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Dear Parents / Carers,

COVID-19 - Home Learning for Children

We've put together a pack of work for your child due to the enforced school closure. The pack contains a selection of activities for English and maths. As we're sure you'll agree, it is important that all children continue to engage with daily learning tasks with the aim of consolidating and securing the knowledge, skills and understanding that they have worked so hard to develop throughout the last two terms.

Please don't try to work through all the activities in one go. We will attempt to guide you and your child through the activities via the school website (www.swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk) in the form of a weekly blog, which will be found on your child's class page. We will also provide details of additional resources that can be used to support your child whenever possible. Please aim to complete the outlined activities in the given week.

Weekly home learning tasks for children in Year 1 and 2 will include:

- Reading. As much as possible. Read, read, read! Not only school texts, but as many different books as possible. Hear them read, read to them and take turn reading. Please also take some time to discuss what they have read – you could take turns to quiz each other! There are also lots of authors reading daily stories online.
- Daily English tasks
- Daily Maths tasks
- Times Table Rockstars and Numbots are excellent for ongoing practise of basic number skills (all children should have copies of their username and password).
- Additional games and activities are also available on our online platform (school360.co.uk) and can be found in the Resources section. Your child already has their username and password.

Don't worry if they've lost their password – just drop us an e-mail (see below).

If you require more educational work for your child, many online companies are offering free membership/resources for a limited time. For example:

- Whiterosemaths.com/homelearning
- twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents
- tts-group.co.uk
- classroomsecrets.co.uk
- ictgames.com
- topmarks.co.uk

These are difficult times and however hard we try to shield the children from this, removal of their normal routine can be unsettling. Here are some excellent (and fun) ideas to help calm them and keep them stimulated:

- Teach your child to sew or knit.
- Draw and paint.
- Colour in.
- Do a jigsaw puzzle.
- Build a fort out of cushions and blankets.

- Let them help to cook: weighing ingredients is a great way to apply maths skills.
- Dance to videos like “Just Dance” on Youtube.
- Sing a song.
- Keep a diary or make a scrapbook.
- Write or film a review about a film/TV programme they have seen.
- Build something awesome out of Lego or junk.
- Keep active and exercise!
- Carry out an experiment (<https://theimaginationtree.com/science-experiments-for-kids/>)

Should you or your child need to contact class teachers, this can be done so using the following School360 email addresses.

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As I’m sure you will appreciate, this is an evolving situation and we as a school receive updated guidance on a daily basis. We will continue to update you as necessary and thank you for your co-operation.

Kind regards,

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