

School closure:

After the announcement from the government last night, school will be closing from 3.15pm on Friday until further notice.

In-school provision will still be available from Monday for children where parents are key workers and for vulnerable children with Education Health Care Plans.

Learning from home:

Please find a list of ideas that you may like to implement for your child to continue learning during this next phase

Specific areas such as literacy and mathematics:

Number

Children should be able to count reliably with numbers from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using quantities and objects, they should be able to add and subtract two single- digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.

- Practise counting to 20, adding and subtracting 1 or 2 within those numbers and develop number recognition and correct formation of written numbers
- Provide collections of interesting things for children to sort, order, count and label
- Count to and back from 100 in 10's
- Consolidate tens and ones in teen numbers. EG Number 18 has 1 ten and 8 ones, extend to larger numbers if possible
- Find 1 more or less and 2 more or less of a given number
- Discuss and use practical activities to solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.
- Use every day language to talk about size, weight, capacity, shapes, distance, time and money.

Writing

Children should use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They should also write some irregular common words. They write sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible

- Practise all taught sounds learnt this year so far. Phase 3 sounds are in the pack
- If they feel confident move on to
  - – ay, ou
  - – ie, ea
  - – oy, ir
  - – ew, aw

- Continue writing stories, simplify a story in sentences and make up actions as we do in class then learn the story and write it. The children will show you how. Don't forget the full stops

### Reading

Children should read and understand simple sentences. They use their phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate an understanding when talking with others about what they have read

- Please read with and talk with your child on a daily basis. The online website previously referenced is available [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)  
Log in details: Username: Child's name Password: Reception School Code: 9kak
- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

In addition to these specific areas it is also very important to continue supporting your child in the Prime Areas: Developing their confidence and independence, their ability to manage feelings and behaviour, fine and gross motor skills, communication, language, understanding and speaking. Being active and engaging in physical activities will be essential during this extended period away from school.

I have sent home handwriting, number and free writing books if your child was in school on 19/3/20, please let your child continue to use them if they wish.

School will be sending out links to other websites where children can participate in a range of activities from across the curriculum. This list is also accessible on the '[Remote Learning](#)' page of the school website. With regards to early years you may like to look at reading eggs or [teachyourmonstertoread.com](http://teachyourmonstertoread.com)

In addition I am sending out some information about how you can help your child at home There are lots of interesting and diverse activities that you can print off or follow in the resource packs attached.

All of the resources for remote learning can be found on the school website under Early Years Remote Learning

### Communication:

The school email will be checked daily and so will the school answerphone. For any emergency matters, please call the school office on 01494 762109.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this unprecedented situation. I will miss being with your fantastic children in school and will be thinking of them all; keep well and safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs West