Fairfields Primary School

Writing –
It would be great if, whilst we are not in school, the children practise writing on a daily basis. Some ideas for this include writing diary entries for what they have been up to each day, helping to bake or make dinner and write a set of instructions about how to do so and write a description of character in a book they have read.

In Year 2 we aim for the children to use the following in their writing:

* All sentences begin with capital letters and are punctuated accurately
* **Expanded noun phrases** (adjective, adjective noun*. E.g. emerald, lofty tree*)
* **Conjunctions** (and, or, but, when, if that, because)
* **Contractions** (e.g. it’s, they’re, should’ve)
* **Different sentence types** (commands, exclamations and questions)

Reading –
We have provided the children with more reading books than usual. Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible. Please feel free to share and enjoy any other books that you may have at home. Whilst you are hearing your child read it’s vital to ask them questions to support their understanding of what they are reading. Our main reading aims in Year 2 are as follows:

* **Sequencing** (ordering events in the text)
* **Retrieval** (finding the answer in the text)
* **Vocabulary** (discussing meanings of words and phrases)
* **Prediction** (what do you think will happen next?)
* **Inference** (answering ‘why’ and ‘how’ questions)

Additionally, children could continue learning their common exception words and practise their comprehension skills using one of the Year 2 reading comprehension packs that can be found on Twinkl.

Year 2

During this time of uncertainty, we would like to provide you with some ideas, activities and resources to support you and your children through the period of school closure. We hope to be back at school as soon as possible and hope that this information will give you some guidance to some of the things we have been learning about in school and some things that are coming up.

Twinkl, a great teaching tool, is offering a free months membership allowing you access to all of their resources to support your child’s learning at home. To access these resources go to <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer>, set up an account and enter the code ‘**UKTWINKLHELPS’.**

Maths –
In Maths we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have focused on describing shapes based on their properties (e.g a square has 4 sides and 4 vertices, and a cube has 6 faces, 8 vertices and 12 edges). Can your child identify shapes around the house and describe their properties to you?

We will be moving on to telling the time where children will be expected to understand o’clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to. <https://www.visnos.com/demos/clock> is a great interactive clock to support children reading the time. Twinkl also has lots of activities for children to practise reading the time and drawing hands on clocks.

As well as this, we will be starting to learn about money. We will be recapping the value of coins and using different combinations of coins to make amounts of money. <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-n-45398-make-the-total-activity-sheet>

It would also be great to continue practising solving calculations using the four operations (+ - x ÷), remembering to use the column method for addition and subtraction and number line for multiplication and division.

**Additional activities you might like to try;**
<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/fun-ideas-learning-at-home/> Oxford Owl offers lots of fun games and activities to support children’s learning whilst they are at home.

<https://ttrockstars.com/> Times tables practise is vital during the time we are not in school and Times Table Rockstars is a fun way to support children with their learning of the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

<https://www.purplemash.com/login/> All children have been sent home with a purple mash log in. There are lots of games and fun, interactive activities and quizzes which are linked to the children’s learning across the curriculum.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> Phonics Play is a fantastic interactive resource that supports children with their phonics learning and decoding skills. To access their free online games and resources use the username ‘**march20**’ and the password ‘**home**’.

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