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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the closure of our school on Friday 20th March for the majority of our pupils, each child was provided with a basic stationery pack from the school and an initial pack of paper based home learning tasks for the first couple of weeks that were set by their class teacher. In addition to this, there have been a range of on-line learning opportunities developed and publicised to complete whilst they are at home.

We understand that many children will have now completed the paper based work. As you can appreciate, with the current situation and the ongoing need for social distancing, we will be unable to provide further paper-based activities as you will appreciate the need to ensure the safety of both our families and staff, as much as possible. However, all pupils (Reception – Year 6) do have a text book within their stationery packs that they can record any written work they complete into.

As a result, as we move forward to the Summer Term after the Easter Break there will continue to be ongoing activities and learning opportunities set on -line in a range of formats.

These include:

- **A weekly learning overview sheet** that includes a range of activities linked to English, Maths and Vehicle that have been planned by your child's year group. Your child can pick and choose from these or can complete them all (their text books will be an ideal place for recording).
- **Creative homework**, more open-ended challenges for the children to choose from over the Easter period. These can be found on our school website.
- **Online learning resources** – (See information sheet below) These can all be accessed via the school website, on the 'Our Learning' tab at the top. <https://www.suttonroad.org/>. Activities will be set by the class teacher and linked where possible to what the children have done in school. Staff are able to also comment and set further challenges on these, therefore will be updated regularly.
- **Chill and Mindfulness Activities-** In addition to these, we have a range of activities which can be located in the 'Home Learning' tab on the school website.



- **Don't forget our Daily Challenges-** These are currently being set on Facebook each morning for the whole family to participate in and we would love to hear about how you have got on with these!

Please note that all details of suggested learning activities will continue to be shared via facebook, the school website, text messages and email so keep an eye out at all times.

Don't forget we are always willing to help and offer support where necessary and class teachers can be contacted via the class email (please see below). Don't forget to add your child's name to the email so we know who it is from. We would also love to hear how you are getting on and for you to share any work your children complete with us via these email addresses. Staff will try to respond to you as soon as possible but please obviously understand this may not always be the same day.

These will follow the below pattern classname@suttonroad.org

F1 (Nursery) team	SRF1@suttonroad.org
F2KE – Mrs. Evans	F2KE@suttonroad.org
F2LC - Miss. Hedley	F2LC@suttonroad.org
F2CA – Miss. Airton	F2CA@suttonroad.org
1AS – Mrs. Smith	1AS@suttonroad.org
1SB – Mrs. Bacon	1SB@suttonroad.org
1NG – Mr. Wakeland	1NG@suttonroad.org
2MB – Mrs. Baillie	2MB@suttonroad.org
2LS – Mrs. Stewart	2LS@suttonroad.org
2EB – Miss Baker	2EB@suttonroad.org
3MS – Miss. Smith	3MS@suttonroad.org
3AD – Mr. Dugdale	3AD@suttonroad.org
3LN – Mr. Newbold	3LN@suttonroad.org
4EP – Miss. Plume	4EP@suttonroad.org
4AB – Miss. Bunting	4AB@suttonroad.org
5LB – Miss Ballard	5LB@suttonroad.org
5AR – Mr. Rathe	5AR@suttonroad.org
6EB – Mrs. Blakely	6EB@suttonroad.org
6JS – Mrs. Skeavington	6JS@suttonroad.org

Facebook and the school website continue to be the vital way we can communicate with you as parents and carers, so we urge you all to check these regularly each day for any updates.

Over the Easter break we do not expect pupils to complete work as intensively as they would do during term time, but we will still provide some ideas for them to do that will hopefully keep them occupied and help you entertain them.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Online Learning Resources – Information Sheet




These can all be accessed via the school website:

www.suttonroad.org/learn

		
<p>Purple Mash</p>	<p>SPAG.com</p>	<p>Discovery Education</p>
<p>https://www.purplemash.com/ql/53218ffb42335</p>	<p>https://www.spag.com/</p>	<p>http://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/login/autologin/?service=espresso&user=admin&token=NzU3NTA7TCsifheggKyXUA59VvUdd9P8vp8=&err=na</p>
<p>Various Curriculum Activities (Logins Required)</p>	<p>SPaG.com provides Y2 and Y5/6 practice punctuation & grammar tests. Plus 80 additional tests covering grammar objectives for every year group.</p>	<p>Various Curriculum videos and resources.</p>

