



West Ashtead Primary School

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I hope everyone has managed some relaxation time over the Easter break. It is not easy juggling home working, young children, grown up children, elderly parents, shielding relatives, shopping, cooking and everything else in between!

This is a brief catch up with where we are now with regards to remote learning.

Google Classroom

Our staff have continued to work and prepare over the Easter period. Google Classroom will be the main access point for your child's learning. Each year group has designed a timetable and this will be published under **Parents Guides in Classwork Section**. This sets out clearly the expectations for work, when to do the work and where to find it. For many of the tasks our older children should be able to work independently. Younger children will need some supervision. Please remember that smaller chunks of work is easier to manage. You will not be able to replicate a full working school day so please do not try. Regular reading, exercise and playtime is positively encouraged to maintain a balance.

Marking and Feedback

Teachers will mark and provide comments on the majority of work. Children are able to self-mark the White Rose maths after completing the daily activity. A photo of the work can then be uploaded.

SEN

Mrs Allum, our Special Education Needs Co-ordinator, 1-1 teaching assistants and class teachers are working closely together and individual bespoke work will be sent out if appropriate for our SEN pupils.

There is guidance on how to edit documents and how to avoid excessive printing so please do read. If you have any technical queries, please email rather than leave a message via the 'classroom'. We are aiming to keep these areas for learning and teaching dialogue only.

Knowledge Organisers

We have started to develop Knowledge Organisers. These contain the key facts and information that our children need to retain to have an essential knowledge and understanding of a topic.

Most knowledge organisers will include:

- the essential facts about the topic
- key vocabulary or technical terms and their meanings
- images such as maps or diagrams

Our knowledge organisers are designed to help children gain specific knowledge in each curriculum subject that builds up over time and grow in complexity across year groups. They aim to deepen children's understanding over time and help children to make connections and links with other learning. Our knowledge organisers will be published in the relevant section in Classwork.

I hope that the above will help you all through the next few weeks. Thank you for all the support you are giving our children. We really do appreciate it!

Best wishes
Ruth Hall
Headteacher

[DATES FOR YOUR DIARY](#)

Details of up-coming events are kept updated on our [CALENDAR](#)

Please do regularly check it for any changes and new events