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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Weekly Update during School Closure No. 2**

We hope you and your families are well and finding things to do to keep you busy (and sane!).

It has been very strange here at school this week. The teachers and TAs are working in school on a rota system, with about 10 children in school each day. When teachers are not in school, they are preparing work for the children for after Easter, working on curriculum development or accessing online training.

We are busy working on a home learning system for the summer term. We have created Seesaw pages (<http://seesaw.me>), for all year groups where teachers will post weekly learning for each year group. Seesaw can be used on a computer using the Internet or on a phone or tablet using the Seesaw app, and we will be sending you further information about this during the Easter holidays. We have also created a new email account that all teachers will look at each day, where parents can contact class teachers about the work if needed.

The next two weeks will be a very different Easter holiday to the one we usually have. Although we are not sending home work for children over the holidays, we thought that you might appreciate some ideas for what to do during a time where you can't do most of the things you would usually do during a school holiday.

- Please look at the list of keep fit websites that Mrs Field has posted on the school website <https://www.bickley.bromley.sch.uk/site/data/files/documents/A9D9677A1F83C8CA0DD2C96873201287.pdf>. It might be helpful to have a routine of doing these at certain times each day.
- It is a good time to brush up on multiplication facts! Knowing your times tables is something that is used throughout life, and recalling them instantly makes life a lot easier! Children should be fluent in multiplication facts by the end of Year 4. If your child is in Yrs 2 – 4, it would help to work on as many times table facts as your child is able to learn. And if your child is in Years 5 and 6, it would be a good idea to identify those facts that your child cannot yet instantly recall and practise them regularly, until they have memorized them.
- Children need to read every day. Perhaps you could set a reading challenge in your house to see who can read the most books? To check that children have understood what they have read, it would help to use Bug Club, which has questions at the end of each book – all the children have their own login.
- If you have a garden, it is a good time to help your child to look closely at everything within it. Can they name all the flowers, shrubs, trees, birds and insects that you find? If not, they could take photos of them and try to identify them online. In their exercise book, they could then draw / list what they have found.
- The alphabet game is a good one to keep children busy. Choose a room in the house (or the garden) and see if they can name something they can see that begins with each letter of the alphabet.
- Now is a good time for children to learn to do something that they haven't yet mastered yet. For example, they could learn to skip, juggle, tie their shoelaces, do a forward roll, knit, etc.



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- It would be lovely for children to write a letter to an elderly person in their road who is probably stuck indoors, and post it through their letterbox. They could write about their family, school, friends, hobbies, etc, and maybe include a couple of jokes to try to put a smile on their faces. They could also draw them a picture to brighten up their day.
- If you have a pack of cards, there are lots of things you can do with them: You can start by asking younger children to put each suit in numerical order / you can play 'pairs' by choosing 2 suits, mixing them up, turning them over and trying to pick two of the same number or picture / you can practise number bonds or multiplication facts by picking two cards and adding or multiplying the numbers together / you can play snap or teach them 'beat your neighbour.'
- Games such as Connect 4, snakes and ladders, monopoly, ludo, chess and draughts can involve all members of the family, and are good fun.
- There are lots of quizzes online that families can team up to play – and hopefully learn a few facts along the way!
- This is also an ideal time to develop your child's housework skills! A rota of hoovering / dusting / wiping, etc, can be shared between parents and their children!

However you spend the Easter holidays, we sincerely hope that you all remain well and are able to enjoy each other's company. If any of you have concerns about how you or your children are coping with social isolation, or if you or your children are anxious about what is happening, don't forget that there is some support guidance on the front page of the school website that might help.

Wishing you all the very best

From



Miss Blake



Mrs Moon