



SCHOOL CLOSURE WORK - Sycamore 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 Year 4 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	Re-write the story of the Mousehole Cat from the point of view of Old Tom. Structure your writing with paragraphs, and use personal pronouns (I, my, me). Describe your locations well with expanded noun phrases and your sense. Youtube reading if you need a reminder: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCnhCyton8w&safe=active Don't forget to add illustrations!
3. Spelling	On the website, you will find the first 300 high frequency words, common exception words and the Year 3 / 4 statutory word list. Look through these and practise words your child is unsure of for 20 minutes a day.

<p>4. 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.</p> <p>Times tables - Practise on TT Rock Stars for 20 minutes a day. Make a poster showing the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.</p> <p>Number bonds - Practise number bonds to 10, 20 or 100 depending on what you feel comfortable with (4 and 6 are number bonds of 10). You could make a card matching game (e.g. Turn two cards over a time, if you get a pair of number bonds, keep the cards) or practise in the car.</p> <p>Column addition and subtraction - There are sheets on the Sycamore class page to practise this. Examples are given in each sheet.</p>
<p>Here are some more activities for you to try over the time at home</p>	<p>Collage - Make a collage based on this picture in the Mousehole cat. Use magazines, newspapers - anything you can get your hands on.</p>  <p>Times table board game - Create a times table board game, with a list of rules to play!</p> <p>Spend time outside - What natural art can you make using sticks, leaves and other natural materials? Could you create a picture of your family to share with others in Sycamore?</p> <p>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?</p>

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