

Red Oaks Primary School  
13<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Newsletter



### Online Learning

Some parents have asked if the online learning has to be done during the mornings. The lessons are pre-recorded so that you can fit home learning around your own work patterns or issues around children accessing devices. Lessons can be accessed at anytime, including the weekends and teachers are able to see who has engaged. We understand that it may not be possible to complete all the work that is set and that through online learning the teacher is trying to cater for a broad range of abilities. In the classroom there would be access to resources and additional TA support. Please feel free to adapt lessons or just do your best, we understand that this can be stressful.

**Paper packs are ONLY provided for those who do NOT have access to the Internet;** these packs are NOT supplementary to what is being provided online.

### Free School Meal Entitlement

Children who are entitled to a free school meal will be contacted by the office and given the choice of a hamper or lunches in school (if the child is attending). Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are entitled to Universal Free School meals will receive a meal if they are in school. **All meals taken in school MUST be booked in the usual way please.** For those collecting a hamper, a text will be sent from the office to let you know when these can be collected.



### Assemblies

The values we are looking at this term are 'Aspire, Achieve and Grow'. Our values assemblies will be sent out as a link to you at home so that children can still engage and feel part of the school community. Unfortunately, our celebration assembly on a Friday cannot be sent out as this is filmed in classrooms and some children do not have permission to be recorded. Please see our values section on the website if you wish to make any contributions. Please post any achievements out of school on the Wall of Talent.

[https://www.redoaks.org/celebrating\\_children\\_Wall\\_Of\\_Talent.php](https://www.redoaks.org/celebrating_children_Wall_Of_Talent.php)

### Additional Online Learning Resources

In addition to the work set by your class teacher there are a range of exciting online learning resources available that are completely free. Some websites are offering free lockdown access e.g. Phonics Play whilst others have made their resource libraries free to use. Some of these resources are accessible through your television. A list with links to each website has been sent out with this week's newsletter.

### Book Reviews

Have you read a good book lately? Would you like to tell everyone about it? Why don't you complete a video book review and send it into school by using the form on the website:

[https://www.redoaks.org/pupil\\_portal/pp\\_literacy\\_11.php](https://www.redoaks.org/pupil_portal/pp_literacy_11.php)

We will post them on the website for all to see. Some will then be selected and an excerpt will be read by Mrs Surch or Mr Lee.

### BBC Bitesize to be free for BT and EE customers

Customers using BT Mobile, EE, and Plusnet Mobile can use BBC Bitesize content from the end of January without eating into their data allowance. Bitesize provides structured lessons in maths and English for all year groups, as well as offering other curriculum material. Content from other providers is likely to be made free in the coming days.

A full link to the story can be found here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-55616959>



## Enquiry Learning

Please see the website for an overview of what your children will be learning about this term: [https://www.redoaks.org/celebrating\\_children\\_Enquiry\\_Learning.php](https://www.redoaks.org/celebrating_children_Enquiry_Learning.php)  
The curriculum section also details the learning objectives for each subject for each year group.

## Dropping off and Collecting Children

As part of our Covid-19 risk assessment, we ask that children are dropped off and collected by one adult only. This helps to keep numbers on site as low as possible. For safeguarding purposes, please also refrain from using mobile phones whilst on school premises.



**Masks MUST be worn at all times** unless you have medical exemption. Thank you.



## Emails

Please keep an eye out for school emails as there is important information regularly sent out. Occasionally, school emails have been known to go into 'junk' folders so please also check these. If your personal details change, please let the office know as it is important that parents are contactable at all times in case of emergency as well as day to day communications.

## Need some extra art lessons to do at home?

Check out the pre-recorded courses here and get £5 off using the link below (50% is then donated back to RedOaks Primary!)

<https://www.gosketchclub.com/courses?affiliate=uYFoWk&coupon=REDOAKS>

Also check out their Go Sketch Club YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/gosketchclub>

## Facebook

Please remember to visit the school Facebook page. The address is below:

<https://www.facebook.com/Red-Oaks-Primary-School-108839344030965/>

either follow the link, or search for "Red Oaks Primary School Swindon" in Facebook.



The Facebook page is used to communicate important whole school information e.g. upcoming dates and events. In order to receive regular updates please 'Like' the page. Please note that the page is for information only and does not replace the usual means of communication with your class teacher. Please continue to contact your class teacher using the usual means. Many thanks.

## Blended Learning

In the event of a partial or full closure Red Oaks Primary School will continue to provide blended learning for all those affected. Please refer to the scenarios and protocols document for the details. (see attachment to newsletter). Pre-recorded lessons will be sent out daily via class Dojo.

### School Insights

Hide

Messages sent to families  
This week:

**925**

2.57k  
Last week



Photos and videos shared  
This week:

**2.62k**

3.52k  
Last week



Positive feedback %  
This week:

**100%**

100%  
Last week





## How to Access Online Learning

Our Online Lessons are sent out via an unlisted YouTube link this means that they cannot be searched for. You don't need a laptop, tablet or smart phone to watch YouTube. Here is a list of all of the alternative ways to stream YouTube:

1. Amazon Fire TV - 
2. Apple TV - 
3. Google Chromecast - 
4. A smart TV - 
5. A PlayStation 4 or above - 
6. Xbox One and above - 
7. A Sky Q box - 
8. A Now TV Box or stick - 

In order to view the lessons on these devices please follow the following steps:

1. Ensure you are signed into YouTube using the same account on all your devices.
2. Open the link from Class Dojo on your phone or tablet and start to watch.
3. Open YouTube on your second device e.g. smart tv or games console.
4. The online lesson will appear in your 'History' to access this click on the Library button and then click History.



