



Year 2 Resource Pack for home learning

3rd June 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and continuing to enjoy your time together at home. Thank you to everyone who has sent me photos, letters and updates about what you've been up to at home.

I felt very positive last half term, from speaking to you all, you've all done so much! I'm so pleased that you're enjoying quality family time together going on bike rides, making lovely crafts and enjoying reading! I've loved speaking to you and it's so lovely to hear from the children as I miss them terribly. Year 2 sound like they're happy and thriving at home so well done to you! I totally appreciate the enormous task of home schooling, parenting and working from home. You're all doing an amazing job, whatever your routine may be!

Over the weeks I've received some brilliant photos and news from extreme reading photos, VE day celebration, writing challenges and even letters in the post. It's been wonderful receiving pictures from your home learning and your family time. I have been keeping our photo stream up to date on our class page so please feel free to send more photos to show your friends what you've been up to.

In regards to this half terms learning:

- Just like last term, a topic web as normal which covers what we *would* have done and hopefully points you in the direction of what you may do if you are interested. Some things are small projects that I suggest, some are references to resources that are already on the class page, and some are references to future work that will be set in the coming week.
- A home learning pack to last the next few weeks. The home learning packs have evolved somewhat since last term with more resources being drip-fed to the class page and with organisations like Oak National Academy, BBC Bitesize and White Rose Hub rapidly improving their formal lesson offers over the past month. However, I know from conversations with many of you that an occasional bulk supply of resources in the form of a HLP is appreciated. **The specifics on the home learning pack are detailed below.**
- On our school's class page, you'll find all this plus even more resources. The class page itself was reorganised in response to parent feedback – I hope that it is clearer and has a good mix of celebrating work as well as signposting without being overwhelming!

As you are now aware, some year 2's will be in school as key worker children. I will still be contacting those families who are not bringing children into school. On a semi-related note, looking at the birthday list in front of me, I see it is a busy couple of months ahead! I will ring on your child's birthday but, if you would rather me not or you are particularly busy, please let me know and I can write a message over email. Home learning packs will be the same content as for the children in school. Therefore, please regularly visit the class page for new tasks, if you would like to. As ever, **everything we send is optional.**

Thank you again for all that you have done and continue to do. I can appreciate how hard the last few months have been for many of you, juggling your usual priorities with the pressures of home tutoring and the trials and tribulations

of this epidemic on top. Again, I am immensely grateful to you all for doing such an amazing job with your children and for being such a fantastic group of parents to work with.

Best wishes,

Miss Orr

I have provided a topic web of what we would have covered at school within your work pack for Summer 2. The resources will support you to complete the tasks on the topic web. I am updating the class page with, spellings, grammar and writing tasks regularly as well as uploading activities across the curriculum so please visit the page frequently, if you wish to use these.

We are obviously not able to print resources for everyone but, if needed, Mrs Pygall will print these for individuals. Please contact her at the admin email address to request this.

The Year 2 learning pack contains:

Name	Subject	Further information
Continue Daily Reading!	English	If there is one positive aspect to time away from school, it's more time to read! Reading at home is proven by research to be the most powerful thing families can do to aid children's development. Reading critically everything from books to online news like Newsround to leaflets posted through your letterbox are all worthy uses of time. Children are free to write about it too. I would love to hear about the many different things children read! You can now download audio books on Audible for free.
Continue Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words And weekly spelling lessons/practice	English – Spelling	This is a list of all common exception words children should know how to spell by the end of Year 2. The Spelling Menu is there for your reference, to give a range of ways to practice spellings. I will also upload a weekly spelling focus for you to practice at home.
SPaG mats	Spelling, punctuation and grammar	These are mats with a range of spelling, punctuation and grammar activities.
Reading comprehension	Reading	There are a range of activity cards which are short reading comprehension tasks. There is a new range of topics for your child to read.
White Rose Maths Hub	Maths	Daily maths lessons and activities can be found on the White Rose Premium Resources tab under class pages.
Maths booklet	Maths	As an extra challenge, there is a booklet which is focused on multiplication and division. This is a good resource to revise units that have been taught previously.
Yumu/Charanga	Music	This resource enables children to learn the recorder or singing through games and challenges. They will need their password to do this. https://charanga.com/yumu/login
Grace Darling	History	I will be adding activities about Grace Darling on a weekly basis. I have included power points, a video and a reading comprehension to enable your child to get a good understanding of the chronology of events.

Plants	Science	This is the science unit we would have covered in school. The lessons have initial information to develop background knowledge and then there is an activity linked to it.
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Other activities you may want to do at home are:

- Review a book you have read at home, book review sheets can be found on the class page.
- Visit St Mary's Lighthouse at Whitley Bay- it is much closer than Bamburgh but feel free to visit there too! This will bring the Grace Darling event to life.
- Art- make pictures from shells at the seaside
- Create your own sports day.

I have also included a bank of online resources which you may choose to access if you have the means to do so. Many websites aimed at teachers are kindly making their resources free and I have provided links for websites you may be interested in accessing. I would recommend consulting the topic web sent out at the start of term for a full run-through of subjects we were due to be undertaking this term if you would like to give anything in particular a go.

Name	Subject	Further information
Purple Mash	All	https://www.purplemash.com/login/
TimesTable Rockstars	Maths	https://trockstars.com/
Topmarks	All	https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ There is a range of games for a range of subjects.

Hopefully this pack will help your child to keep busy and reinforce learning while we are off school. I am available via email 9am-3pm on weekdays (charlotte.orr@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk). I hope you all stay fit and well during this time and I look forward to seeing you back in school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Orr