

Tritlington First School

Learning @ Home

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Hello everybody, we hope that you are all safe and well - we are missing you all!

If you didn't see it on Facebook, here's a link to a message from all of the Tritlington Team:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVtCNGIv6e0>

Monday 20th April should have been the start of our busy summer term in school but sadly our school will remain closed until further notice. We will keep you informed if there is any expected change to this situation but currently the advice is to stay safe in your own home. If you are a key worker and require emergency childcare, please get in touch with us.

All the staff would like to extend a warm Tritlington welcome to our new starters in Nursery and we are looking forward to getting to know you and your families once we return to school.

The staff will continue to offer work online, using School 360, Google classroom and Tapestry. They will post activities to support our pupils with their learning. We would like to make sure all of our pupils are accessing this work so if you have any problems, please contact your child's class teacher. We have listened to parental feedback and the activities will be in manageable chunks. Our older pupils may be able to work on these independently.

We would like to thank and congratulate you and your children on the efforts you have made to embrace this new way of learning online. We have had children reading books to us via video, examples of some fantastic artwork sent to us, brilliant role play from one of our youngest children to retell a story and children completing the challenges we have set. Well done to you all!

We do appreciate that this is an exceptionally challenging time and that many of you will be trying to balance your own work and the needs of your children and family. We're facing this challenge too! Do not worry but please, do keep in touch with your child's teacher – it's really important that we have regular contact with every family.

Remember to be realistic about what you can do and prioritise the health and well-being of your family. Try and create a routine - this is what children are used to in school.

Remember to make time for exercise and regular breaks throughout the day.

Class updates

As our approach to remote learning at home develops, we have decided to set activities for the children in the form of a weekly grid for each of our year groups. Some of the included activities are online, others are very practical or paper based as we try to ensure there is availability for all children.

While we realise these are difficult and unprecedented times, it is important to us that the children have the opportunity to continue to learn, albeit in a new and different way. We have outlined in the learning grids what we would like the children to try to achieve each day.

Work that the children complete on paper should be uploaded via Tapestry or Google Classroom for the appropriate class teacher. Activities that are practical can be photographed and sent to the teacher. We have already had some brilliant examples sent to us of the children's learning - well done and thank you!

These learning grids will be sent out via e-mail. They are also available on the school website, Tapestry for class one and Google Classroom for class two.

Additional resources for children

We thought you might be interested in this new, free information book explaining the coronavirus to children, illustrated by Gruffalo illustrator Axel Scheffler. You can access the book from the link below:

https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus_ABookForChildren.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3dau-HM4bE73eBwxS9iqI8RJphfPOaUZxy2VKxwtWw426jp_VRN95ePtk

Keeping in touch

We will keep in touch and send out additional information, like this bulletin, via e-mail and Facebook so it is worth 'liking' our school page or following us. The link is on our school website.

<http://www.tritlington.northumberland.sch.uk/>

Easter Bonnet Competition

Congratulations to everyone who entered the Easter Bonnet Competition! Your certificates are on their way to you and your prize awaits you on our return to school.

Once again, if you feel overwhelmed by the work being sent home, please get in touch with your class teacher and they will be happy to offer further support or guidance. We are all new to this way of teaching and learning and are trying to discover what strategies are the most effective.

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Kind regards

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