## Useful Online Learning Links

In addition to the work set by your class teacher please find a list of additional home learning resources that you can access:

- The National Oak Academy - <https://www.thenational.academy/>  
Almost 10,000 free lessons and resources. Made by teachers, for every teacher and every pupil.
- BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>  
Lessons full of videos, quizzes and practice activities to help you keep on track when learning at home. Pick your year and subject to get started!
- Phonics Play - <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>  
Lots of phonics games to play. This is currently free during lockdown. A username and password is on the website
- Sky TV Learning from home - through your Sky TV box  
Sky has made some educational collections available on Sky Kids, with the aim of helping families who will be spending more time together at home in the coming weeks. The Learning From Home collections are now available to Sky Kids' customers in three key curriculum stages.
- Hamilton Trust Home Learning Packs - <https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/blog/learning-home-packs/>  
Additional resources to support learning
- STEM - <https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning/primary>  
Starters for STEM are ten activities that parents can use at home to help children develop their science, technology, engineering and maths skills. These activities are easy-to-resource and provide children with the stimulus to talk about the world around them.

## Red Oaks Primary School Blended Learning Scenarios

In the event of a partial or full closure Red Oaks Primary School will continue to provide blended learning for all those affected. This two-page guide explains the different tiers of lockdown for the school and then explains the protocols that staff, parents and children must follow.

### Scenarios

There are 3 main scenarios, these are as follows:

#### Scenario 1 – A child is self-isolating at home

- Online learning through existing platforms (EducationCity, MyMaths, SPAG.com, Purple Mash)
- Work pack sent home with paper-based learning
- School website – links to learning resources in each year group (insert link)

#### Scenario 2- A class bubble or year group is closed or asked to self-isolate

*(if the teacher is well please see below. If the teacher is unwell, please see Tier 1. In some situations, the other year group teacher will produce the online lessons, unless they are unwell too.)*

- Daily pre-recorded online lessons in English and Maths (4 days) and 1 pre-recorded online lesson in another subject e.g. Science, History, Geography (this will vary dependent on the week). These lessons will be posted on the schools private YouTube page and links sent out via Class Dojo
- Online learning through existing platforms (EducationCity, MyMaths, SPAG.com, Purple Mash)
- Work pack sent home with paper-based learning in addition to online lessons e.g. Art, P.E and Music ideas – **ONLY if there is NO access to the internet at home**
- School website – links to learning resources in each year group (insert link)

#### Scenario 3 – Partial or full school closure (school stays open for key worker and vulnerable children \*\*)

- Daily pre-recorded online lessons in English and Maths (4 days) and 1 pre-recorded online lesson in another subject e.g. Science, History, Geography (this will vary dependent on the week). These lessons will be posted on the schools private YouTube page and links sent out via Class Dojo
- Online learning through existing platforms (EducationCity, MyMaths, SPAG.com, Purple Mash)
- Work pack sent home with paper-based learning - **ONLY if there is NO access to the internet at home**
- School website – links to learning resources in each year group (insert link)

\*\* Key worker and vulnerable children in school will access the online learning sessions in school where possible.

## **Red Oaks Primary School Blended Learning Protocols**

In line with government guidance and our safeguarding policy this blended learning protocol sheet will provide staff, parents and children with a list of do's and don'ts. Our aim is to provide clarity of expectation during periods of blended learning as well as keeping all children safe.

### **Teachers**

- Will provide online curriculum content that is relevant and allows children to progress
- Lessons will be adopted where necessary to address any misconceptions in learning that may have arisen during the week
- Will display the same standards of dress and conduct that they would in the real world
- Will acknowledge children's learning via Class Dojo and comment where necessary to take learning forward.
- Will not communicate to parents or children later than 4pm.
- Will contact anyone who is not regularly participating in the online learning via telephone call to check in. Teachers will be able to identify these children via Class Dojo.
- Senior Leaders will quality assure online learning lessons
- Senior leaders will oversee the uploading of the online lessons and make sure this is done in a timely manner
- Senior leaders will support staff and parents with any concerns or safeguarding incidents that may arise.

### **Parents**

- Will communicate through Class Dojo or via year group emails. If the communication is sent later than 4pm then the teacher will respond the next working day.
- Will post their child's work online via Class Dojo- this will then be acknowledged by the class teacher.
- Try to establish a routine for you child. This may look different in each household. Because lessons are recorded, this gives more flexibility with learning time.

### **Children**

- Be ready to learn when you start the online lesson. Make sure you have everything you need- pens, pencils paper etc
- Make sure you are comfortable and in a good position to learn.
- Try and access the lessons at the same time everyday – a routine is very important, just like being in school. Your routine may not be the same as your friends.
- Try to take regular exercise and eat a balanced diet
- Try to always have a good night's sleep
- Try your best!