

Possible Suggestions for Distant Learning,

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Dear Parents/Boys and Girls. I hope you and your families are happy and healthy at home. I have set out some tasks and activities for you to do with your children at home. I understand that not every parent is off work and may find this difficult to do at home as everyone's set up is different now. It's entirely down to your family situation. You can do as much or as little of the work as you like. Here are some learning activities you might like to try at home.

1. Read a book each day, even if you have it read before. Many of you have lots of books at home but if you are short look up [home.oxford owl.co.uk](http://home.oxfordowl.co.uk) which has ebooks and activities suitable for younger ages.
2. In January we had started making rhyming words on our phonics sheets at the back of our homework and in stations in class. This week practise making words that end in "aw" e.g. raw, flaw, paw, jackdaw, etc. in a copy if you have one. Also practise making words that end in "ig" e.g. pig, rig etc.

After you have made these lists read the sentences below with your parents. Read them each day. Towards the end of the week try to write them in your copy while your parents call them out to you. If you can make 2 more of your own sentences give it a try!

- I saw the dog's paw.
- Caw says the jackdaw.
- The pig is big.
- I saw the oil rig.

3. Revision of A Poem we loved in class.

The Creature in the Classroom by Jack Prelutsky

It appeared inside our classroom
at a quarter after ten,
it gobbled up the blackboard,
three erasers and a pen.
It gobbled teacher's apple
and it bopped her with the core.
"How dare you!" she responded.
"You must leave us . . . there's the door."

The Creature didn't listen
but described an arabesque
as it gobbled all her pencils,
seven notebooks and her desk.
Teacher stated very calmly,
"Sir! You simply cannot stay,
I'll report you to the principal

unless you go away!”

But the thing continued eating,
it ate paper, swallowed ink,
as it gobbled up our homework
I believe I saw it wink.
Teacher finally lost her temper.
“OUT!” she shouted at the creature.
The creature hopped beside her
and GLOPP . . . it gobbled teacher.

4. New Poem Try this new poem with your parents. Name and talk about as many zoo animals as you can!

Zoo dream by John Foster

I dreamed I went
To the zoo one day.
All the animals
Came out to play.

There were
Ten whales whistling,
Nine hippos hopping,
Eight monkeys marching,
Seven lions laughing,

Six snakes skipping,
Five donkeys dancing,
Four crocodiles clapping,
Three rhinos roaring,
Two giraffes giggling
And one seal snoring!

5. Try to draw your favourite zoo animal and colour him in.
6. In maths we are adding by counting on. Please draw or print a number line from 0 to 10 and do lots of adding by counting on sums. Write them in a copy if you can.
7. We will go back over a prayer. We can practise the morning prayer “Father in heaven you love me...”
8. I know how much you all love P.E. so if you can run around your house or your garden 10 times or else if you can't do this set up stations like jumping jacks station, burpee station, high knees station, frog jumps station and complete physical activity for at least 15 minutes daily. Some of you love hurling, rugby, soccer, dancing so if you have a little bit of room to practise some of these skills maybe you could.
9. If you have Lego at home here are some fun Lego Challenges to complete

30 Day Lego Challenge
Day 1
You are hired by an amusement park to create a new and exciting roller coaster!

30 Day Lego Challenge
Day 2
NASA needs you to build a new rocket!

30 Day Lego Challenge
Day 3
You've won the lottery!
Design your dream house!

30 Day Lego Challenge
Day 4
Hollywood hires you to build a new set for their new Star Wars film!

30 Day Lego Challenge
Day 5
You enter a contest to build the world's tallest tower. Will you win?

10. Here's an oral language a Game to play.

1. Name 5 things that can fly.
2. Name 5 fruits.
3. Name 5 farm animals.
4. Name 5 things that are sweet.
5. Name 5 animals.
6. Name 5 desserts.
7. Name 5 pets.
8. Name 5 modes of transport.

Please look after yourselves and stay safe.

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