



Bicton C of E Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Home-learning – further information

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding, particularly over the past 48 hours. This has been much appreciated by all our staff in these uncertain times.

Your child has been given an exercise book today. This can be used to complete some of the tasks in which teachers have set for them. Please can you support your child in the early stages of school closure, as they get used to this new way of learning.

- For the first week of school closure, paper copies have been sent home for some of the activities which we would like children to complete. These will also be uploaded to the class pages.
- Some tasks will need to be completed online e.g. *Time Table Rock Stars*.
- From the second week onwards, tasks will be uploaded to each class page on the website. Some tasks may require printing but we will aim to avoid this wherever necessary. If you do not have access to a printer at home, please email your child's class teacher(s) using the contact emails below and they will advise you on how children should record work in their exercise book.
- Class teachers will be available via the emails below, and will be able to answer your queries within 24 hours during term-time weekdays. Some staff may be working from home and have children or other family members to look after, so your understanding and patience is very much appreciated.
- If you have any questions about tasks set, concerns or worries whilst we are closed, then your child's teacher should be the first point of contact. If you feel it is more appropriate, Mrs Johnson will also be available during this time, via email, to address any concerns you may have.

Class 1	Mrs Bowes	class1@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk
Class 2	Mr Taylor	class2@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk
Class 3	Miss Moran / Mrs Thomas	class3@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk
Class 4	Mrs Erasmus	class4@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk
Class 5	Miss Carr / Mrs Johnson	class5@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk
Head teacher / Pastoral support	Mrs Johnson	head@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk
School Office		admin@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk

If you do not have internet access at home, please call the school office and we will try to make alternative arrangements to support your child in learning at home.

We have attached a list of curriculum-based activities that will serve as good practice of the skills your children have learned at school, and as a fun way to sustain learning that can involve whole families. These are not compulsory tasks and we do not expect every child to complete every task – it is merely there as a guide to help you through this difficult time. On the back of the list are a number of useful websites. Both of these can be found on the school website under the Homework tab on each class page.

Please remember to visit the website while school is closed, as we will be uploading other resources to support you and your child.

Kindest regards

Mrs Johnson

Tasks your child can do when school is closed

1. Read LOTS.

2. Write book reviews of what you have read and talk about books with your family.
3. Choose one of your books and design an different front cover for it.
4. Keep a diary of your daily activities, thoughts, worries and feelings.
5. Draw pictures of interesting things – can you use different materials?
6. Make a model from recycling bits and bobs.
7. Play some games or explore NumberGym (see website links over the page)
8. Explore the activities on nRich – a website full of maths problems and puzzles for all ages.
9. Try a Sudoku puzzle (see website link over the page)
10. Practise your x-tables. What's the best time you can get on TT Rockstars? (see over the page)
11. Describe what it would be like to be in school all on your own...
12. Make a model linked to one of your class' current topics.
13. Become Charles Darwin for a day. Go on a hunt for creatures in your garden or in the house. What can you find? Draw them, describe them in words, etc.
14. Look for the oldest thing in your house. What is it? Why is it there? Who did it belong to?
15. Talk to your family about what they know about your family's history. Try and make a family tree.
16. Use a camera (or a phone) to take interesting photos that have no people in.
17. Find different-shaped objects in your house /garden: pentagons, hexagons, dodecagons etc.
18. Keep a tally of cars passing your house: what is the most common colour of car? Draw a bar chart to show your results.
19. Write an adventure story based around an interesting object from your loft/attic or from around the house.
20. Read a dictionary: find your new favourite word that no one else knows. Can you draw it / use it in a sentence / create a poem with your word as the title?
21. Research a famous person you are inspired by. Write their life story.
22. Write a letter to a famous person you admire & ask for an autograph. (Find their address first!)
23. Bake a cake...
24. ... Create an advert to persuade people to taste your cake.
25. Plan and cook a meal (with some help)...
26. ...Design an invite to the meal for your family.
27. Put on a play of your favourite story.
28. If you play a musical instrument, practise lots and put on a concert for your family.
29. Draw a picture of what you want to be when you grow up.
30. Write down your hopes and dreams, put it in an envelope and hide it away. Don't open it for 10 years!
31. Dissect a flower: can you identify all the main parts? Use the internet to help you.
32. Draw a plan of your garden. Label the features or plants.
33. Design your 'perfect' garden - what would you include?
34. Build a shelter in your garden.
35. Learn some simple phrases in another language (use Language Nut – see website links over the page.)
36. Grow some seeds in different places around the house. Which area worked best? Why?
37. How many star-jumps can you do in one minute?
38. How long can you 'plank' for?
39. How many keepy-uppies can you do with a ball?
40. Produce a poster or some writing / do some research about any special days coming up: e.g. St George's Day

Twinkl	www.twinkl.co.uk/offer Enter the code: UKTWINKLHELPS	Great website full of curriculum-related activities. This is usually a subscription website but Twinkl are offering free access ,via this link, for one month to all parents.
Oxford Owl for Home	https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home	Lots of free reading resources and other primary activities.
Curriculum Visions	www.curriculumvisions.com Username: bicton.primary/0001 Password: jungle	Online access to over 500 curriculum books, hundreds of videos and tens of thousands of pictures
Times Tables Rock Stars	www.trockstars.com Children have individual log-ins written in their reading records	Times-tables challenges and great activities to practise times table facts.
Maths Games	www.transum.org/Software/Fun_Maths/Holiday.asp	Lots of fun games and activities.
Sudoku For Kids	www.dailysudoku.co.uk/sudoku/kids/	Teach your child how to do Sudoku and challenge them!
nRich	www.nrich.maths.org	FANTASTIC website full of engaging and often challenging maths problems, puzzles and questions.
YouTube Maths 4 Kids	Go to YouTube and search for Maths 4 Kids	Great for great extra on different maths topics and to understand the methods we use in school.
Languagenut	www.languagenut.com Years 3 to 6 have log-ins (written in reading records)	KS2 language website.
National Geographic Kids	www.natgeokids.com/uk/	Activities and quizzes
BBC Supermovers	www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers	Video clips from the BBC designed to get children active and moving!
Dance Mat Typing	BBC Bitesize Dance Mat Typing	A fun way to learn touch typing with four levels to play.
Teach Your Monster To Read		Free phonics and reading game