

Remote Learning Time - Tips

You might be feeling a little nervous at the thought of helping your child with their remote learning now. First of all, don't worry! You can only do your best. You may be working from home too, and wondering how you will manage this. Just do your best. That's all any of us can do.

Where do I start?

Perhaps you might want to create your own little school – give it a name, design a logo. You might want to create a timetable together – routine in a school day is important, and children enjoy the routine of school too.

What is going to be the most important thing for us to work on?

The key skills of reading, spelling, writing and maths are the most important. Please make sure you spend time each day on these.

Read books together, and enjoy stories. Talk about what they have read – ask them questions about it? How well have they understood the story?

To help structure their comprehension skills, you will also find a comprehension each week to do.

Practise spellings – start with the key words. We will put links to Spellodrome to assist. We haven't used this online resource for a while – and will share a video of instructions of how to use it. Look, cover, write, check is a great strategy to practice a spelling. Make wordsearches, have fun with words.

Writing – take time to write stories, letters to friends and family. We will provide you with activities to spark their imagination.

Maths – keep their number skills going with mathematics activities, and multiplication practice. We will upload paper-based activities too, if you prefer this approach. Play games that involve number practice too.

Help! I'm struggling to fit all those activities in – what should I do?

All the other activities are designed to help you with further learning. We might put too much on there for you to fit in, but do try some of them if you can. However, we would most appreciate you focusing on reading, writing and maths above anything else.

And, at the end of the day, you aren't super human. Don't beat yourself up about this. None of us chose this. Remember, we're doing this to save lives. Some days of learning go better than others – that's normal.

Try and enjoy the journey of learning – and please share your stories with us too.

And if you need advice, just email us and ask – we are there for you.