

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you, your family and friends are all well and keeping safe during these unprecedented times. Although the Easter break seems to have merged with the time off, we hope that you have had the chance to enjoy it!

It does seem rather strange that we have not had the chance to speak to you or your child in person for the last month or so. We are hoping that your child has had a happy and healthy time at home whilst keeping themselves busy with both their learning pack and supporting you in daily routines; most importantly developing key life skills along the way. You will have received a new learning pack with this newsletter. Please remind your child to do a small amount of their pack every day so they can keep up with the learning they were doing before school closed.

Although school is closed to children, we are still here to help and support your family. If you need any help or support, please feel free to contact school or look on the school website, which has lots of links and ideas to help you and your child keep safe, active and healthy at home.

We hope to see you and your child in school again soon and for the families observing fasting this month, the staff at Harehills would like to wish you 'Ramadhan Mubarak'. For now, please stay at home, keep safe and well.

Learning at home

Here are some suggestions for home learning that you may wish to try out:



Morning activity ideas:

- Start the day with some fun physical activity! You could do a quick PE activity using the link on the school website. Joe Wicks' daily workout seems to be a popular hit!
- Spend a short amount of time on their school learning packs.
- Do some quiet reading.
- Involve your child with jobs around the house like cooking, cleaning and gardening. Encourage problem solving and the use of mathematics.

Afternoon activity ideas:

- Spend a short amount of time on their school learning packs or learn about their new theme.
- Access some of the websites on the 'learning at home' page on websites like *Mathletics* and *BBC Bitesize*.
- Do some mindfulness or yoga - this will help to keep your child calm and relaxed.
- Involve your child with other household tasks such as home DIY and baking.
- Share a story together; play a game, or even create one as a family.
- Read to a younger sibling or a family member.



New Theme - The Marvelous Mayans

Our new theme is all about the Maya Civilization. It is a fascinating period in history and there is lots of research your child can do for it at home. There are links to useful websites on the year 6 class blogs that your child can use to do this research. After researching the time period, there are lots of things your child can do with their new knowledge. Here are some ideas:

- create a mind map of all the knowledge acquired
- create a timeline of the Maya civilisation and compare it to other periods of history
- write a fact file
- draw pictures or make models



Keeping in touch with the Year 6 Teaching Team and giving a 'Shout Out' to a classmate!

Although we cannot see you in person, the Year 6 team are still available to help you and your child.



If you need to contact your child's class teacher with any questions about your child's learning, please use this email address:

sandhursts@harehills.leeds.sch.uk

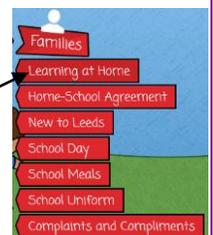


Every week, class teachers will leave a message on the 'year group blogs' section of the website for your child's class.

To help the children stay in touch with their classmates, we now have a Shout Out message board where children can email messages to their friends using the hello@harehills.leeds.sch.uk email address. These will appear on the Shout Out board once they have been checked. Please note that any misuse of the Shout Out board will not be tolerated.

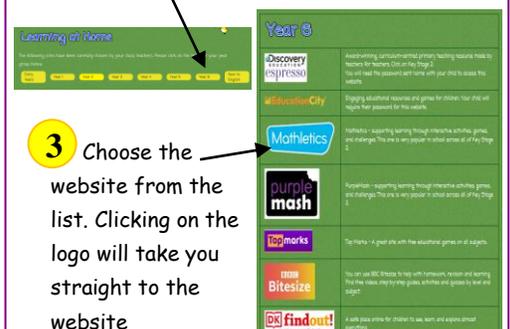
School website - helping your children to learn at home

On the school's website, there are lots of links for your child to access so they can continue learning at home!



- 1 Click on the 'learning at home' link under the 'families' tab on the website.

- 2 Click on your child's year group.



- 3 Choose the website from the list. Clicking on the logo will take you straight to the website



Staying safe: We must all to do our bit to stop the virus from spreading further.

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work.
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home.
- Do not meet others, even friends or family.