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Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are of course absolutely devastated that once again we are in lockdown, Although, we fully understand why, we want to reassure you that we are here to support our children and families as much as we possibly can during this time. We will do our best to maintain contact and ensure our children have access to quality remote education during this period.

Please keep in touch with us and let us know if there is anything we can do to help or do better. Thank you to all our parents who have responded to the request for information regarding critical workers. I will message again today with information regarding our move to remote learning. In the interim children can access resources via the school e-learning section of the website.

Our full remote learning offer from your child's teacher will begin from **Thursday 6th January**. In the meantime, there will be some content on Seesaw from class teachers and activities on the link above (these are also attached).

For children not eligible to attend school but currently in receipt of FSMs through tax credits then a lunchtime service will be available. I am currently awaiting further information regarding this provision. We will be making regular contact with our families and encourage you to contact us if you need any support.

Kindest regards, Andrea Glynn Chair of Governors Sarah Annette Head Teacher

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Whilst awaiting online/paper-based learning, the links below for general use; ones specific to Key Stages/Year Groups or subjects will provide a wealth of opportunities for online learning:

General subjects – all classes:

The Oak National Academy

Daily lessons planned by teachers

Oak National Academy

Oxford Owl - free reading books

BBC Bitesize Daily Live Lessons

You are able to access regular daily lessons in English and Maths, as well as other core subjects, in an expanded version of the BBC Bitesize website and also on special programmes broadcast on BBC iPlayer and BBC Red Button.

BBC iPlayer and the Red Button service will host Bitesize Daily. These are six different 20 minute shows, each designed to target a specific age group, from ages five to 14, and for pupils throughout the UK. Experts and teachers will be involved, covering what should be learned that day for the different year groups and key stages. Maths, Science and English will be covered in dedicated programmes, and other subjects such as History, Geography, Music and Art will also be covered.

Click on the links below to access the weekly timetable and the daily lessons:

- BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons
- Weekly Timetable

Lancashire Library have published a range of exciting resources to keep you all reading at home. Please see the letter below outlining the highlights.

LANCASHIRE READING UPDATES.pdf

EYFS

General:

<u>Hungry little minds</u> – 'Simple, fun activities for kids, from new-born to five'

<u>Skip for educators</u> – A Parent's Guide to Promoting Early Learning and Development at Home (0 – 5 years) Supporting Families During the Coronavirus Pandemic

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Mathematics

<u>Numberblocks</u> – sing along, learn all about numbers and develop key mathematical ideas with the BBC Numberblocks.

<u>TopMarks</u> – search for early years games.

<u>ICT Games</u> – free online maths games.

<u>dragonbox.com</u> – for number bonds and developing number sense.

IXL maths – dozens of reception maths skills to explore and learn!

Ballon pop math—count the balloons by popping them in order 1-20 or 20-1.

White Rose Maths is producing a daily video, worksheet and answers for maths home learning, this link will take you to the EYFS page.

Literacy & Phonics

<u>Phonicsplay</u> – phase 1 for Nursery. Phase 2&3 for Reception.

<u>Alphablocks</u> – watch as the letters of the alphabet tell stories and make words using phonics. Play the learning game, watch clips and print colouring pages. <u>www.oxfordowl.co.uk</u> – free e-books for your child to access and more! <u>readingeggs.co.uk</u> – an app to support your child with reading, there is a 2 week free trial.

We follow Letters and Sounds for teaching phonics inFoundation Stage and Key Stage 1. Videos have been produced that teach Letters and Sounds phonics lessons. In the event of remote learning being required the teacher will let you know which video your child should access. Videos can be accessed here: <u>Letters and Sounds Videos</u>
<u>DfE's daily phonics lessons</u>

10am – Reception – Suitable for children who can blend and read words such as 'fish', 'chat' and 'rain' 10:30am – Year 1 – Suitable for children who can confidently blend and read words such as 'stamp', 'chair' and 'green' 11am – Learning to Blend – extra blending practise for children in Reception and Year 1

Movement

<u>CosmicKidsYoga</u> – fun yoga for children. thebodycoach1 – daily movement breaks and workouts.

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Y1/2

Mathematics:

<u>Hit the Button</u> – a maths game that is good for number bonds to 10, doubling, halving, multiplication and division

<u>Numberblocks</u> – sing along, learn all about numbers and develop key mathematical ideas with the BBC Numberblocks.

<u>TopMarks</u> – search for year 1 & 2 maths games.

ICT games - free online maths games.

<u>Math playground</u> – explore hundreds of maths games, logic puzzles and more! White Rose Maths – is producing a daily video, worksheet and answers for maths home learning.

White Rose Maths Y1
White Rose Maths Y2

English:

Phonicsplay – fun phonics games.

<u>Phonicsbloom</u> – interactive online phonics games to help teach children the relationship between letters and sounds.

ICT Games – free online English activities.

BBC Dancemat – a fun way to learn touch typing.

<u>Alphablocks</u> – watch as the letters of the alphabet tell stories and make words using phonics. Play the learning game, watch clips and print colouring pages.

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<u>BBC Bitesize</u> – a wealth of video links, programmes, quizzes and activities related to the aspects of the curriculum.

<u>Book creator online</u> – The easiest way to make, read and share interactive books on any device.

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Y3/4

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<u>Times Table Rockstars</u> – an app/website for practising times tables (login details have been given to the children).

