

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head into the new Summer term, it continues to be a very different way of life for us all. We still don't know how long this will last for so as a school we wanted to find ways to continue to support the children with their learning. We have asked each year group to identify some activities linked to the objectives the children have already been taught (to help consolidate this learning) and others linked to objectives they would have been covering in school. These can be found on the school website by clicking on the Home Learning tab and opening the year group your child is in. For those year groups that have online platforms (Tapestry, See-saw or Showbie) already set up, the teachers will continue to put work on via these.

It is important to say that it is entirely up to you how you organise your child's learning at home. For some children they will like the structure of a 'school' day, doing different lessons throughout the day. For others they may like to have a whole morning of maths one day and then a morning of writing the next. For some they may need short burst with breaks in-between. Although some teachers have set out a daily timetable, please feel free to adapt it and find a structure that works for your family. As a general rule, the children should spend around 30 minutes on each of the daily activities. We have also included some mindfulness activities as not only is this something we would do in school, but it is essential, at this time, that the children look after their mental health. Our specialist teachers have also put together some activities to support the subjects that they teach including French and music which your child may be interested in looking at.

We are acutely aware that trying to educate a child or children, whilst at the same time working from home yourselves, is not an easy task. We would encourage you to use the information from staff as a guide, not as a 'must do' list and we do not want children or parents to feel under pressure to complete **all** the work/suggestions given. Feel free to vary what is given to make sure that you all enjoy the isolation as much as possible and enjoy time being a family. We know that the children have been enjoying a wealth of experiences at home and as the Reception staff will tell you a great deal of learning goes on through play and 'every day' activities. During our phone calls home, the children have told us about of lots of fun being had with Lego (Design & Technology, fine motor skills), baking (Literacy – instructions, Maths – measuring & reading scales), playing board games (Literacy – instructions, PSHE – taking turns, Resilience – winning and losing), watching films (Literacy – widening vocabulary, understanding story structure), hunts out in the garden (Science – animals & habitats) and all the wonderful P.E including Joe Wicks, Cosmic Kids yoga, football and riding their bikes. Keep it up; you are all doing a wonderful job.

Class teachers will continue to make their phone calls home after the Easter break. They are missing the children and love to hear what they have been up to. If you have any questions about the home learning tasks, then this is also an opportunity to ask them. Teachers can also be contacted via the online platforms -where they have been set up- or through the school email:

[enquiry@coppice.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@coppice.bham.sch.uk)

Weekly newsletters will continue to be added to the school website so please have a look at those. There is also a daily bit of fun on the school Twitter (@CoppiceB75) where you and your child can try and guess the member of staff from their baby photograph.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Green