

Remote Learning at Finham Primary School



As we have explained in recent communications, following the Prime Minister's announcement at 8pm on Monday 4th January, formal learning activities will be set again on **Frog** from Wednesday 6th January.

Please log into your **Frog** page to see each days learning. If you can't log into **Frog** please contact your class teacher or admin@finhamprimary.co.uk

There are a wealth of website links, Apps and other ideas for parents and children to explore if they choose.

Please do continue to encourage your child to keep up with the work that is set – a 'routine' that works for you at home can help - and to take pride in their work. We are working hard to find the balance between maintaining good learning habits, setting work that will deepen skills and knowledge and still offering a flexibility that we know parents and children will need when working from home. It is important that you upload any work completed so your teacher can see the work you have been completing and give you feedback.

Please see our remote learning policy on the Policies area of the website for more information.

All the activities and ideas listed below are intended to be fairly general and could work well for children of various ages and abilities.

The Department for Education has guidance for parents of children aged [2 to 4 years](#) and [primary school age](#) to support learning at home. There are lots of links to learning across the curriculum as well as general guidance for supporting children's learning at home:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

The DfE have also approved the following **online lessons** which are organised by year group and updated weekly:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/schedule>

Reading: Your teacher will set reading activities for you to complete on Frog. It is also important that you listen to or read other books on top of these.

The first suggestion that we have is reading. If you read for just 20 minutes a day, then you will learn more than 2 million words per year! Sharing stories with adults and your brothers and sisters, or reading alone each day has many benefits.

Remember that books don't necessarily have to be school books; you can read a wide range of other things too – magazines, websites, whatever you are interested in.

Listening to stories is also a brilliant way to share stories. The World Book Day Website, (<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>) has many different audiobooks available until the end of March, which you can listen to for free.

Along with reading for pleasure, you could keep a diary or log of what you have been reading and complete tasks such as:

- Draw and describe a character from a book (using the clues in the text)
- Predict what will happen next and why
- Create a glossary of words you didn't know
- Write an alternate ending to a story
- Transform part of a story into a playscript
- Draw a map of the setting from a story
- Find your favourite 5 bits of description in a text
- Use your reading to focus on vocabulary, magpie words and phrases that you would like to use in your writing

Writing: Your teacher will guide you through writing activities on your Frog page, here are some other ideas to keep you writing:

- Do some cooking or play a board game and write instructions for it
- Look through some photos of an old trip out or holiday and write a report about it
- Try writing haikus (poems with 3 lines – 5 syllables, 7 syllables, 5 syllables) about favourite animals
- Write an acrostic poem about your topic or favourite book
- Book recommendations, what have you been reading and why should others read it?
- Research a key event from history and write a newspaper report from the time
- Keep a diary
- Watch Horrible Histories and write in the style of Terry Deary
- Write a story inspired by one of the settings on the website [Pobble 365](#)
- Practise your current and previous spelling lists using Spelling Shed
- develop and practise typing skills in a fun way on BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr>

The curriculum overviews for each year group can be found within our 'Curriculum' page on the school website and you might think about your class topic and research your inspirational figure or find out more about the area that interests you the most. Remember you can capture your learning in a variety of ways - be creative!

Maths

Your teacher will have set you a daily maths task on Frog. Some initial tasks that focus specifically on year group expectations have been set on Century Tech for children in KS2 and further tasks will follow soon.

The following websites are good for general times tables and other maths practice (other website links to follow soon): www.timestables.co.uk

www.timestables.me.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games

<https://nrich.maths.org/primary>

Some other ideas for maths activities are:

- Practice telling the time using analogue clocks, saying times in the 12 hour (am and pm) and 24 hour clocks as well as 'saying' the time and work out time 'intervals' (e.g. if it's 11:25am now, how long is it until lunch time at 12:30pm?)
- Playing maths related board games – Monopoly, Snakes and Ladders, dominoes
- Play card games that use maths skills
- Go into the garden and practise number bonds to 10, 20, 50 or 100 (or 1000 and more for Years 5 and 6) whilst throwing and catching a ball – e.g. for bonds to 20, the thrower says "13 and ..." the catcher says "7"
- Practice money skills using real coins, making a pretend shop and working out totals and change; Years 5 and 6 could work out new prices with % discounts
- Have a look at other ideas in our Mastering Maths at home booklet that has been shared previously – click on the picture below as a link

Computing

Have a look at BBC Bitesize Computer Science, Digital Literacy and Information Technology on here:

KS1: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zyhbwmn>

KS2: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvnrq6f>

Try some coding by downloading a free app called "Bee-Bot" which you can find here:

<https://www.educationalappstore.com/app/bee-bot>

This takes a step by step approach from the first beginnings to some far more challenging things (which might even be an interesting test for parents).

If you'd rather not download an app this website has a similar purpose:

<https://www.terrapinlogo.com/emu/beebot.html>

Other things to keep you busy...

- Try some learning outside, by helping with gardening; using RSPB bird identifiers and doing a tally for what garden birds you can spot; try some of the Woodland Trust's activities on <http://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/categorymenu/?cat=activities>
- Do some interesting art – use some toys to make a bigger picture. Can you make a picture out of lego? Can you make a picture out of toy cars? Or pencils?
- Take pictures of interesting things from interesting angles. Can your family guess what they are?
- Do some real-life drawing – pick 4 different objects and see how accurately you can draw them. Take your time and observe carefully!
- Draw a map/plan of a new school or design you ideal house – what would it need to have? How would you fit it all together?
- What's the biggest tower you can make from scrap paper or card?
- Make some boats to float in your bath – what materials work best? Why?