

We are setting some online learning tasks for your children to do while they are learning from home. Please follow this link for the home learning materials:

<https://www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk/parents-students-parents/online-home-learning>

Each subject will be setting tasks that are easy enough for all children to access without needing a teacher/tutor/parent to work with them (even if they get some parts wrong, or have to think really hard). Each subject will also set tasks that are more open, creative and collaborative. Not all tasks are compulsory - there will be opportunities for your children to select an activity that interests them.

There will be times when your children cannot complete school work at home. They may become unwell. They may be sharing their computer with others in the family. They may be getting tired from staring at a screen for too long. They may be finding it hard to stay motivated with challenging learning tasks. They may be getting lonely from working alone.

Here, we are suggesting some other activities children can undertake that will support their education, even if they can't do the work we are setting them.

- If your child is reading a book that they are enjoying, giving them time to read it during the day is really helpful for their learning and their wellbeing!
- Children can watch documentaries on TV. To make them more educational, you can watch with them and then ask questions / have a discussion afterwards. Alternatively, children could write a short report about what they learned. Children could also listen to a podcast - many are freely available.
- Children can deepen their understanding of a topic by teaching it to others. Can your child teach something they have been learning to you or to one of their siblings, such as a key vocabulary from French or Spanish, or key words from Science? Another idea is to create a worksheet for a subject - if they share it with their teacher on google classroom, it may even get used by other children!
- Practise playing a musical instrument: Musical training boosts the brain, improves memory, and develops better academic performance and language ability.
- With just a pen and some paper, you could have some fun drawing objects in your home, views from your windows or each other.
- Why not have your child write a play, short story, poem, song or diary entry? Don't forget the behind-the-scene jobs too: costume designs, makeup, and stage crew – it all counts!
- Lots of learning can come from working in the kitchen. Give these ideas a try: Create a budget for one meal, or for the whole week. Plan the meals (and prepare the food) for

the family. Create a budget and a shopping list. Ask your children to create an illustrated recipe book for all of the meals they cook over the next few weeks, or they could use their phone to take photos and create a cooking blog. Have them cook a meal for the family.

Helpful online resources

Reading

The Newham Library Service allows for the downloading of free ebooks and audiobooks using the BorrowBox service:

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/eBooks-eMagazines-audiobooks.aspx>

David Walliams is making all of his children's books available for free! Download here if you want to read them with your children.

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

More free books here:

<https://readon.myon.co.uk/library/browse.html>

And children's books are now free to download on audible too:

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

There are more links to free reading resources here:

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning>

The Hay Festival is creating online resources for students, to support with learning and reading:

<https://www.hayfestival.com/livestream/>

You may also want to play some word game with your children, as a family. Here are some possible games you could play:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/o3lw2zjyahw6shs/Word%20games%20for%20families.pdf?dl=0>

Culture

These 12 Famous Museums Offer Virtual Tours You Can Take on Your Couch

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>

The British Museum has loads of videos about its exhibitions

<https://www.youtube.com/user/britishmuseum>

There are more resources from London best museums here, that you can explore together

<https://mumsdotravel.com/2020/03/how-to-explore-londons-top-museums-from-home/>

Google Arts and Culture have many learning activities

<https://artsandculture.google.com/>

Learn about UK politics here

<https://learning.parliament.uk/resources/>

This company is doing free, online portrait drawing classes on Sundays on youtube. All you need is some paper and a pencil.

<https://rawumberstudios.com/online-portrait-drawing/>

Our Planet

BBC have created podcasts about the history of the world through 100 objects:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00nrtd2/episodes/downloads>

Here, you can take a virtual tour of the northern lights in Sweden:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CFpeEpMGUA&feature=youtu.be>

Here, you can look at news about our world, written for children and teenagers:

<https://www.reachoutreporter.com/>

Your children can explore the National Geographic Website to learn about history, geography and science in an interactive way:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

How to look after wildlife in our local area:

<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions>

Independent Learning Tasks

Here are some suggestions that link more explicitly to the national curriculum.

These websites have games, videos and tasks connected with most subjects your child might study at school. The tasks are all quite creative and engaging.

<https://www.massolit.io/>

<https://www.brainpop.com/>

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning>

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com/>

<https://www.breakoutedu.com/funathome>

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/list-of-online-resources-for-anyone-who-is-isolated-at-home>

Here are some games/challenges you can take part in together:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning/family-activities>

This gallery are putting a pack together with ideas to help children with creative writing:

<https://firstsite.uk/art-is-where-the-home-is/>