



Celebrate and learn together

18th March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

I would like to thank you for your patience, understanding and support during this difficult and unpredictable time.

We are doing everything that we can to stay open but in the event of a partial or full school closure we would like children to continue with our new online Maths and English homework (details can be found in the letters below from the Maths and English Curriculum Leaders).

In order to prevent the spread of coronavirus we have provisionally stopped children changing home reading books. As reading books pass from home to home daily the surface of the books could be contaminated.

In the event of partial or full school closure, we will try to support all children's continued learning by providing resources which can be used at home. We will aim to produce school closure learning in addition to usual homework as follows:

- School closure learning set on Purple Mash (details of this can be found in the letter below from the Computing Lead).
- Children are expected to work their way through the home learning menu that is available on their class webpage. This will be shared and celebrated when school reopens.
- The Year 6 weekly revision guide homework will be on the class webpage.
- The termly overview for spellings for Y1-Y6 will be on the class webpage. Please continue to learn these as usual and test your child at home.
- Children can select activities from the list of website that was added to the school website yesterday under latest news and event (home learning).

We are aware that some families do not have printers so we will try to ensure that all activities can be viewed on screen rather than the need to print out.

If you do not have access to a computer, tablet or internet phone please let the school office know.

More information about home learning will be sent out if and when the school is closed.

Best wishes,

Mrs C Graham

Headteacher

Dear parents/carers,

We are pleased to announce, that we are now in a position to launch our new Maths and English Homework through DoodleMaths and Doodle English. Today your child came home with their username and password, along with guidance and steps on how to use their app and website.

The program is very rewarding and is tailored to your child's Mathematical and English needs.

The expectations in completing Maths Homework is as follows:

<u>Year Group involvement</u>	<u>Expectations</u>
Year Reception to Year 6	Each Friday , teachers will set one activity, related to your child's weekly Maths learning. We also encourage children to utilise the 'x' a day feature as often as possible.

Additionally to this, we do expect children to be furthering their knowledge of times tables by accessing Times Tables Rock Stars.

<u>Year Group involvement</u>	<u>Expectations</u>
Year 1 to Year 6	To access Times Table Rockstars and complete the learning challenge activities (time not to be spent in the shop) for 10 minutes per day .

The expectations in completing English homework is as follows:

<u>Year Group involvement</u>	<u>Expectations</u>
Year 1 to Year 6	Each Friday , teachers will set one activity. We also encourage children to utilise the 'x' a day feature as often as possible.
Year 1 to Year 6	Learn the weekly spellings Read daily for at least 10 minutes
Year R	Read daily for at least 10 minutes Read the 'Word Pot' words daily Go over the sounds sent home daily

We hope this further enriches our Maths and English Curriculum that your child will continue to benefit from.

We do appreciate your patience and understanding as we moved from MyMaths to DoodleMaths. We will keep you informed should we need to make further adjustments to this exciting Mathematical and English package.

Best wishes

Mr Livingston, Miss Powell and Mrs Bruton

Maths Curriculum Leader and English Curriculum Leaders

Purple Mash Home Learning

All children who were in school on Tuesday 17th March, will have taken home their Purple Mash Login card (those absent will receive them through the post). The card has details of their username and password in order to access resources, as well as the website address at the bottom, which will take you to the St John's home page for Purple Mash.

Staff will aim to set a '2do' each Friday (due in the following Wednesday) during the period of school closure that will be linked to Computing or another area of the curriculum. Children need to click on the following icon on their home page to access their '2do' :-



The following information shows you how your child can complete their '2do' :

To complete a 2do:

Step 1: Pupil should click on the  button. This will take them to the work that needs to be completed.

Step 2: Complete the work. When the pupil has completed the work, they should save it. This will save the work into a folder called 2dos for the Teacher to mark. Pupils can only see their completed assignments within the 2dos application.

Step 3: Once a pupil has saved their work, they can continue working on it or hand it in.

Pupils can add a typed comment and also an audio comment for the teacher when they click the  button.

Once a piece of work has been handed in, it can no longer be changed by the pupil.

Children are also free to access any other areas of Purple Mash they would like to, once they have completed their '2do'.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Bruton