



We are an Operation Encompass School

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Home Learning Updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for completing and returning our survey on your access to home technology -we really appreciate it. Due to the current situation we all find ourselves in, it is unfortunately likely, that we are going to have to become more reliant on using technology to support remote learning in the event of further lockdowns or when children have to self-isolate. We want to ensure that your child's education is impacted as little as possible, hence why we have sourced ClassDojo, a learning platform that will allow for more communication and support between you, your child and their class teacher when remote learning which we sent you details for last week.

We have also purchased some fantastic online learning programmes for use both in school and at home. Overleaf you will find details of each programme and a brief overview how they can be used as well as the year groups they are suitable for. The programmes are designed in a safe, secure and simple way that requires very little, if any parent input once set up. We have also included your child's laminated passwords and usernames that they will need to log on. The Mathletics username and password will give you access to all programmes available for your child apart from SPAG.com. We have attached a separate password for SPAG.com.

We want to highlight these resources are there to support your child's learning, not replace the lessons your child will have access to if remote learning were needed. Staff might use some of these apps to support written homework they set through class dojo, as work can be set by teachers to target specific areas linked with classroom learning. However, these resources are also available to use at any time, not just for the assigned work but for additional practise. Children earn points and these can be linked to certificates for achievements and effort – which can only help boost their learning. Many classes have already had a play on some of them and the children thought they were brilliant and are very keen to start accessing them at home!

Also after reviewing feedback from parents regarding 'screen-reading' and the use of online books we would like to take this opportunity to note the included online reading programmes are not to replace physical books. We will continue to give out weekly reading books, but due to the need to quarantine them before sending them home with another child we are limited to the amount we can send out each week. Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress will therefore be used to supplement our reading programme and allow further continuity of reading skills such as comprehension and phonics at an age appropriate level.

Staff will be receiving training over the coming weeks on how to utilise the different programmes so please bear with them whilst they get their heads round them too. We hope these programmes will be received positively as a way of supporting your child's learning at home. Once again thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Steele (Acting Head Teacher)



Readiwriter - Spelling for Year 1 – Year 6

The Readiwriter Spelling programme allows for additional practise to boost spelling. The programme allows gamification and engaging activities to allow a more comprehensive and deeper understanding of spelling and vocabulary. Linked with the national curriculum activities are set by your child's class teacher. It is accessible from any device with Internet access.



Mathseeds - Mathematics for Reception – Year 2

This programme consists of curriculum based maths challenges in a game form to allow more engagement and interest. Children can work through modules independently as well as competing with other members of their class. Children can score points for perseverance, regular participation and success. Work can also be set by class teacher as well as allowing the children free play. It is accessible from any device with Internet access.



Mathletics - Mathematics for Year 1 – Year 6

This programme is a progression from Mathseeds, but also has materials for children in Year 1 and Year 2. Mock tests can be set as well as homework, classwork and competitions. Children can compete with classmates as well as other Mathletics users around the world (safely) on quick arithmetic tests. The app is available for download on Apple and Android devices as well as being accessible from any web browser. It is accessible from any device with Internet access <https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>



Reading Eggs - Reading for Reception – Year 2

Various activities are available as part of 'My Programme' which is tailored to each individual child after their initial assessment. Children can choose books they want to read from the library by clicking the heart to favourite the books. Children can read their chosen books as well as ones set by their class teacher. This will not replace physical books it will be used as additional reading practise. Due to school reading books being quarantined in school for risk of infection, Reading Eggs could be used to allow continuity of reading and extra reading practise. It is accessible from any device with Internet access <https://readingeggs.co.uk>



Reading for Year 2 – Year 6

Children can read books set by their teacher and/or choose their genre or read the selected books of the day – there are 4,000 books to choose from. Various different reading activities are available to consolidate learning; free reading, spelling, prediction, inference, comprehension and book summaries. On first login children will need to take an initial assessment in order to tailor the books and activities to their learning needs. Accessible by any device with Internet access at <https://readingeggspress.com>



SPaG for Year 1 – Year 6

All work is set by the class teacher for spelling and grammar, all will be linked to National Curriculum and what is taught in class. Children may be given short booster tests of practice tests for SATs etc. Work that is assigned will be personal to your child and only the class teacher and your child can see scores and progress within SPaG. Accessible by any device with Internet access at <https://www.spag.com>



If you have any difficulty accessing or have any questions regarding any of the above you can contact Miss Hardy or Mr Milburn via socialmedia@stcuthbertsprimaryschool.co.uk

