



Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers,

In this time of uncertainty, we, as a school and as a year-group team, have been busy putting measures in place to be able to continue to support children's learning from home as necessary. The government announcement this evening that schools will close for all but those children who meet a certain criteria means that, for many of our pupils, they will not be returning to school for the foreseeable future. As of this evening, the news that formal testing will NOT take place in May will be undoubtedly be a surprise to many pupils and parents. In the light of school closure, we are providing children with a home learning pack containing:

Paper-based activities in the folder:

- ❖ 1 x arithmetic test
- ❖ 4 x writing tasks (these can be completed in the provided exercise book or typed)
 1. Biography – Pip Davenport
 2. Instructions – Looking after a Miptor
 3. Journalistic writing – New Toy
 4. Narrative – A door opens
- ❖ 4 x Maths booklets
 1. Time
 2. Timetables
 3. Ratio
 4. Mean
- ❖ 4 x Grammar booklets
 1. Word families, synonyms & antonyms
 2. Sentences – types, parts, active & passive
 3. Phrases & Clauses
 4. Punctuation
- ❖ 3 SATS Busters (These would have gone home at Easter so can remain at home. Answer booklets are included. These tests are at year six level and, as such, are good practice at keeping skills sharp, regardless of the fact that formal SATs will not be administered this academic year.)
 1. SPaG
 2. Maths
 3. Reading
- ❖ Science (These can be completed in the provided exercise book or typed)
 1. Charles Darwin internet research task
 2. Animal adaptation task
- ❖ 4 x Topic activities on canals
- ❖ Thinking Thursday booklet



- ❖ A book with attached booklet of reading comprehension activities (complete in exercise book) - dictionary may be required.

Online activities your child could choose to do:

- ❖ Computing – Code Club HTML & CSS Module 2
- ❖ TT Rockstars
- ❖ Spelling Frame
- ❖ MyMaths

We understand that trying to replicate a typical school day in a home environment could be difficult and challenging and we appreciate that parents/carers may have their own home working to complete and/or caring for other children in the household. We are also aware the volume of what we have provided may appear overwhelming. To support you with this, here is what a flexible suggested day could look like - which our children in Year 6 should be able to manage fairly independently:

1. Up to 45 minutes of Maths - this could include: a CGP 10-minute SATs Buster, working through an online lesson on Mymaths linked to the area of learning (all links are provided on the school website) and the appropriate booklet. Arithmetic can be completed once a week.
2. Up to 45 minutes of English (writing and SPaG)– this could include: a CGP 10-minute SATs Buster, completing one of the four focus grammar papers, planning the writing task one day and completing it in the following days.
3. Reading – we have provided children with a novel, either Stormbreaker or The London Eye Mystery, and along with these books are a set of comprehension questions based on the book which can be completed in the exercise book provided. **Please note that these novels will need to be returned to school with the children as they will be used by Year 6 children in the future. Unfortunately any lost or damaged will have to be paid for.** We would not expect children to complete all questions by Easter. Alternatively, try a CGP 10-minute Reading SATs Buster.
4. Science, Topic and Computing could be completed once a week.

Marking and queries

Whilst we will be unable to mark to the same degree as it is home learning, we are more than happy to mark any work that has been photographed and emailed or computer based and emailed. For many of the booklets, answers will be provided online for the children to self-mark. Should you have any queries during the working week, you can email your child's class teacher and they will get back to you as soon as possible. Please use the email addresses below, these are the ones we will be checked regularly:

Miss Shaw 6S: 6S@moorlandsprimary.org.uk

Mrs McKinna (Mon-Weds) & Mrs Coletta (Weds -Fri) 6CM: 6CM@moorlandsprimary.org.uk

Miss Bancroft 6B: 6B@moorlandsprimary.org.uk

Although we are sending a folder, many of the documents can be found in a PDF form on our website alongside other resources to help with their learning. We are aware that many of our children are conscientious and will happily complete the activities provided, however we want to emphasise that the children do not necessarily have to complete everything and we do not want to put further pressure on them, or you, at home. It is very important to us that children's health and wellbeing is a priority, so activities organised by the family such as baking, playing in the garden or going for a walk, reading for pleasure, creative activities and so on are of equal value during this time. Thank you for your continued understanding at this difficult time, we hope you and your family stay well and we get back to normality soon.

Kindest regards,
Year 6 Team

