

Reception- Pupil Work/Activity Guidance

Our intention in providing this guidance is to help support both yourselves as parents and our pupils during this school closure period. We would encourage you to share this with your child and discuss how to best fit the activities into your day. Routine and consistency are key, although we do understand that everyone faces their own challenges and we just ask that you fit this into your lives the best way you possibly can. This list is not a set of 'instructions' that we expect you to carry out, simply guidance on how we feel your child will continue to learn and stay fit and healthy – in body and mind – during this difficult time.

As many of you are aware, we are currently using Tapestry to share activities, advice and suggestions. Thank you to everyone who has engaged with this already.

Daily activities

15mins	Phonics	I will share a daily task with you starting from Monday. It will have links to practical activities and to the Phonics Play website- see below for details how to log onto this website for free.
15mins	Maths	Maths is very practical in the Early Years and very much part of our daily routines. As above, I will share a daily task with you starting from Monday. It will explain how to introduce a simple aspect of learning to your child and suggest activities of how you can practise and play with the concept.
10-15mins	Reading	Reading books have been sent home. Teach Your Monster to Read app. Phonics Play Comics is a free website that will provide additional reading material. I will share a daily suggestion which links to your child's phonics phase.
2 x 30mins	Physical activity	Such as Joe Wicks workouts, Cosmic Yoga, Go Noodle, Jump Start Jonny and Shonette's Dough Disco on her Spread the Happiness channel (if you have a small ball of dough- this is good for developing finger and hand strength) on Youtube. As well as some exercise in your own garden/walking with family (within guidelines).
1 x 20mins	Class challenge activity	Challenges will be modelled and sent out via Tapestry. They will provide a relevant (I hope) opportunity to keep your child writing and applying their phonics. Mondays- Story writing challenge- I will send 4 pictures. The challenge is to write or orally tell a short simple story to match the pictures. Tuesdays- A task will be shared that will support your child to develop their Understanding of the World or Creativity. Wednesdays- Show and Tell Wednesdays- children to write about something they can then photograph and share on Tapestry. Thursdays- A task will be shared that will support your child to develop their Understanding of the World or Creativity. Fridays- Weekly news writing challenge.
30mins	Reading together	Share a book together from your own collection or from an online collection (see below).


2 x 30mins	Mindfulness	PLAY- allow your child to play and explore. Play is how children learn best- following their own agendas and interests. Allow them to choose what they would like to play with, encourage outdoor play if space is available to you, complete Jigsaws, play board games, cards or dominoes, make meals together, colouring books, audio books, podcasts, online links that we have shared. I will suggest ways in which maths and literacy can be taught, practised and explored through play.
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Details of online links-

Tapestry- Please email clevescross@durhamlearning.co.uk if you are unable to access this so a link can be sent to you via an email address that you provide.

Phonics Play- We use the games on this website in school and the children are familiar with many of them. You can login for free at this current time. <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>





Coronavirus Update

In response to the ongoing situation, we have decided to make PhonicsPlay free to use during this period. Children can use the site at home without their parents needing to subscribe. To access our resources all you need to do is log on using the following details.

Username: **march20**
Password: **home**

Our aim to ensure that existing subscribers aren't disadvantaged and will seek to make sure that after the school closures are over and the site returns to normal, that existing subscribers have additional time added to their subscription. If you haven't already discovered www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk you may also find these free decodable comics useful at a time when you can't physically exchange your children's decodable reading books.

We wish you good health and all the very best at this stressful time.

Phonics Play Comics- A website which provides reading material linked to children's phonics. <http://www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/comics.html>

Reading for Pleasure Books online-

Oxford Owl Website

ITV signed stories- <https://www.signedstories.com/parents-carers-teachers/browse-all-stories>

CBeebies Bedtime Stories- celebrities read stories.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>

Twitter – we would like to use Twitter more effectively and to be able to share many of the great activities and work that you and your children are doing. If you haven't signed-up, perhaps now would be a good time? You don't need to post anything yourselves if you don't want to but choose to receive notifications from @clevescross and you will be able to keep up with everybody else's learning too.