Squeebles – this is an app for spelling and maths.

<u>Hit the Button</u> – this is a great resource for practising times table and number bonds.

Cloud Tables – this is an app for a times tables game.

White Rose Maths is producing a daily video, worksheet and answers for maths home learning.

White Rose Maths Y3

White Rose Maths Y4

English:

Squeebles - this is an app for spelling and maths.

<u>Spelling Shed</u> – an interactive way to practise weekly spelling patterns and high frequency words (login details have been given to the children)

The Literacy Shed - an interactive resource to support the development of writing.

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Top Marks – great for interactive games.

<u>Scratch</u> – children can create their own programs and learn how to code (login details have been given to the children).

BBC 10 Pieces – a good resource about music.

Garageband app – children can produce their own music using this app.

<u>Coping with Changes</u> – Social-Emotional Learning Through Play Course. On this course, learners will explore the practical and emotional challenges facing children and discover learning through play and stress management strategies that can help.

Y5/6

Mathematics:

<u>Squeebles</u> – for spelling and mental maths (info about the app – there is a cost for these)

<u>Hit the Button</u> – for quick fire arithmetic recall (free).

White Rose Maths is producing a daily video, worksheet and answers for maths home learning.

White Rose Maths Y5

White Rose Maths Y6

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English:

<u>BBC Bitesize</u> – great for revision of grammar and punctuation. <u>Topmarks</u> – for a range of English activities.

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Scratch 3 – computer programming FREE.

<u>BBC Learning Zone</u> – great for our history, geography, science and personal development.

Music – all classes:

<u>Blue Peter Music Badge</u> – write about your music experiences and apply for a music badge

Listening

<u>David Walliams Marvellous Musical Podcasts</u> – wonderful music stories

<u>BBC Sounds for Children</u> – a selection of music, drama, comedy and activities for KS1 <u>BBC 10 pieces</u> – exciting films and resources to inspire young children about classical music

BBC 10 Pieces short films – link to the films above

<u>ABRSM Classical 100</u> – specially chosen pieces of music for children to listen to and explore

ABRSM Play On – lots of musical materials to inspire instrumental learning

Songs

The Singing Walrus – EYFS/ KS1 Songs

BBC bring the Noise – EYFS/KS1 songs

Out of the Ark songs – songs specially created for home schooling

Sing Up Home schooling area – download songs to sing at home

Apps

Chrome Music Lab – a fun way to explore and interact with music

garageband – an interactive app to create music

Name that Note – an interactive app to support reading musical notes

ABRSM Aural Trainer – an app to practice aural skills for ABRSM music exams

Sibelius First – free music notation software suitable for UKS2

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Computing – all classes.

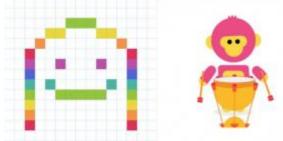


Minecraft education edition— Microsoft has made some of its educational Minecraft games freely available online until the end of June. It can be downloaded for Windows, Mac or iPad. All Barnes Primary children now have licenses via their Office 365 accounts. Follow this link and use their school email address and password.

BBC Bitesize KS1— excellent videos and information for KS1 children about all aspects of Computing—answering fundamental questions such as "What is a computer?".

<u>BBC Bitesize</u> **KS2** – excellent videos and information for **KS2 children** about all aspects of Computing – answering fundamental questions such as "How do search engines work?".

BBC Dance mat typing – children can learn to touch type with this fun resource.



<u>Chrome Music Lab</u> – a great way for children to get creative with music and explore its connections to science, maths, art, dance and more. It's free, you don't need to set up an account and it works across all devices.

Computer Science/Coding



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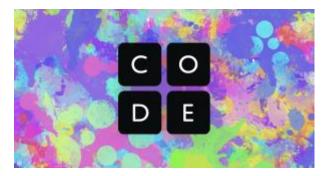


<u>Scratch 3</u>– an amazing free resource suitable for KS2. With Scratch, Children can program their own interactive stories, games, and animations — and share their creations with others in the online community. The "ideas" sections contains fabulous activities and tutorials.

<u>Scratch Jr</u> – is an introductory programming language that enables young children (ages 5-7) to create their own interactive stories and games. Children snap together graphical programming blocks to make characters move, jump, dance, and sing. The "Learn" section contains useful guidance, descriptions and hints and tips.



<u>Hour of Code</u> – is another outstanding resource. It is free to use and offers a wide range of coding activities for all ages, covering all the fundamentals of programming . Most of the activities have their own tutorial to follow, which lead children through each step of the challenge. Suitable for beginners and more comfortable coders, this website offers something for everyone, including unplugged (no iPad/laptop/PC required) activities.



<u>code.org</u> – offers a range of outstanding activities for all ages, including code breaks, hour of code activities, useful videos and a whole catalogue of courses. Courses teach the fundamentals of coding (sequencing, loops, events, etc), are age appropriate and

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children can work through them at their own pace. Children don't need an account to access the activities, however if you <u>set up an account</u> their progress will be saved. The video below offers an overview of what is on offer.



Physical Education

<u>Physical Activity</u> – guidelines and activity ideas to stay active for 60 minutes a day <u>BBC Let's get active</u> – fun indoor track and field challenges.

<u>Youth Sport Trust</u> – a number of home learning activities for all ages.

<u>Association for Physical Education</u> – publications, resources and posters.