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Dear Parents

YEARS 1 – 5 HOMEWORK IN THE EVENT OF SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of school closure, we would like to inform you of the plans that we have in place to support your child's learning.

Today your child's class teacher is sending home an **exercise book** which includes details of all of the online learning platforms which school has subscribed to:

Reading Plus (Y4 & Y5), My Maths, Purple Mash, Times Table Rock Stars & Numbots

All recording for homework tasks can be completed in the **exercise book** provided for pupils, but please note that these will not be marked by school staff on return to school.

Work for WEEK ONE of School Closure:

We have set up a starter pack. **Please do not begin to use these packs unless school is closed.**

The pack contains five reading comprehension exercises (one per day) along with answer sheets.

Work for WEEK TWO of School Closure:

All other homework tasks will be uploaded onto the school website by your child's class teacher, in the form of a **WEEKLY LETTER**, and will be available for you to **download on the school website** by clicking on the **Curriculum and Gallery** button on the **homepage** of the **school website** and then clicking on the **Year Group** for your child.

The **WEEKLY LETTER** will be uploaded **every Monday by 9.00am** and will include learning links, support and activities for you to **download**.

Every week class teachers will set:

- five English activities
- five maths activities
- a weekly R.E. task
- a research-based task

Please aim to complete **one** English and **one** maths task each day. The research task can be completed across a number of days in the week.

Along with this, we will set **maths tasks** on **My Maths** (the website we already use to set homework). If your child finds their tasks too challenging, they can access the lesson first (which takes them through the steps), then when they feel more confident they can complete the set task.

There is an expectation that children will continue to use **Numbots / Times Table Rock Stars on a daily basis for around 10 minutes**. We would also encourage children to **read for 15-30 minutes each day** for pleasure.

Please note:

It will not be possible to differentiate tasks for all learning needs (as we would do in school) whilst working online; therefore, we would advise that if your child is unable to access their current year group's English tasks, please visit another year group's page as their tasks may be more suitable.

Activities in school are introduced and modelled by our class teachers so you may need to sit with your child and guide them as they begin their work.

Additional Learning Activities:

If you wish to access **additional learning activities**, then you can encourage your child to use **Purple Mash**, which is a website we use in school to teach the computing curriculum.

There is a range of activities on **Purple Mash** e.g. typing practice, spelling practice, maths games, history tasks etc. We would encourage you to make the most of this resource while school is closed.

Furthermore, **Twinkl** (a teaching resource which we use in school) can be accessed by parents for free. To find out more about this, please follow this link: www.twinkl.co.uk/offer

In order to **summarise** the **homework guidance** for a potential closure, I have included a table to clarify these arrangements:

FOCUS	TASK(S)	AIM TO COMPLETE	TIMINGS (APPROX.)
English	Reading comprehension / grammar / writing task etc.	ONE TASK PER DAY Monday – Friday	20-30 minutes
Maths	My Maths (online lesson and task)	ONE TASK PER DAY Monday – Friday	20-30 minutes
R.E.	Research / discussion-based task	ONCE A WEEK	30 minutes
Research	Research / discussion-based task linked to a specific subject / topic	ONCE A WEEK	30 minutes
Reading / Reading Plus (Y4 & 5)	Reading for pleasure (books which you already have at home or appropriate online reading material)	DAILY Monday – Friday	15-30 minutes
Numbots (KS1) / Times Table Rock Stars (KS2)	As per website (these will be set by your child's class teacher)	DAILY Monday – Friday	10 minutes

Please note: homework tasks will only be set during term time (not during school holidays).

We kindly request that you do as much as you are able to do with your child during this difficult and uncertain time.

We hope that this letter will help to reassure you during the current uncertain times. Please visit our **school website** regularly to view any updates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Chapman'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'E' and a long, sweeping tail.

Mrs E. Chapman
Deputy Headteacher