

Here are some projects for you to do whilst school is closed.

- **You will also have a home learning map for your class, which will be updated around Easter (as long as your teacher is well) – please work on these first**
- **The 25 ideas to do at home sheet also has some great things to do**

Each day, you are expected to:

- **read at home**
- **talk to an adult about a story that you have heard**
- **practise one of the maths tasks**
- **do some writing and drawing**
- **do some spelling practice or phonics work**

Project 1

A project about a famous person to include:

- A sketch of them – drawn by you
- At least one other piece of artwork
- Write information about the person
- Create a timeline of their life and write a chronological report
- Check your written work for spelling errors – check using a dictionary or computer
- Add improvements to what you have written
- If you have a computer, you could use Word for some of the work or make a PowerPoint

Project 2

A project about a hobby that you enjoy:

- Write some instructions or a recipe
- Write an explanation about your hobby
- Argue why it is a good thing to do or write to persuade others to take up the same hobby
- Write a letter to someone

Project 3:

A project about a scientific experiment:

- Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MHn9Q5NtdY> (with an adult as some require heat)
- Try to do one of the experiments (with an adult if there is heat involved)
- Write **your own** instructions for one of the experiments
- Make a labelled diagram to help explain what happens

Project 4:

Do some cooking:

- Design your own triple-decker sandwich or a seasonal dish
- If you have the ingredients, make it and photograph it
- Draw it and label it
- Write a recipe (including weights of ingredients, if appropriate)

Project 5:

Make a book:

- Write a story book
- Write several stories and illustrate them
- Create a contents page
- Add a front and back cover

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- Write some blurb for the back cover
- Write about yourself 'The author' for the inside cover – do a self-portrait

Project 6:

Write a song:

- Base the lyrics on a tune you know
- Sing a nursery rhyme and clap out the rhythm
- Try and create a rap of your own

Project 7:

Draw the view from your window:

- Sketch what you can see
- Either colour, chalk or paint it
- Get a big piece of paper and do some really big artwork (may be use an old piece of wallpaper, if you have some)

Project 8:

- Dress up in someone else's clothes
- Pretend to be someone else: how do they move? What do they do all day?
- Draw a portrait of this person and colour it in
- Write something about them
- Write a story about the person or a character description

Project 9:

- Write an information booklet about Easter
- Create a timeline of events
- Write a story as one of the people in the story
- Make a mindmap about Easter
- Create an Easter card
- Make an Easter garden if you can or an Easter bonnet out of paper and card

Project 10:

- Make a dance routine for your favourite piece of music
- Use 'Just Dance' or 'Boogie Beebies' sites to dance to
- Write down how you felt when you had done the dance
- Draw a picture of yourself dancing

Project 11:

- Make a set of lolly stick puppets, using characters from a book
- Act out a story with them or create a play – ask your family to watch it
- Write a playscript for it
- Can you make a sock puppet and use to tell a story?

Project 12:

- Learn to touch type (BBC dance mat site)

Project 13:

- Draw a design for a model
- Make an amazing lego model (or junk model)
- Photograph it
- Draw or write instructions, numbering the steps it took to make them
- Ask someone else to make a model with lego (don't show them just tell them)

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Websites:

Some of these are familiar to the staff but others have not been vetted.

Things to do to help you keep active:

<https://mommypoppins.com/newyorkcitykids/25-exercise-games-indoor-activities-for-kids>

Maths activities and games:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/> site with activities and some online games

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular>: range of games requiring different skills

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/numeracy.shtml: range of maths activities

<https://www.mathlearningcenter.org/resources/apps> : plenty of maths activities

Literacy activities and games:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>: phonics resource – free during the health crisis

<http://www.loveybooks.co.uk/everybodys-welcome> : ideas of things to do about some available books. If you don't have the books at home, the ideas for activities can be used with other texts at home

https://manybooks.net/search-book?field_genre%5B14%5D=14 : free e-books

Touch typing:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr>: online tutorial to learn to touch type for children

All subjects:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> plenty of learning ideas and information for children (BBC site)

Apps to use: free. Not all checked but overview looks useful

<https://mommypoppins.com/kids/20-online-learning-resources-apps-and-games-for-kids>

<https://homesongblog.com/winter/50-indoor-crafts-activities-for-young-ones-without-screens/>: creative things to do without screens

https://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/travel-trivia/stuck-at-home-these-12-famous-museums-offer-virtual-tours-you-can-take-on-your-couch-video/ar-BB119nm6?li=BBnbfcL&fbclid=IwAR0_OBJH7ISyTN3ug_MsOeFnNgB1orTa9OBgilKJ7dhnwIVvHEsptuKkj1c : free virtual tours and online exhibits of some of the most famous museums around the world

<https://www.123homeschool4me.com/home-school-free-printables/> : free worksheets and activities

Tips for parents – from a helpful website:

1. Set up a routine

The key here is to make it a routine – not a schedule. Be flexible, but with boundaries. That means getting up at the same times and having things that you do in a regular order...it doesn't mean timing every second of the day with military precision! Make the routine visual, factor in free time

without screens and when they're doing schoolwork, do some of your own work/jobs/chores alongside them.

2. Try new things

Introduce them to the things you love and share stories with them – make it an opportunity to connect. Watch documentaries and nature programmes (who doesn't love a bit of 'Blue Planet'?!); cook together and measure out ingredients, create exercise routines together, play board games and card games, show them how you manage the household budget and divide up money to cover bills, food and other things.

3. Keep it simple

Read to them. Yes – even the older ones! It ignites a love of reading, creates a bond between you and it's soothing and calming. Get them starting a gratitude journal, drawing or doodling and colouring – all activities that support mental health. When you are working on things together, or working side by side, begin conversations. Sitting next to someone without the requirement to make eye contact can encourage them to open up! It also helps if you share something first.