



SCHOOL CLOSURE WORK - Rowan Class children

Dear Parent/carer,

While the children remain at home over this period we have provided some activities for the children to complete at home each day. (Please see below.)

Once the children return to school we will be chatting to them about what they have been learning at home and encouraging them to share their experiences with the class.

We have listed the activities and learning that we think is an essential part of daily life and aiming to make the transition to next year as easy as possible.

1. Reading	Your child has brought home plenty of reading material to keep them going. Please hear your child read every day for at least 20 minutes and record this into the reading record. (You may like to split this up into two 10 minute sessions.)
2. Writing - topic	Re-write part of the story of The Unforgotten Coat from Chingis' perspective. How did he end up in Bootle? Could you draw pictures in the style of his polaroid photos to go with it? Or possibly take some photos with a camera which look like something else, just like he did? We've also now started looking at New York in topic. Research the city, and make a travel brochure persuading people to visit. Additionally, research how America was discovered. Write a diary entry from the perspective of someone discovering this new land for the first time. You could either make the diary formal, or make it informal (like Flossie Albright's WW2 diary) and make flaps and illustrations.

<p>3. Creative writing</p>	<p>There is a fantastic website called ‘Pobble 365’ which has a different image everyday with some thought-provoking questions as well as story starters. Choose one of these each day to write answers to the questions and / or write a paragraph or story based around the picture. If you have access to a printer, you might like to print the image off and write ideas around it. Be imaginative. Be creative. Be authors.</p>
<p>4. Writing - keep a diary of your time away from school.</p>	<p>Keep a diary. Whilst you are away from school, keep a diary of the activities that you do, including photos if you wish. We will look forward to sharing these when we are all back at school.</p>
<p>5. Spelling</p>	<p>On the website, you will find all of our spellings so far this year. Go through these and practise any that you get wrong. You will also find the Y3/4 statutory word list (and Y5/6 for the year 5’s), go through and practise these as well.</p>
<p>6. Maths</p>	<p>Time - Practise telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Make a timetable of a day of your activities at home. E.g. 8.05 - Woke up. 8.10 - 8.20 Get dressed. Show an adult and get them to ask questions about how long certain activities took. Times tables - Practise on TT Rock Stars for 20 minutes a day. Make a poster showing the 6,7,8,9,11 and 12 times tables. I will challenge everyone on TT Rockstars throughout the time we have away, try to beat my score! MyMaths - log onto MyMaths and practice any areas of maths you’ve found tricky this year. Focusing on calculations, fractions, decimals and factors. Multiplication and division - do lots of practice of column multiplication and bus stop division. These are really important skills going into next year! If you find either of them difficult, you can find lessons on them on MyMaths or BBC bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd. Measurement - if you can help in the kitchen with any baking, weigh the ingredients, measure the volume of liquids. Time how long it takes to make / cook.</p>

Here are some more activities for you to try over the time at home

Art - We have done some bubble style writing with Mrs O'Dell. How else could you make this creatively?

Times table board game - Create a times table board game, with a list of rules to play! You could make a board game based on other maths topics as well!

Spend time outside - What natural art can you make using sticks, leaves and other natural materials?

Science - Think of an experiment you can do at home and conduct a fair test. For example, What activity makes your heart beat the fastest? These can be as imaginative as you make them. Does calming music make plants grow quicker? What materials can you use to keep your lemonade colder for longer?

French - practice the numbers up to 31 and the months of the year in French. Could you make a matching cards game to practice these? Then can you work out the birthdays of everybody that you live with, in French?

We hope these ideas help you make the most of the time away. Have fun!