



## ***SCHOOL CLOSURE WORK – Rowan Class children***

Dear Parent/carer,

I hope you are keeping safe and well in these uncertain times.

I have included in this letter some more ideas for work that you could do with your child whilst schools remain closed. Please remind your child to check Google Classroom regularly as I will upload more activities and quizzes there – it’s also a great way of sharing what they have done with both myself and their classmates.

Please just remember these are only ideas – do not feel bound by these. Please do not stress about schoolwork. I saw something online (written by another teacher) which seemed particularly relevant at the moment so I would like to share it with you here:

“Don’t stress about schoolwork. In September, we will get your children back on track. We are teachers and that is our superpower. What we can’t fix is social-emotional trauma that prevents the brain from learning. So right now, I just need you to share your calm, share your strength, and share your laughter with your children. No kids are ahead. No kids are behind. Your children are exactly where they need to be.”

Stay safe, and please do not hesitate to contact me yourselves using the class email address, [rowan@morley.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:rowan@morley.norfolk.sch.uk) or alternatively your children can ask questions themselves using Google Classroom.

Mr Clements

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	If we were at school we would now be starting our new topic – Ancient Egypt. A good starting point would be doing some research to see what you could find out about life in Ancient

	<p>Egypt. From there, there are lots of different options you could explore for writing, but here are a few ideas:</p> <p>Create a fact file for an Egyptian God, eg. Ra, Osiris, Bast, Horus, Amun.</p> <p>Write a set of instructions for building a pyramid.</p> <p>Write a diary entry of an Ancient Egyptian: what is your life like?</p>
3. Creative writing	<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.</p> <p>Choose one of these each day to write answers to the questions and / or write a paragraph or story based around the picture.</p> <p>If you have access to a printer, you might like to print the image off and write ideas around it.</p> <p>Be imaginative. Be creative. Be authors.</p>
4. Writing – keep a diary of your time away from school.	<p>Keep a diary.</p> <p>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>
5. Time Capsule	<p>There is a time capsule booklet that I have uploaded to Google Classroom. There are some great activities in here, have a go.</p>
6. Spelling	<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.</p> <p>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>
7. Maths	<p><b>Times tables</b> – 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!</p> <p><b>MyMaths</b> – log onto MyMaths and practice any areas of maths you've found tricky this year. Focusing on calculations, fractions, decimals and factors. I have set work for everyone – but do not feel like you have to do everything!</p> <p><b>Measurement</b> – 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	<p><b>Art</b> – We have done some bubble style writing with Mrs O'Dell. How else could you make this creatively?</p> <p><b>Times table board game</b> – 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!</p> <p><b>Spend time outside</b> – Either in your back garden or making the most of that one piece of exercise a day! Go for a walk or a bike ride, what do you see?</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?

**French** – Can you learn the French for different items around your house? What is ‘door’ in French? What about ‘sofa’? Download Duolingo if you have access to a smartphone or tablet and start learning a language there.

**PE** – Do the Joe Wickes PE lesson each morning – it’s a great way to get your brain going for the day! Maybe get someone to take a photo of you doing it and upload it to Google Classroom!

**Music** – If you have an iPad, download Garage Band and have a play around with this. Alternatively, there are some music websites which have made themselves free at the moment, eg. Out of the Ark and Sing Up, have a look at these.

**BBC Bitesize** – Log onto the BBC Bitesize website – they are starting daily English and Maths lessons for you to have a go at. They are also putting programmes on iPlayer – have a look at these. Recommend good programmes to your friends on Google Classrooms.

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