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Home Learning Guide for Families

*We value your
feedback as it helps us
to make
improvements*

Here are some examples of what we've done in response to your feedback.

You Said...

"YouTube won't run as blocked on children's tablets because they are under 13."

"Material hard to access"

"With regards to quantity, my son feels he has to complete all the tasks."

"It's difficult when a child is already behind, gets confused and struggles."

"I think it would be helpful to have access to online books for the children to read"

...We Did

All YouTube videos will have a Google link whereby videos can be accessed by all.

Message teacher, who will respond at a specific point in the day. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Fisell are contactable via Class Dojo for further advice.

A minimum expectation is for only one piece of work to be completed a day. See top tips below for an effective working environment.

Differentiated work will be set online where appropriate.

A link to the AR testing site and Oxford Owl reading library will be posted in the daily Dojo post.

Top Tips for Creating a Home Learning Environment

Here are a few things to consider when developing a learning environment at home:

1. Find a quiet, comfortable place to work and read.
2. Take breaks, move regularly and keep to a routine.
3. When working, switch off all notifications, phones etc.
4. Drink water and eat healthily.
5. If in doubt, check Class Dojo. For help, message your teachers.
6. Pay attention to your feelings and emotions before going to sleep each night.
7. Make sure you have a good, regular bedtime that is not too late.
8. If you feel lost, lonely, helpless or anxious, seek help from others.



Reading

Why is reading so important?

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

There are lots of ways to keep enjoying reading at DPA. Oxford Owl has a vast library of books for all age groups, if you need further recommendations click on the link below to access a whole host of other websites.

[How to keep Reading through school closure](#)

AR

Our hugely successful reading scheme at Key Stage 2 continues, with new targets being set for Term 5. Once you have read a book, then use your AR log on to take a quiz. You should be aiming for over 85% each time! Use the following link to enter your password.

<https://ukhosted40.renlearn.co.uk/2240669/default.aspx>.

If you are reading a book from home/Oxford Owl website, check it is on AR before you read it by entering the title into the following website.

[AR book finder](#)



Choosing what to read


When it comes to instilling a love of reading, it doesn't really matter what you read. The important thing is that we all help to inspire our children to feel confident and comfortable reading. Ask yourself what type of reading the book is for. Is it a book that they find easy to read that helps them build confidence? Is it a book for you to read for pleasure to your child?

Top tips to help children enjoy reading

1. Make books part of your family life – Always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there's a chance.
2. Match their interests – Help them find the right book - it doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
3. All reading is good – Don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. Reading is reading and it is all good.
4. Get comfortable! – Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child, either in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa, or make sure they have somewhere comfy when reading alone.
5. Ask questions – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'Where did we get to last night? Can you remember what had happened already?'
6. Read whenever you get the chance – Bring along a book or magazine for any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's surgery.
7. Read again and again – Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
8. Bedtime stories – Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.
9. Rhyme and repetition – Books and poems which include rhyme and repetition are great for encouraging your child or children to join in and remember the words.

Wellbeing









































It is as important for children to look after their wellbeing as much as their learning. Why not spend some time each day trying to colour in at least two of the boxes below with your children to help them with their wellbeing? The ? boxes are there for children to come up with their own activities!



feeling good...

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TIME FOR TWO?

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| Read a book  | Listen to music  | Write a poem  | Listen to a podcast  | Try meditation  | Write a gratitude list  | Watch a movie  | Sketch a picture  | Birdwatch from your window  |
| Bake something  | ? | Do some maths work  | Help with the housework  | Make an origami animal  | Watch a nature documentary  | Cook a healthy recipe  | Read around your subjects  | Answer some general knowledge Q's ??? |
| Sing out loud  | Help a younger sibling  | ? | Have a go at a brush letter challenge  | Learn something new  | Find and share some good news  | Try a yoga pose  | Start a diary  | Set a new goal  |
| Unfollow a negative person  | Email a teacher to say 'thanks'  | Tidy up  | Listen to an audiobook  | Do some gardening  | Give someone a compliment  | Learn a different language  | Dance around the house  | Sort out your wardrobe or drawer  |
| ? | Do a 'Joe Wicks' workout  | ? | Ask someone what matters most to them  | Learn a tiktok dance  | Create a playlist of your favourite songs  | Research another culture  | Make a model of something  |  <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Keep a note of all the things you do to show Miss Mitchell!</p> |

TRY TO DO TWO A DAY. COLOUR THE BOXES IN DIFFERENT COLOURS WHEN COMPLETE.