designed are based on the National Curriculum expectations for the year group which your child is in. It may be that your child finds the tasks set within the Learning Project for their year

group too challenging, for example if they have additional learning needs. If this is the case, then we advise that your child accesses the Learning Projects which are set to the age range below, for example a child in Year 3/4 could attempt the KS1 Learning Project if this is more appropriate for them. It could also be that your child accesses online interventions at their school to help support their Maths learning, for example IXL. Your school has provided login information for these interventions in advance of a possible school closure. Your school will update you with which IXL topics they wish for year groups to be focussing on for each week.

Additional resources

You may be aware that some websites are allowing parents to sign up and use their services for free. We have provided some examples where you can:

- Collins Big Cat Reading books - aimed towards book banded children

<https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/teacherlogin.aspx>

Username: parents@harpercollins.co.uk

Password: Parents20!

- Oxford Owl - Free eBooks for children aged 3-11 (initial sign up)

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>

- Phonics Play - games aimed at those who are learning phonetic sounds

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Username: march20

Password: home

- Twinkl - resources for topics towards all age ranges.

www.twinkl.co.uk/offer

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