

Dear Parents,

We hope you are all well and keeping safe. We have really enjoyed being able to talk to your children on the telephone in the last few weeks. It was fantastic to hear about all of the exciting activities they have been completing at home: baking, art, board games, helping cook dinner, playing with siblings (without too much arguing) and generally being amazing in these usual times.

The year 5 team have produced another week's worth of home learning which is now on the website and has been shared with the children via Google Classroom. It follows the same format as last week's and is planned to be both meaningful and enjoyable.

There are no expectations with regard to the amount of work that is to be completed; we fully appreciate that every family home is different and this is intended to be used as guidance. There is no requirement to complete and follow everything, as a family you should do what best suits you and your current home situation.

We have tried to make the lessons as self-explanatory as possible; the children will need to follow the slides for each subject and complete the activities. Within some lessons, there are challenge activities for those who feel they want more. These slides could be printed in advance so that your child doesn't need to sit in front of the computer to complete the work. All the lessons can be completed on paper or on Google Docs or Google Slides. If the work is completed online, please encourage them to share it with their class teacher as we would love to see it. We have tried to limit the use of resources as much as possible so that the learning is accessible for all.

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All of the children have usernames and passwords to access the following sites: times tables rockstars, sumdog, tindercad and ebooks. Please encourage them to use these regularly. If they have misplaced any passwords, please get in touch and we will reissue them.

Google Classroom - We are continuing to use Google Classroom to share work and answer any questions. The year 5 team loved receiving the children's work - please continue to share this with us. It has also been lovely this week to receive work where children have worked with siblings or parents on creative projects.

Year5 email address - year5@meonjuniorschool.org.uk - Each year group now has its own email address so you can contact teachers directly. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have and one of the year 5 staff will reply. You can also share work with us and we can add it to Google Classroom if you would like.

We know this is a particularly challenging time for our families; we want you to know that we are always here to support you, not just with home learning. If you need any additional advice or guidance, please contact the school office email (office@meonjuniorschool.org.uk) or you can contact our pastoral team (Shellie Knight and Sarah Horne) directly by text to 07827885575 (Monday to Friday 10-3pm). We will try our best to get back to you as soon as we can.

Kind regards,

Mrs Roberts, Mr Sellars, Mr Bayliss and Mrs Mewett.