



Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

"Let faith be your shield"

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Dear Year Two parents,

In light of the news that schools will be closed to the majority of pupils from Monday, I am sending home a pack of activities for you to complete with your child at home. We will endeavour to keep you updated via the school website and thank you for your co-operation in this very difficult time.

Reading

Reading remains a very high priority and your child must keep practising on a daily basis. I am sending some books home for your child to keep that will be around your child's level. These are not linked to phonics phases so please be patient with your child as these books may be more challenging than their normal reading books. In addition to these books I am sending a 'Flat Stanley' novel for you to share with your child. Some children will be able to read these independently, others will need your help or you can read this book to them. When your child returns to school, we will be completing more work on the theme of 'Flat Stanley'.

Spelling

Within your child's pack, you will find the most up to date copy of their high frequency words. The first 100 are from year one so please start with these if there are any not yet highlighted. The other half of the sheet shows the first 100 of the next 200 words. Ideas to help children to learn spellings are also in the pack to help you with this. Revisiting 5 words at a time on a frequent basis is much more likely to see positive results than ploughing your way through many words in one go. I have also enclosed a copy of the weekly spelling focus words that we have explored in class so far this year. It would be useful to revisit these also.

Handwriting

Within this pack is a copy of our handwriting expectations for all but the five children who have already received a golden pencil. Please practise forming all letters starting and ending in the correct places. Letters need to be of a consistent size with clear ascenders (tall letters) and descenders (tails). Some of our children are really struggling with this so please use this time to help them to catch up. Working on your child's fine motor skills to develop hand strength would be a good idea too. Activities using small objects are great for this. Simply picking up coins off a table using a pincer grip can really help as can hand exercises, many of which can be found on the internet. Playing with play dough and baking are also great ways to get hands moving and ultimately stronger.

Literacy

Had the children been in school, we would have been writing our own non-chronological reports. The children have been researching a superhero of their choice in our computing lessons over the last few weeks and I am sending this research home for all children to use to write their own report. A paper copy of a report written by a child last year is also in your pack with a word mat with some top tips about what a report should include. Other sample texts can be found on twinkl and access to this site is currently free for parents. Go to www.twinkl.co.uk and enter PARENTSTWINKLHELPS for this free access.

Maths

I am sending home an arithmetic 'quiz' for the children to complete independently. This will clearly show you where they have gaps in their mathematical understanding. Work through this paper together talking about the methods they have used. Showing them other methods would also be helpful as would practising further similar questions. I am sending another copy of the mental arithmetic expectations for year two (and in some cases, year one). Please continue to practise these at home at least daily. In your pack, you will also find a maths homework grid with suggestions of games you might like to play, many of which have an accompanying web link with instructions.

R.E.

Mrs Ventress has also enclosed some work to complete in R.E. Instructions can be found on the sheet inside your pack.