		
<p>Oxford Owl eBooks</p>	<p>Oxford Owl Activities</p>	<p>Scratch</p>
<p>www.oxfordowl.co.uk</p>	<p>https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/</p>	<p>https://scratch.mit.edu/</p>
<p>250 eBooks. Need to login using 'My class login' (username: srp20, password: school or username: hp20, password: school)</p>	<p>Various activities across Maths and English. Some can be done via online games/activities. Others are ideas/pdfs.</p>	<p>With Scratch, you can program your own interactive stories, games, and animations — and share your creations with others in the online community.</p>

		
Hour of Code https://code.org/	Times Table Rock Stars https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/29862	NUMBOTS https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/29862
The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science.	Times Tables (Logins Required)	NumBots is an online number game. Playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. Use your Times Tables Rock Stars log in to access

		
Lightbot https://lightbot.com/flash.html	Teach Your Monster to Read https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/u/179075	PhonicsPlay (access through the weblink) https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk
LightBot is a puzzle game based on coding; it secretly teaches you programming logic as you play!	Teach Your Monster to Read is an award-winning series of games that's helped millions of children learn to read. Play for free on the website or download the app.	PhonicsPlay is a free interactive game. Username: march20 Password: home Website also offers comics that link to each phonics stage https://www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk



Frequently Asked Questions



How often should my child be working and for how long?

The most important thing is establishing a routine for the children. We would recommend breaking the day up and throughout the day, the children do 2 or 3 short activities. Remember, they will be getting work done much quicker without lesson format they usually have in school.

What do I do, if my child needs help but I don't understand it?

Please don't worry, there are a lot of concepts that our children are taught, which are new to parents! If you are unsure or would like to just check something. Do not hesitate to contact your class teacher on the class email. These can be located in your year group in the 'Home Learning' section of the website.

What do I do if my child completes everything?

While the paper-based work may be complete, there will be ongoing work set on line, in particular, through Purple Mash, Times Table Rock Stars, Numbots and Teach Your Monster to Read (EYFS/KS1). These are reviewed by staff regularly and new tasks will be set every couple of days. In addition to this, keep an eye out for the 'Daily Challenge' set each day on Facebook. These are nice activities that can be done with the whole family and will count as part of their learning time. Remember please share how you have got on with these!

What can I do if my child is anxious and struggling with not being in school?

This is completely normal and understandable, as this is quite a unique situation and very different to their normal routine. Where possible, we suggest keeping an element of routine to the day and letting the children know what they will be doing. We have all created a section on the website called 'Chill and Mindfulness Activities' which can be accessed in 'Home Learning'. Here there are a range of activities that can be used to help support your child through this situation.

What can I do if they are bored?

While Purple Mash, Times Table Rock Stars, Numbots and Teach Your Monster to Read (EYFS/KS1) have activities set by the teacher, the child can also complete other activities that they find interesting. This can also be sent to the teacher. If a child wants to learn about something different to what has been set, this is fine and we look forward to seeing what they have done. In addition to this, we are constantly updating the websites that may help during this tricky period, these can be found in 'Education Resource Links'. Also there are also some fantastic ideas in the 'Chill and Mindfulness Activities' section, including links to museum tours. All of this can be located in 'Home Learning'. Maybe your child could let their teacher know what they have been up to, via the class email.

I am worried they are falling behind, what can I do?

We understand you are worried, but please don't be. It is a unique situation for everyone and what is important at this moment that people stay healthy and safe. While they are not in school, it is important to maintain some routine and regular short activities are perfect, please do not worry about teaching your child anything new. When we return to school, staff will identify where the children are and then teach what is needed. Please try not to worry, we are all in the same position.

My child is stuck with something on Purple Mash, what can I do?

Purple Mash is great and the children can communicate with staff and ask questions about the work and ask for help/feedback through the Purple Mash 2Email feature (search for '2Email' from the Purple Mash 'Home' page). Staff will be checking this regularly. Alternatively, you can email the class teacher via the class email.

What can I do if I do not have access to the internet?

We understand this is difficult for some of our families. There are a range of activities you could do. Here are a few ideas:

- Reading a story/ creating your own stories
- Keeping a diary
- There are many educational programmes on currently, maybe the children can list the 3 things they have found out
- Practise maths skills, maybe adding and subtracting. You could always use receipts and things to help with this. If cooking, get the children to help and they could measure and weigh ingredients
- Play board games/ card games and maybe the children could create their own.