



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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Our school values: Respect · Kindness · Challenge · Forgiveness · Perseverance

Dear Parents

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As I mentioned before half term, next week's Home Learning will look quite different to previous Home Learning. Next week is our theme week 'Where Do I Belong?' We often have theme weeks or theme days in school where the normal timetable is suspended and we focus on a particular theme/question/or area of the curriculum. This gives us a chance to bring a different focus into school and to really concentrate in depth on an area. The theme this time links to Art, Geography and Wellbeing.

Before we knew that this would be our final week of Home Learning, we had planned to make this week different. We hoped to provide a little respite from the routine of Home Learning for yourselves and the children, and to inspire and invigorate the children with a range of creative and open ended activities. Most of the activities can be tackled in a variety of ways and it is important that your child chooses what suits them best. If they want to write, draw, record themselves, discuss it, these are all options for the approach they wish to take.

Over the weekend an overview of activities will be posted on the website along with any resources you may need (there are no extra resources for Reception class).

Each day there is one 'core activity' which will be supported by a teaching video on Seesaw; this will be clearly labelled on the overview. Your child is then free to choose other activities from the overview. You may choose to only focus on the core activity and spend longer on this or you may want to complete a selection.

We will not be setting Maths and English lessons for the week, however, we do encourage your child to read every day and to use some creative ways to continue practising their counting, number bonds and times tables – songs and rhymes, reciting, games etc. Children will still have access to Lexia, Mathletics, Mathseeds and TTRS all week and can use these whenever they like.

For our Reception children we would like you keep going with Phonics learning. A new pack will be delivered on Sunday and Mrs McArdle asks that you return this to school on Monday 8 March.

Staff will be available on Seesaw as usual and would love to see anything that the children wish to share with them, however, there is no requirement to submit every activity.

I will continue to post Collective Worship videos on Seesaw and also Story Time on Facebook and there will be a range of Wellbeing, French and PE activities available in the Whole School Home Learning section of the website.

I will be writing to you very soon with final plans for our full reopening on 8 March. We cannot wait to have the children back in school and hope our planned theme week gives a really positive end to Home Learning and entuses them for the rest of the term.

As always, please do get in touch if you have any queries or need support with anything at all.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Paisley
Headteacher