John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School

Part of the Aylsham Learning Federation

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Dear Parents and Carers of Little Bears

This letter and accompanying information is coming out to support you and your child at home in the event of the nursery having to close due to the coronavirus.

We are trying hard to ensure some continuity of the children's education but understand that the onus is going to fall to you as parents, so we are trying to make it as easy and straightforward as possible.

We have a number of ways in which you can support your child's learning at home and you may be sent regular emails by the teachers of activities that you can complete. Some of that will be through online sites which you can access and some may be worksheets that the teachers have prepared and emailed home.

We have also prepared some paper resources which either accompany this letter or will come early next week, as well as important log in details to the relevant online sites.

All teachers and myself will be contactable via email during the normal school working day and we will all endeavour to be prompt answering questions and queries but please be patient.

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Remote Learning

- Purple Mash – Attached to this letter is your child's personal log in details. www.purplemash.com
- Twinkl – This is an online site with many resources that you can use at home. Twinkl have given all parents a one month's free subscription to the site. In order to access this go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and use the code UKTWINKLHELPS. Please remember though that once you have activated it, it will only last for 1 month so don't use it until we are closed!
- Phonics Play – This is a site that we use in school and again they have made it free to use. www.phonicsplay.co.uk and www.new.phonicsplay.co.uk (for use on mobile devices) and www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk. The code is on the Home page.
- You Tube – Don't forget our very own You Tube channel 'John of gaunt phonics'

as another way of practising.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm_fjhlwtr3mel01BfjlXcg

- Oxford Owl – Another site you can access for free (you just need to sign up). From here you can access the reading scheme books as ebooks. www.oxfordowl.co.uk
- ICT Games – This is a fantastic site with lots of English and Maths games on. www.ictgames.com
- Cosmic Yoga – This is accessed via YouTube and if you all have cabin fever may come in handy!
- BBC Bitesize – Lots of resources on here. www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
- The Literacy Shed – Can be used as a stimulus for writing and also talking. There are also some little clips on there and some comprehension about the clips. www.literacyshed.com
- Cbeebies Jackanory stories – share a story together read by lots of different celebrities. https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007t9wg/clips
- BBC Teach – Lots of resources on her. www.bbc.co.uk/teach

We hope that you find this useful and feel supported to support your child with their learning at home. We are on the end of an email if you need advice and support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Clare Toplis