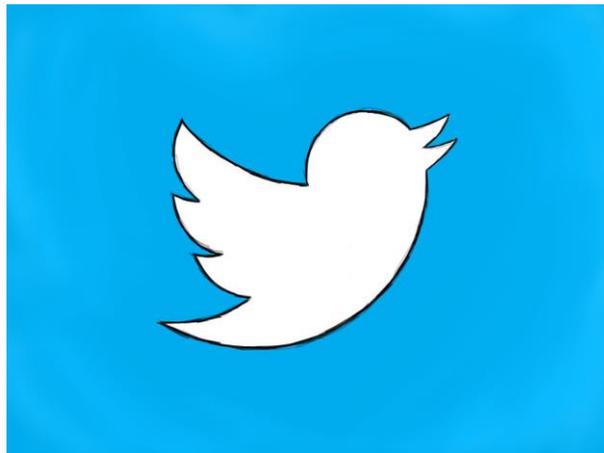




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Home Learning



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How will you be setting my child's work each week?

Your child has been receiving a daily list of tasks. These will continue. The daily tasks will include an English activity, mathematics activity and a foundation subject activity, such as Science, geography, art or PE. There are also Internet links, which can be accessed, alongside mini art projects and fun activities and competitions, similar to our recent 'Guess the Teacher' challenge. These tasks will continue to be uploaded onto the School website by 9:30am each day, allowing the children time to complete the Joe Wicks PE session before they begin their learning. As previously, all the learning

sheets can be found under the 'Parent' tab on the main website (<https://hardingstone.emat.uk>) in the drop down menu labelled 'Letters'. Please note that we have included paper-based activities. This is extremely important since it will reduce screen time and develop handwriting, punctuation, spelling and grammatical writing skills. This also applies to mathematical tasks, enabling children to develop their written methods. Remember, at school we include a lunch and a break time, so please allow relax and unstructured time too.

Of course, all of this continued learning will keep the children's minds active and consolidate learning whilst giving them a core purpose each day. We would encourage you to stick to as close to a usual routine as possible, as this will not only help the children to have some normality during the closure but help them to transition back to normal daily life in preparation for when we eventually return to school.

What is the expectation of home learning completion?

Our ideal expectation is that your child will complete all of the daily tasks set from Monday to Friday. However, we do appreciate that on occasion this may not always be possible. If there are any issues regarding the completion of work, please make the class teacher aware via email, they will be able to support.

If you are unable to access the home learning due to issues such as lack of resources, absence of computer or internet access, please let us know so we can find ways to help and ensure that your child can continue to learn.

Will feedback be provided?

We have been delighted that so many of you have been sharing the learning that has been completed. Of course, teachers will continue to acknowledge that they have received pieces of work via email and, where appropriate, teachers will respond to the work sent via an email message praising the children's outcomes. We will also select many pieces of work to be celebrated on Twitter! However, in light of the current situation, feedback at this point will not be developmental and edits to work will not be made.

Is the work part of the National Curriculum?

Yes, the work links to the National Curriculum for your child's year group. However, the home learning tasks are an opportunity for the children to revisit and consolidate prior learning. As you can appreciate, setting new learning would cause additional anxiety during what is already a challenging time

What do I do if I have a questions about the work that is set?

If you have any questions, then we would request that you email the class teacher, in the first instance. Although our teachers are not there in person, they are still here ready and waiting to respond to any questions during the school day. You can obtain teacher email addresses via the school's website. Remember teachers are on a rota for supporting in school, so be patient as responses to emails may not always be instant.

Senior Leaders working in school are also happy to provide support and if you have any concerns which are not relating to home learning or have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you to you all!

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the teachers who are providing such wonderful home learning, thank you to all of our parents and carers for becoming your child's teachers during this time and thank you to the children who are producing such brilliant English writing pieces, mathematical tasks and some wonderful creative outcomes.

Finally, take care everyone and do find time to relax with each other. Remain at home, make each other smile and remember, we will all be back at school soon and know that the Hardingstone Team miss all of the children greatly.

Happy learning everyone!

Mrs McIntyre

