

## Year 3 and 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a team, we will regularly be putting tasks on the school website for your child to complete. We hope that you will use these activities to help support your child's education whilst they are at home. These are not meant to be onerous, but rather an aid in giving some structure to your child's week and to help them continue to practise the skills that they have worked hard this year to learn and improve. By completing these tasks, we hope this will better prepare them for when they return to school.

The tasks will include the following:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Guidance</u>
Spellings following a regular pattern AND Continued learning of the 109 spellings	As we have done all year, we encourage the children to use the <b>Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check</b> method. Please help your child learn their spellings and test them each week. Encourage your child to look for patterns in spellings or to find creative ways of remembering them.
Writing task	We will set activities for writing on Purple Mash. Please note that this can also be completed on paper.
Handwriting Practice	Your child would benefit most by practising their joined up handwriting at least three times a week for 15 minutes. They could practise their joins by copying out their 109 spellings or could focus on individual joins - a guide to which has been included on the school website.
Maths	We will set activities for maths on Purple Mash. Your child will probably need some adult support. We will also be setting additional times tables tasks.
Topic task	There will be a regular topic related activity. Our topic until Easter is <b>Rocks and Fossils</b> . This will be followed by our new topic on <b>The Ancient Greeks</b> .
PE Activities  Google: <b>Joe Wicks 5 Minute Move, Kids' Workout</b> (You Tube Channel)	We are required to give 2 hours of P.E a week; Joe Wicks has designed a programme of physical activity - this is a fun way of keeping exercise going in the house. Also, you could set your child sports challenges to develop physical fitness and sports skills. This could be throwing and catching a ball, skipping, playing a game of badminton in the garden or seeing how many star jumps your child can do in a given time.
Reading Activity	We have attached reading activities - choose one of these to focus on in detail each week. Try to choose from a range of the options.

As well as these tasks please refer below to the list of more general activities.

We hope that you have positive learning experiences at home with your family. Thank you so much for your support at this time.

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### General School Work Activities

The following school work should be on-going at home, until pupils return to school.

### Reading

This is so important, little but often is better than 1 hour once a week. Pupils should be reading on a **daily basis** for a minimum of 20 minutes a day.

It is important that your child not only reads quietly to them self but also reads aloud to an adult.

Please spend quality time with your child talking about their reading and asking questions about the text to fully develop their comprehension skills.

We would also like you to share and read a variety of texts with your child; this could be magazines, newspapers, poetry books, picture books and any other texts that are suitable to promote the love of reading.

You can access ebooks on line using the website: [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) You can sign up free as a parent.

### Writing

Writing should be an integral part of your child's learning. As well as the allocated tasks set on Purple Mash, we would encourage children to write for their own pleasure; this may be in the form of a story, poem, diary, report or any other genre.

It is important to explore different writing opportunities at home - feel free to let your child explore writing tasks according to their own personal interests.

Please spend time looking at your child's work - focus on punctuation skills, vocabulary choices and cohesiveness - does their writing make sense? does their writing flow well? Give them time to reread and improve their writing in order to up-level their writing skills.

### Maths

**Purple Mash** has plenty of maths activities, including a practice times tables test in the style of the Year 4 government test.

Your child also has access to **SumDog** and should have their user names and passwords at home.

### Times Table Practice

It is essential that your child continues to build up their accuracy and speed at recalling their times tables.

Times tables can be learnt and recalled in many ways; this may be through chanting, rote learning, stamping them out during physical exercise, times tables grids, times tables tests etc. It is important that your child learns the related division facts as well.

**Year 3** should focus on their 2,3,4,5,6,8 and 10x tables (with divides)

**Year 4** should focus on ALL x tables and related divisions up to 12 x 12.

Even if your child knows their x tables, it is important that they continue to recall them and improve their speed.

The website [www.timestables.me.uk](http://www.timestables.me.uk) provides free printable times tables tests for online practice or printed sheets. We encourage you to select **multiplication and division** and select the table appropriate for your child's year group.

## Science

Science is all around us. It promotes curiosity and enquiry. Please encourage your child to investigate and ask questions.

There are many websites that provide ideas for science to try out at home using a few simple kitchen ingredients. An example of one of these websites is [www.fizzicseducation.com.au](http://www.fizzicseducation.com.au)

## Topic

Please continue to select from the activities on our Topic Choice Homework Sheet.

## Learning Together

We appreciate that family routines will be affected by these changes. We would encourage you to enjoy time together.

**Playing board games, card games and dominoes** is a valuable way of promoting turn taking, sharing, talking and ultimately having fun with your child.

**Cooking activities** can be used as a learning experience and develops skills such as weighing and measuring. It is also lots of fun and helpful!

There are a huge number of websites that encourage **creativity and develop DT, music and art skills** - these could be explored as a family. You could try the website [www.pinterest.co.uk](http://www.pinterest.co.uk)

## Independent Learning

Make the most of this opportunity for your child to follow their own interests and create their own project.

Let them research and present their findings in a way that motivates and enthuses them.

Most importantly, try to make your learning experiences enjoyable and productive!